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Once again, we are proud to share the news about JNF's growth across Canada, and provide an update on our current and evolving works in Israel. Thanks to your partnership and generosity, our ambitious projects continue to expand: from innovative technology, water management and nature conservancy to support for veterans, orphans and youth at risk. JNF's consistent involvement and determined investments help to ensure a better future for Israel.

People often ask: Why should I donate or volunteer for JNF, when there are so many other causes? What distinguishes JNF? Here, a little history... JNF began in 1901, as a dream and vision to re-establish a homeland in Israel for Jewish people everywhere. More than 117 years, JNF continues to offer Canadians of all generations a voice and a role in ensuring that Israel, both land and citizens, continue to prosper. JNF Canada unites Jewish communities from coast to coast with this common purpose.

JNF projects vary in scope, and yes—we do love planting trees. But we are so much more. Historically, our infrastructure projects focused on building forests, roads, reservoirs and similar environmentally related improvements. We still are deeply committed to those enhancements, but today our focus is broader. JNF builds the foundations for Israel's future. You may not know that JNF Canada has invested in building a shelter for abused women and their families, as well as a PTSD and health centre. Perhaps you were not aware that JNF builds after-school care facilities for youths at risk, a dental clinic for disabled children, and a physiotherapy centre for injured veterans. From Ashdod to the Arava and from Kiryat Shmona to Eilat, JNF Canada collaborates with top Israeli organizations to create transformative opportunities for all residents of Israel, and provide benefits that have a direct and positive impact upon the quality of their daily lives.

At this writing, Israel continues to combat flaming kite assaults and rocket attacks. From Gaza, kites are set on fire and flown into Israeli territory, where they ignite forest fires. The Be'eri and Kisufim forests have been badly damaged; thousands of acres have been destroyed. We ask you to help us rehabilitate these forests through our High Holiday Campaign. The funds raised will be directed exclusively to regenerating the forests on Israel's border with Gaza. Please join us in this effort.

As leaders of JNF Canada, we are committed to acting as responsible stewards for the funds you donate. Your sustained generosity makes it possible for JNF to achieve remarkable results and effect profound change in our beloved Israel.

From our families to yours, we wish you a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah – a sweet and happy new year!

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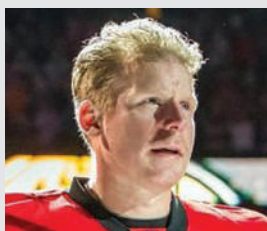
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THE

NEGEV DINNER



DANIEL ALFREDSSON
OTTAWA

The Ottawa Senators' team captain for 13 seasons (1999-00 to 2012-13), Daniel Alfredsson was the first Senator to capture a major National Hockey League award, winning the Calder Trophy in 1995-96, the King Clancy award in 2012 and later the Mark Messier Leadership award in 2012-13. In 2014, Alfredsson returned to Ottawa to formally retire from professional hockey as a Senator. In September of 2015 Alfredsson joined the Senators' front office as senior advisor of hockey operations, a position he maintains today. Daniel Alfredsson was inducted into the International Hockey Hall of Fame in 2018. Alfredsson is an active advocate for mental health services in Ottawa.



LAURENT AMRAM
MONTREAL

The guiding force behind CDL Labs and ELNA Medical, Laurent Amram is credited for simplifying public access to medical care in the province of Quebec. The scope of Laurent's impressive professional achievements is matched only by his generous philanthropy and commitment to practicing Chesed, which he primarily focuses on educating and assisting underprivileged children in both Montreal and Israel. A true visionary, Laurent united JNF and Migdal Ohr in order to breathe life to the "Mishpachton" project, which shall provide orphaned children with their first-ever opportunity to experience the warmth and support of a loving family.



JULIA & HENRY KOSCHITZKY
TORONTO

JNF Toronto is proud to honour Julia and Henry Koschitzky at the 2018 Negev Dinner. The Koschitzkys are recognized as an extraordinary example of a family that has been reborn from darkness and suffering to success in the world of business and philanthropy in assuming communal responsibility. In 2015, Julia Koschitzky was named to the Order of Canada. Their whole life has been steeped in Yiddishkeit, something both have imparted to their four children together with their involvement and active participation in Jewish communal life. Their proudest achievement to date: 19 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



EUGENE LEVY
HAMILTON

Eugene Levy was born and raised in Hamilton and has appeared in more than 60 successful movies. Attending Central Secondary School, Eugene joined the Drama Club and experienced his first taste of theatre. During university, after joining the McMaster Film Club, Eugene found himself spending more time hanging out with his very talented and funny friends, rather than attending his academic classes. Eugene is a member of the Order of Canada and a recipient of the Governor General's Performing Arts Award. In 2006 he received a star on Canada's Walk of Fame. In 2007, Eugene became a national spokesperson for people with autism in Canada, lobbying the government and advocating for a national strategy.



**DR. GERALD NIZNICK & ALPHA
OMEGA DENTAL FRATERNITY**
MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN

JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan was delighted to honour the Manitoba Chapter of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and one of its most distinguished members, Dr. Gerald Niznick. Alpha Omega Fraternity, a renowned dental society with a proud history of 111 years, was founded in response to the virulent racism and anti-Semitism that was rampant in Dental Schools at that time. Dr. Niznick is an innovator and entrepreneur who is recognized by many as the godfather of modern implant dentistry. Our honourees were recognized for their philanthropy, dedication to Tikkun Olam (promoting social justice) and ensuring access to oral health and wellness.

