



## A MESSAGE FROM GERRY AND LANCE

Dear Friends,  
We hope everyone enjoyed the summer and that the transition from summer holidays to busy school and work schedules went smoothly for you. At the CJCC, we too are transitioning from the summer months filled with planning and preparations to a dynamic schedule of events and programs that will contribute to the vitality and vibrancy of our community.

Most importantly, we have kicked off the 2008 UJA campaign, which we hope will set records for the Calgary Jewish community not just in terms of dollars raised, but also with respect to the number of donors participating. We hope that you will not only respond generously when you are called to make your pledge, but you will also participate in the wonderful programs the UJA team has organized for the community so you can learn more about the incredible work that is supported by UJA dollars.

Special thanks to UJA Chair, Shoshanna Berger, for her extraordinary leadership and dedication.

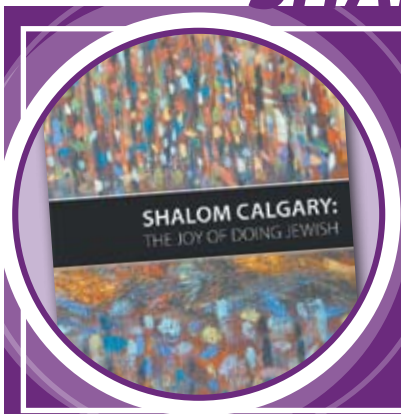
We would like to welcome the new CJCC Board of Directors: Robbie Babins-Wagner, Shoshanna Berger, Cathy Cole, Nate Feldman, Nelson Halpern, Jonathan Lexier, Eric Libin, Joel Lipkind, Donna Riback, Debbie Ryder, Cheryl Shiell, Adam Singer, Matt Singer and Deborah Yedlin. We look forward to a productive and exciting year!

B'Shalom,

Gerry Barron - CJCC President

Lance Davis - CJCC Executive Director

## SHALOM CALGARY!



The *Shalom Calgary* directory is printed and is available at the JCC or on-line at [www.jewishcalgary.org](http://www.jewishcalgary.org). *Shalom Calgary* is a resource book highlighting all things Jewish in Calgary from a-z (adult education to service for zaides). This guide is of value to both newcomers and old-timers. For more information contact Kathy Wainer, Educational Concierge at 403-612-6604 or [kwainer@cjcc.ca](mailto:kwainer@cjcc.ca).



Maybe your family has recently grown by one (or two or three), or your friends are just about to welcome a little one into their lives – **Shalom Baby** welcomes parents, their newborn and newly adopted children into the Calgary community. For more information, please contact Rhona Richards at 403-444-3168.

### REPORT ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS

If you see anti-Semitic graffiti or if you are the victim of harassment, threats, or an assault, please report the incident to CJCC. It is very important that we are aware of such incidents and track them. To report an incident, contact Judy Shapiro, Community Relations Director, at 403.444.3153 or [jshapiro@cjcc.ca](mailto:jshapiro@cjcc.ca).



## Summer 2008

### Polish and Jewish Communities Build Bridges in Calgary

Members of the Polish and Jewish communities gathered in Calgary on July 24th, with the goal of building bridges between two groups who share a long, but sometimes difficult history.

The meeting was held in the context of a conference for young leaders of Polish descent from around the world entitled "Poland in the Rockies." As part of that conference, the Polish community invited CJCC to participate for the second time in a joint program. This year's program featured talented story-teller Eli Rubenstein, the National Director of March of the Living in Canada. He told several stories stressing the importance of learning about and from one another in order to promote understanding.

*In the photo: Tony Muszynski, President, Polish Canadian Association Calgary, Eli Rubenstein, National Director, March of the Living, Irene Tomaszewski, Curriculum Director, "Poland in the Rockies," and Terry Groner, co-chair, Holocaust Remembrance, Education and Human Rights Committee of Calgary Jewish Community Council.*



### Memorial Service for Fallen Israeli Soldiers

Calgarians marked the Shloshim for fallen Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser<sup>Z"l</sup> and Eldad Regev<sup>Z"l</sup> with a memorial service held on August 14. Approximately 75 members of the community paid tribute to the soldiers who gave their lives in defense of the State of Israel.

The program concluded with a call for the immediate release of other Israeli MIAs, including Gilad Shalit.



### Aid to Children from Sderot

After years of living with the constant threat of Kassam rockets launched from Gaza, the children of Sderot are exhibiting all the signs of victims of trauma. Many of them have nightmares, wet their beds, experience anxiety attacks. In order to give these traumatized children a small reprieve from their frightening existence, UIA Canada launched a campaign to fund summer camp programs which take the children out of Sderot, at least for a short time. Calgary is proud to have contributed to this program, donating \$20,000 of the remaining funds raised in the Israel Emergency Campaign two years ago.



We invite you to join over 20,000 adults in over 60 mini-schools throughout the Jewish world.



Come study in an intellectually stimulating, pluralistic learning environment.

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Cost: \$350 JCC Members: \$275

Contact Ruth Spivak at 403.444.3156 or [rspivak@cjcc.ca](mailto:rspivak@cjcc.ca)



SECOND EXCITING  
YEAR IN CALGARY!

OPEN HOUSE | SEPTEMBER 17 | 8PM | CALGARY JCC



### Ethiopian Israelis Volunteer in Calgary

Calgary was honoured to host two special visitors this summer: Avi Takoya and Avichai Noga are Ethiopian Israeli students who live and study at the Kfar Galim Youth Village, which the CJCC supports.

As part of our Living Bridge program, Avi and Avichai were invited to Calgary to volunteer at Camp BB-Riback and the JCC Day Camp. Their presence enhanced the program at both camps and forged another connection in the living bridge between Calgary and Israel.