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## Life and Legacy Program for Jan 18/21

I was very honoured to be invited to share my thoughts on the importance of including the JHSSA in your Life and Legacy letter of intent. People have heard many times that my commitment to preserving the history of our southern Alberta Jewish communities stems from the fact that my grandfather, Hirsch Sosinsky, settled in Calgary in 1905, as the first employee of that tiny community. Like almost everyone else, I wish I had asked my grandparents and parents many questions when they were alive but of course few of us did. Fortunately, we have the JHSSA to turn to when we want to learn about the past.

If you enjoy reading "Discovery", the Journal of the Society three times a year, thank the JHSSA. If you enjoyed our AGM and program, "30 Years in 30 Minutes" in October or later on U-tube, thank the Society. If you enjoyed my presentation "Attack on All Fronts" in November or later on U-tube, thank the Jewish Historical Society. Reports, articles, oral histories, organization minutes, photos and assistance from the office and archives staff and ~~other~~ volunteers helped me assemble my program,

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If you want your children and grandchildren to enjoy such riches and to feel great pride in how much their ancestors accomplished, please be a perpetual supporter of the Society by enrolling in the Life and Legacy Program and ticking the JHSSA box.

While I have your attention, I'd like to correct three common misconceptions about the JHS:

1. Some people think the Society is only about the early pioneering families. Not true! If, for instance, your family arrived after WWII or from Montreal 40 years ago or in one of the waves from the former USSR, you are all part of history and the Society is collecting and organizing all of it.
2. Some people believe the JHS serves only its "members". Not true! If you have a question of a genealogical or historical nature relating to Jewish Southern Alberta, the office is here to assist.
3. Some people think the JHSSA is funded by Calgary Jewish Federation. Not at all true!

I have enjoyed the opportunity to encourage you to support the JHSSA now and especially into the future. Thank you!

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