HONOUREES



DR. RICHARD PEDDIE
WINDSOR

Richard Peddie's entire life has been about leading with strong core values, building enterprise values, creating excellent places to work, and championing healthy and liveable communities. In 1998 the Maple Leafs bought the Raptors and created Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment with Peddie as the President and CEO. Today Dr. Peddie is actively involved in the Richard Peddie Leadership Initiative at the Odette School of Business where he helps the school successfully create 21st Century Leaders. He and his wife Colleen have their own Peddie Foundation aimed at assisting city youth.



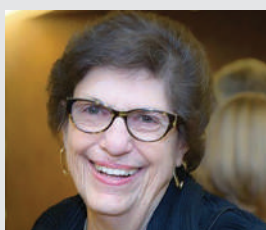
JACOB PERETZ
LONDON

The London Negev Dinner honoured Jacob Peretz for all that he has done to enhance the well-being of London's Jewish community. Jacob Peretz is a 13th generation Israeli who came to Canada in 1974. Jacob served on the London Community Hebrew Day School Board, inaugurated the Israel Lecture Series, was the driving force behind the extremely successful Hana's Suitcase Programme educating elementary school students about the Holocaust, and initiated the annual Israeli Brunch. Jacob also helped form the Community Relations Committee, which gives voice to important issues in articles and letters appearing in the London Free Press, and through hosting round-table discussions.



NEIL & MICHELLE POLLOCK
PACIFIC REGION

Dr. Neil Pollock is recognized as an innovator, teacher and leading global authority in his surgical field of expertise. Neil has been operating Pollock Clinics, one of Canada's most successful male surgical clinics, offering his minimally invasive techniques which have been taught, published and referenced worldwide today as "The Pollock Technique". Michelle Pollock is a lawyer who retired from litigation to be a full-time parent and a dedicated volunteer within the Vancouver Jewish community. Both Neil and Michelle have been community leaders and involved in many Jewish organizations over the years.



DONNA RIBACK z'l
CALGARY

This year, JNF Calgary paid tribute to Donna Riback z'l, who was born and raised in Calgary, with deep roots in community engagement and Jewish philanthropy. Inspired by the charitable ways of her parents, Ted and Betty Riback z'l (Camp BB Riback), it was always important throughout Donna's life to lead by example. As recently as last year, Donna served as the Chairperson of the 2017 JNF Negev Gala. She helped establish the annual JNF Pitch for Israel three years ago, combining her love of softball and Israel. Donna also led the way on a number of other community initiatives.



LISA MILLER & FARREL SHADLYN Q.C.
EDMONTON

Farrel Shadlyn has been practicing law for more than 30 years, specializing in family, criminal defence and personal injury. Lisa Miller was the first female sports broadcaster in Western Canada, working for 21 years in television and radio, before becoming an independent producer of television documentaries and live award shows. Between them, they have served on numerous boards within the Jewish community and the city of Edmonton. Farrel and Lisa have attended JNF Galas in Edmonton every year since they married in 1984. Their respective families have been long-time supporters of the Jewish National Fund.



CARING FOR ISRAEL'S MOST VULNERABLE

JNF Canada has developed a special relationship with ALEH - Israel's largest network of care for children with severe multiple disabilities. Our leadership was inspired by ALEH's belief that all individuals, regardless of the severity of their physical or cognitive disabilities, have the right to benefit from the best available care in order to reach their full potential.

Over 750 children and young adults with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities receive advanced medical, educational and rehabilitative care in ALEH's four residential facilities: Jerusalem, Bnei Brak, Gedera, and near Ofakim in the Negev. In addition, ALEH provides over 45,000 outpatient treatments annually. Services are available to all, regardless of ethnic, racial, or religious background. However, due to ALEH's success in providing high quality service, more clients requested treatment, thus ALEH needed to expand and to upgrade its current facilities. ALEH turned to JNF Canada for help. Thanks to the support of hundreds of donors, JNF Canada was able to fund three projects in different facilities across the country: Jerusalem, Bnei Brak and the Negev. JNF is deeply invested in building the infrastructure so that the highly trained professionals at ALEH have the appropriate facilities to provide the best treatment and care.

JNF Manitoba honoured the Alpha Omega Fraternity - Manitoba Chapter and Dr. Gerald Niznick at the 2018 Negev Gala. Proceeds of the Negev campaign were dedi-

cated to the construction of a new dental clinic for children and young adults with special needs, serious mobility issues and complex health conditions in Israel. The treatment received at the specialized dental clinic will enable Israel's most vulnerable members to benefit from the highest quality dental care and hygiene in an atmosphere most suitable and supportive to their needs. The clients who will benefit from the dental treatment have complex medical issues. All have severe cognitive and physical disabilities and 80% suffer from chronic illnesses resulting from severe brain damage, including epilepsy, respiratory difficulties, and orthopedic complications. Unfortunately, dental care for this population is all too often neglected, due to the very real difficulties involved in providing children with complex disabilities with proper treatment in both a caring and professional manner. The Dental Clinic will benefit all of ALEH's clients as well as special needs individuals from the community at large. Treatment administered in the clinic will undoubtedly alleviate the severe difficulties facing parents who seek to provide their disabled children with high quality professional dental care.

**The opposite
of love isn't hate,
it is indifference,
and we rise up by
lifting others.**

**- JNF OTTAWA
2017 NEGEV HONOREE
Lawrence Greenspon**



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Disabled people are the purest people who have never done harm to anyone yet are punished twice, first by broken bodies, and second by shame, stereotypes and a wall of exclusion from society. By loving the disabled we will have a better humanity.

- MAJOR GENERAL (res.)

DORON ALMOG

**FOUNDER OF ALEH
NEGEV NAHALAT ERAN**

JNF Ottawa 2017 Negev Dinner Honouree, Lawrence Greenspon, selected ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran. It is a unique rehabilitative village located in Israel's Negev region, and part of the ALEH network of care for people with complex disabilities. The village provides a loving home to some 137 individuals, who live in assisted-living residential houses, with approximately 24 residents in each house. Residents who require supportive care live in the high-dependency hospital wing.

The Noga Home was built in the early days of ALEH Negev, over 10 years ago. Continuous wear-and-tear over the years necessitated major renovation of the house. Residents of the Noga Home are girls with profound intellectual disabilities and severe physical impairments. Due to their complex medical conditions they are unable to participate in the vocational centre framework or go out often, and their home and courtyard serves as a safe and stimulatory haven for them during the day.

The house has been renovated to include a very

spacious treatment area, as well as a high-quality sensory space, in order to provide the girls with as many rehabilitative treatments and sensory stimulation as possible within their home environment.

Most of the girls in Noga Home are prone to epileptic seizures, and need to be calmed and soothed throughout the day. For this reason, the walls were painted in calming colours. As the girls use wheelchairs, the space needs to be as open as possible, with minimal design elements, in order to assure that the environment is comfortable and safe. Additionally, new developments in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities continue to introduce state-of-the-art technology, equipment, and assistive devices that have been integrated for use within the residence. Since the residents of the Noga Home spend most of their time within the house, it is all the more important to create a quality rehabilitative setting which encourages their progress, while offering them a pleasant, comfortable feeling of home. The renewal of the house, therefore, focussed on accommodating and storing rehabilitative equipment and assistive devices, and creating a pleasant, calming and spacious atmosphere.

JNF Hamilton Honouree Eugene Levy and JNF Pacific Honourees Dr. Neil and Michelle Pollock chose to enhance the quality of life of ALEH Jerusalem residents.





Established in 1998, ALEH Jerusalem provides 82 children and young adults with comprehensive professional care, including special education as well as medical, supportive and therapeutic care. In addition, each month there are 250 outpatients who receive treatment and participate in recreational programs. More than 300 trained volunteers supplement the over 200 staff members to ensure the highest level of therapy and care.

JNF is dedicated to raising money to support two important projects at ALEH Jerusalem: The first is to build an outdoor terrace that will allow ALEH Jerusalem residents and staff to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors throughout the day. In addition, we hope to be able to support the hydrotherapy pool, which is a most important therapeutic tool for the residents of ALEH Jerusalem.

Thanks to many generous donors, JNF Canada will continue to build a better and more accessible world with ALEH.

**Allan & Linda Finkleman visiting
a patient at ALEH Bnei Brak.
Alan served as a Co-Chair of
the 2018 Winnipeg Negev Gala.**







TERROR BURNS & JNF PLANTS

Kite terror continues to strike the fields of the communities bordering on the Gaza Strip with full force. The extent of the damage done to the Western Negev forests has also surfaced. These forests have been severely harmed over the past months, during which thousands of green, beautiful trees have gone up in flames. The burning kites arrive from Gaza all hours of the day, mainly during the morning and afternoon, when the wind changes direction and blows from the west in the direction of the Israeli border communities, causing hundreds of acres of planted forests to go up in flames. These forests are not only a green lung for local residents, but also a security barrier between the border communities and the Gaza Strip.

"When my forest is burned down, it's not only painful to me personally – after all, these are trees that I planted 25 years ago – but there's also the knowledge that it will take the forest a long time to get back to what it was," said Itzik Lugassi, KKL-JNF forester.

Two months ago, before this wave of kite terror began, Lugasi worked in KKL-JNF as a recreation site coordinator in the Western Negev and the Eshkol Block, and was also responsible for security afforestation in the Gaza Strip border region. As a result of the kite terror, his pleasant and calm daily routine was turned into intense and exhausting firefighting work around the clock. Lugasi, like many other KKL-JNF employees, had been trained how to function as firefighters in times of emergency. He went for extensive training and preparation and was equipped with a specialized fire truck that allows him to be the first person on the scene where a terror kite lands.

It's not a field that you irrigate and it grows after a few months. You need to wait for 20 to 25 years for a tree to grow. And it's not just about the trees - one's heart breaks for all the animals that died, the turtles, the foxes, the porcupines, the deer, the birds and their nests - everything went up in flames.

**- KKL-JNF forester
Itzik Lugasi**



KKL firefighters helping protect Israel's forests

Lugasi patrols the area everyday with the small firefighting vehicle that's attached to his truck, which holds 500 litres of water. "Over the past two months I'm in the field with the firefighting vehicle nonstop. It's much more difficult for a regular fire department fire truck to enter an afforested area. I'm available with my little fire truck, which does excellent work, and can successfully provide a first response for almost any sort of fire that breaks out in the region," he says proudly. "As part of my job, I try as much as possible to protect the recreation sites from fires in order to make it possible for local residents and visitors to come back

to this region as soon as the kite terror stops. Once we started to feel that this was serious business and not something that would just blow over, my team and I immediately began work at the recreation sites doing things like taking out dry weeds and pruning in order to prevent arson and fires as much as possible."

Join the JNF Canada campaign to rehabilitate, replant and regreen what is being destroyed in the Be'eri and Kesufim Forests.

Donate online at www.jnf.ca
or call 1.866.775.1563

Being a firefighter is not my job, but this is what I have to do because this is my life. For me, when a forest is burned down, it's as if a person's home was set on fire.

There are many options available for making a planned gift - and all of them have financial benefits. Planned gifts can result in considerable savings in income tax, capital gains tax, and even probate fees. Talk to your advisor today.

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LEAVE A LEGACY FOR ISRAEL





PROVIDING SAFE SPACES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

Israel is the Start-Up Nation famous for its technological innovations which have driven the economy to new great heights. The quality of life for many Israelis exceed that of Europe and North America. However, there is an enormous gap between the wealthy and the poor in Israel. A report

published in 2017 ranks Israel just behind the US as having the largest income inequality rate. Those without resources have very difficult lives and it is a growing concern. Most tourists do not visit underdeveloped neighborhoods

or institutions that assist those at risk, so it is a hidden problem to foreigners. JNF Canada is committed to tackling the critical social issues facing Israel. We collaborate with organizations that are doing incredible work and assist them

in developing the appropriate infrastructure so that they can run their programs and activities. We are proud to highlight four projects that JNF Canada supports to demonstrate the impact of your gift on the lives of Israel's at-risk youth.





RECREATION, EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT FACILITIES

The Israel Tennis Centre is one of the premier organizations that cares for Israel's children and youth. The ITC offers superb programming focusing on co-existence between Israel's Jewish and Arab populations and integrating newcomers as well as the physically and developmentally disabled. The ITC's programs engage youth at the margins

of society and provide them with meaningful programs, recreation, physical education and sportsmanship. No child is turned away due to a lack of financial resources. However, children are turned away as their facilities are often at maximum capacity. Therefore, JNF Canada is collaborating with the ITC to expand their facilities so that we can respond

to emergent needs of vulnerable youth from low income households, new immigrant families, and children with special needs. JNF Canada will ensure that more children can find a home away from home, learn new skills and develop emotionally as well as socially.





Tal, 12 years old, from the Samson Israel Tennis Centre in Beer Sheva, is part of the ITC's "Players of the Next Generation" program. It specifically assists the Ethiopian community. He has participated in internal tournaments at the Centre, winning multiple medals and trophies. Tal started playing tennis about a year ago, when the project first started. Before coming to the ITC, Tal did not feel like he belonged anywhere. However, since he started playing regularly, there has been a big turnaround after discovering that he has the willpower and potential to succeed in tennis. "My dream is to become a great player and to be known in Israel and around the world", Tal said. "I always look to achieve more, I want to win many trophies and tournaments and of course, become number one."

JNF Canada has undertaken a number of projects that will enhance the Israel Tennis Centre's infrastructure so that more children can benefit from the services provided.

JNF TORONTO - 2015 NEGEV DINNER

HONOURING JOSEPH FRIEBERG AND KEVIN GREEN

Supports the creation of a social services complex at the Samson Tennis Centre in Beer Sheva. This facility will enable the centre to double the number of children participating in programs. It will provide classrooms for tutoring and remediation, a computer lab, fitness facilities, club rooms for new immigrants, a drop in centre, and more. Also, funds will be directed to the establishment of a new ITC facility in Sderot.

JNF WINDSOR - 2017 NEGEV DINNER

HONOURING SHELDON AND BETHE JARCAIG

Incorporates a fully-equipped health and wellness clinic in the social services complex at the Samson Tennis Centre.

JNF CALGARY - 2017 NEGEV DINNER

HONOURING AL OSTEN

Funds the outdoor elements at the Samson Israel Tennis Centre, including the installation of four new tennis courts, a soccer pitch, a children's playground and all landscaping and walkways.

JNF EDMONTON - 2018 NEGEV DINNER

HONOURING LISA MILLER AND FARREL SHADLYN Q.C.

Funds the installation of Tennis Courts for Peace in Haifa. These courts will be used for co-existence programs thereby uniting children of different races, religions, and economic backgrounds.

JNF OTTAWA - 2018 NEGEV DINNER

HONOURING DANIEL ALFREDSSON

Will dedicate the proceeds to the Israel Tennis Centre in Kiryat Shmona. The project will create expanded infrastructure to help serve a growing number of children from the north needing access to services.





THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTRE

The Kfar Zoharim Agricultural-Educational Youth Village, is a 30 acre facility located approximately 45 minutes from Jerusalem. The village is currently home to over 100 students and provides a safe and stable environment for at-risk Orthodox boys who are often estranged from their families, drug addicted and living on the streets. It serves as a home, school and workplace for these teens who so far have been unable to succeed elsewhere. The objective of this revolutionary program is to empower students and inspire them to build the self-confidence necessary to lead happy and productive lives. Therapeutic riding is recognized as a treatment modality that allows for the healing of emotional scars and the development of new skills for positive and productive social interaction, improved academic performance and cognitive functioning. JNF Canada will help build a therapeutic equestrian centre. Our hope is that the youth at Kfar Zoharim will complete high school, serve in the army or national service and contribute positively to their community and country.

“The horse has this incredible ability to read your feelings. If you are upset, anxious, or emotional, he knows and responds the same way. So when you prepare to ride a horse, you need to learn to take control of your emotions. This teaches me a skill that I can use in the classroom or with my friends or my family. I have grown so much by learning how to ride a horse and I want to give back by studying to become an animal assisted therapist so I can help other kids like me.”

- Kfar Zoharim student



AFTER SCHOOL CARE CENTRE

The Jaffa Daled After-School Educational Enrichment centre provides educational, nutritional, recreational and therapeutic support to 30 at-risk children, ages 6-12, 70% of whom are of Ethiopian descent. Maintaining a balance of children from Ethiopian families and those from other ethnic backgrounds avoids isolating the children of Ethiopian descent and encourages their integration into Israeli society. The centre is open every weekday during the school year from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and operates a camp program during all school vacations. At the centre, the children receive a hot meal. For many of the children, this is their only full meal of the day. The children then spend one hour focused on academics, during which time they complete their homework, play educational games, and receive specialized instruction to bolster areas of weakness. Additionally, the children participate in a variety of enriching recreational activities.

Children who display behavioural or emotional challenges receive therapeutic treatment from certified social workers and therapists.

While the centre currently serves 30 children, there remains a critical need within the community to assist additional children and their families. The neighborhood in which the centre operates is one of the most deprived and poverty stricken areas in Israel, with 50% of the population living below the poverty line. An estimated 53% of the children in this area drop out of school before completing grade 12. To address these challenges, JNF Canada plans to expand the centre by building an additional floor to the existing building. The new floor will include six rooms which will be used throughout the day for a variety of activities and programming for both children and parents.

"My family made their way to Israel from Ethiopia in 2005. Shortly after, we settled in Jaffa in a government-sponsored absorption centre. I found it extremely difficult to adapt to the new environment and received no help or encouragement from my family. I had deep feelings of insecurity and inferiority. Yet the Jaffa Institute counselors would not give up on me.

When I started grade 4 I could not read more than a few short sentences and my vocabulary was extremely limited. My knowledge was far below the other students and I did not know how to study independently. But the staff worked closely with me, utilizing games and other creative outlets to develop good study habits and strengthen my math skills. Now I enjoy being in class, participating in discussions, and I also complete my homework."

**- Dina
Jaffa Daled
student**

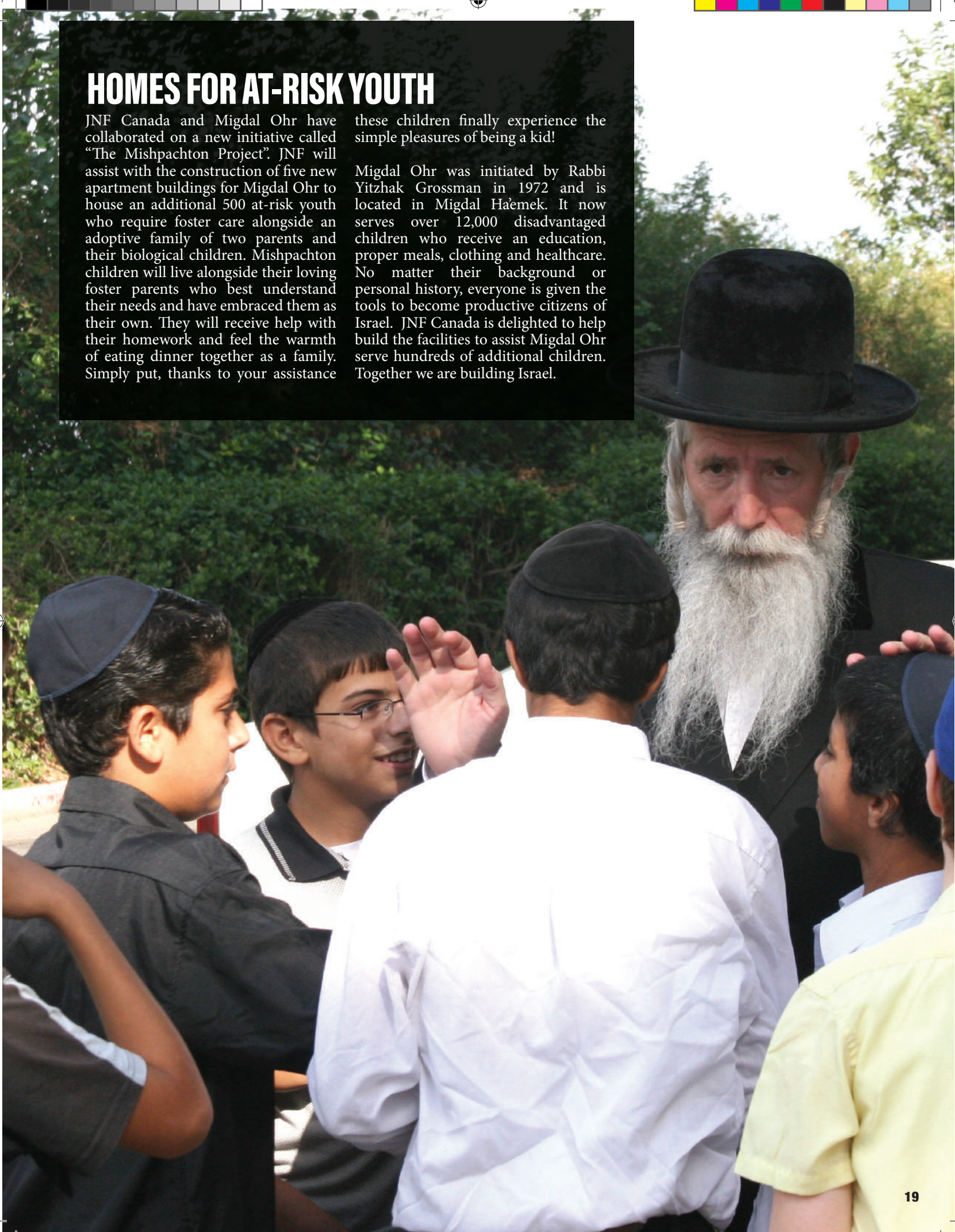


HOMES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

JNF Canada and Migdal Ohr have collaborated on a new initiative called "The Mishpachton Project". JNF will assist with the construction of five new apartment buildings for Migdal Ohr to house an additional 500 at-risk youth who require foster care alongside an adoptive family of two parents and their biological children. Mishpachton children will live alongside their loving foster parents who best understand their needs and have embraced them as their own. They will receive help with their homework and feel the warmth of eating dinner together as a family. Simply put, thanks to your assistance

these children finally experience the simple pleasures of being a kid!

Migdal Ohr was initiated by Rabbi Yitzhak Grossman in 1972 and is located in Migdal Ha'emek. It now serves over 12,000 disadvantaged children who receive an education, proper meals, clothing and healthcare. No matter their background or personal history, everyone is given the tools to become productive citizens of Israel. JNF Canada is delighted to help build the facilities to assist Migdal Ohr serve hundreds of additional children. Together we are building Israel.



Jewish National Fund HAPPENINGS

JNF HAMILTON MAY 17, 2018



NEGEV DINNER

Definitely an extraordinary event! Honouree Eugene Levy, MC Martin Short and guest interviewer TVO's Steve Paikin set the stage for a great night. As though that weren't enough, the Maccabeats added a surprise element to the evening, delighting everyone with their acapella performance.

(1) Martin Short with the Paikin family (2) Lorne & Rita Richter, Barry & Harriet Sklar (3) Phil and Marvin Rosenshein



JNF TORONTO JUNE 4, 2018

JNF GOLF CLASSIC

A sold-out tournament enjoyed a day of golfing which included lots of good food and great prizes at the 17th Annual Tournament held in support of the Kfar Zoharim Therapeutic Riding Centre.

(1) Marya Grad, Vivian Silverberg, Roz Silverstein, Faye Minuk
(2) Jerry Werger, Wayne Pulver, Jeff Springer, Darren Slavens
(3) Seth Greenspan, Aaron Orzech, Ari Dimant, Jeremy Silver



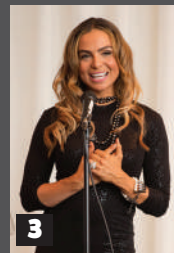
TECH SHUK

A number of the city's most promising innovators showcased their start-up plans before a Hall-of Fame roster of "Lions" that included venture capitalists and entrepreneurial legends Lise Watier and Andy Nulman from Just For Laughs!

(1) Lise Watier, Andy Nulman, Alan MacIntosh, Angel Investors and participants
(2) Eliav Shaked (3) Sonia Zarbatany (4) Perry Shak, Heather Adelson and Galit & Joe Antebi



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NEGEV DINNER

Proceeds from the Edmonton Negev Gala Dinner supported the Lisa Miller and Farrel Shadlyn Q.C. Tennis Courts for Peace at the Ettenberg Israel Tennis Centre (ITC) in Haifa.

(1) Jeff Rubin, Amy Harrington, Lisa Miller, Farrel Shadlyn Q.C., Jackie Glodstein, Kevin Green (2) Ram Romanovsky, Dr. Sam Marcushamer, Norman Schayer (3) Lisa Davidson & Teddy Braun



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JNF ALBERTA HOCKEY CUP

The JNF Alberta Cup is a sociable, fun couple of days, incorporating the spirit of promoting Jewish unity with young leadership in support of Israel.

(1) 2018 Winning Team – Calgary Girouxsalems



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The visitors to our Yom Ha'atzmaut 70th anniversary booth learned about Israel and JNF by planting cherry tomato seeds in recycled JNF Blue Boxes, answering a quiz and making a puzzle of Israel's map.



- (1) Negev Celebration guests including past Negev honourees; Marilyn Libin, Al Osten, Kevin Green, Jason Kenney, PC Leader
- (2) Ariella (JNF Calgary Past President) & Joshua Benjamin
- (3) Tevy Grunberg & Mia Riback



2017 Team Winners -The Maccabees



JNF MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN

MAY 29, 2018

NEGEV GALA

This year our honourees, the Manitoba Chapter of Alpha Omega Fraternity and Dr. Gerald Niznick have chosen to support the construction of a new Dental Clinic for children with severe multiple disabilities in Israel.

(1) Jack Lipkin, Gerald Niznick, Allan Finkleman and Gary Hyman
(2) The Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and Dr. Gerald Niznick along with JNF Board Members and Executive Director



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JNF PACIFIC REGION

JANUARY 30, 2018



JNF PACIFIC REGION

JULY, 2018 - ONGOING

BLUE BOX DISPLAY

An eye catching Blue Box display was placed at the entrance to the JCC as part of our mission to promote the values of Chesed and Tzedakah.



TU BI'SHEVAT CHILDREN'S PARTY

Lots of family fun activities such as planting seeds, arts & crafts and Shay the clown at a joint event with The Bayit in Richmond.



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JNF TORONTO

JUNE 18, 2018

AWARDS CEREMONY



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This year's Annual General Meeting took place at the Beth Tzedec Congregation. Awards were presented to Alan Seidel (Lifetime Achievement), David MacKinnon and Janet Miller (Patricia Alpert Award), David Mochon and Josh Moyal (Neinstein Student Award) and Lloyd Pollack z"l (Bloomfield medal).

(L to R) (1) Michael Charendoff, David Mackinnon Janet Miller
(2) Lance Davis, Winston Siegel and the family of Lloyd Pollock z"l



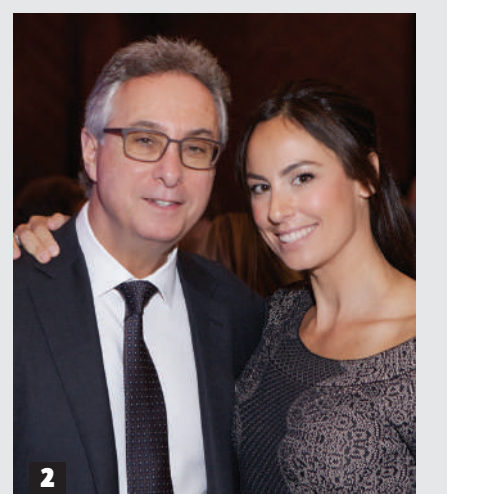
JNF TORONTO
APRIL 21, 2018

BLOCK PARTY

JNF Future held a party in celebration of Israel's 70th anniversary! Over 350 of Toronto's young professionals danced the night away at the Great Hall and enjoyed a taste of Israeli street food.

(1) Andrea Kitay,
Jason Rabinowitz,
Joelle Elfassy,
Rachel Klar,
Brianna Schneider,
Koren Nachmias

(2) JNF Future
Co-Chairs, Faith
Feldman Stoppel
and Jared Gaber



JNF PACIFIC REGION **JUNE 3, 2018**

NEGEV DINNER

The Jewish National Fund, Pacific Region honoured Dr. Neil and Michelle Pollock for their years of leadership within the Jewish community of Vancouver. Proceeds will be directed towards ALEH Jerusalem – a home that provides children and young adults who have complex disabilities with special education as well as medical and supportive care.

(1) Major General (Res.) Doron Almog, Didi Almog, Ashley and Austin Chester
(2) Gary Segal & Haley Crooks (3) Jodi & Alex Cristall





JNF EDMONTON MAY 17, 2018

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

Third Annual Terrarium Workshop; this year we celebrated Yom Yerushalayim and had JNFU representatives talk about their recent experience on the 2018 JNF University Mission to Israel.

(L to R) Danielle Shaposhnikov, Shoshana Bernstein, Michal Shaposhnikov, Daniel Rubinstein



JNF OTTAWA JUNE 19, 2018

NGO MONITOR'S DR. GERALD STEINBERG

JNF Ottawa, with B'nai Brith Canada, welcomed Dr. Gerald Steinberg to speak on Israel and media.

(1) Lynda Taller-Wakter, Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, Dr. Gerald Steinberg, Brian Herman

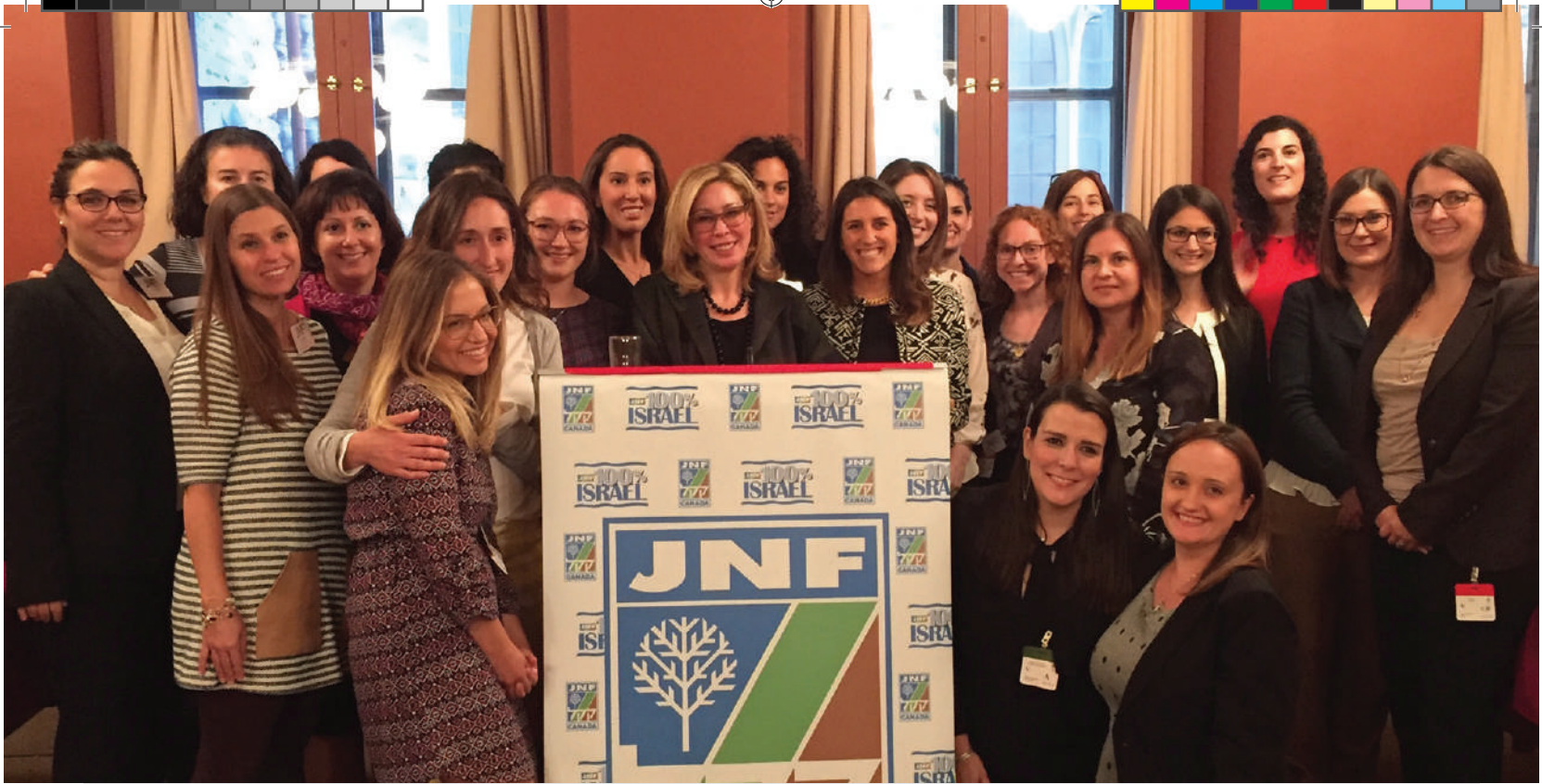
JNF MONTREAL OCTOBER 24, 2017

NEGEV GALA

Our Record-breaking 2017 Negev Gala was also an emotional evening for Honouree Laurent Amram, a man whose personal philanthropy is focused on educating underprivileged children. His poignant multi-million dollar initiative includes five new apartment buildings to house 500 at-risk youth and orphans together with foster families in a warm and nurturing environment.

(1) (top L to R) Ylana & Gill Obadia, Katia Dahan, Kathy Assayag, Karen Soussan & George Sabbah, (bottom L to R) Alexander Ciocilteu & Alexandra Obadia Ciocilteu, Eva Oliel Hazan & Alain Hazan, Magali & Michael Dadoun (2) Laurent Amram, Marc Kakon, Richard Stern celebrating with friends (3) Galit Antebi & Maytal Goodman





JNF OTTAWA SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

JNF OTTAWA FUTURE WOMEN PRESENT SENATOR LINDA FRUM

A robust group of young professional women in Ottawa lunched and learned with Sen. Linda Frum on Parliament Hill. This event was chaired by Valerie Michailovich and Victoria Shore. Senator Frum inspired the attendees to get involved.



JNF WINDSOR JUNE 12, 2018

NEGEV GALA

The Windsor Jewish community honoured Dr. Richard Peddie at the Ciociaro Club on June 12th. Richard is a passionate environmentalist who chose to support the rehabilitation of the Givat Hamoreh forest in Israel, devastated by wildfires.

(1) Marc Katzman, Marilee Marcotte, Jeremy & Jennifer Charron
(2) Madelyn Weingarden, Mel Monczak, Reva Monczak, Donna Abraham, Arthur Weingarden, Lynda Lev, Susan Muroff (3) Sharon Kaplan, Frances Goldberg

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NOAM GERSHONY

Noam Gershony, Israeli Paralympic Gold Medalist, has spoken across the country numerous times, and returned this spring to speak in various communities: Windsor, London, Waterloo, Hamilton, Oakville, Ottawa, Halifax and Kingston. His story is compelling and his attitude is inspirational.

- (1) Renana Gerhony-Shtein, Haim Goldstein, Noam Gershony
(2) Ron Polsky and Noam Gershony (3) Dovi Chein, Anna Kos, Noam Gershony, Lynda Taller-Wakter, Dan Mader



JNF LONDON

MAY 6, 2018

NEGEV GALA

Robust messages came through loud and clear at the Negev Dinner – the incredible work of the JNF, the need to support Israel's wounded and the love for our Honouree, Jacob Peretz. Dr. Mordechai Kedar Israeli scholar of Arabic culture, spoke of hope for peace in the region.

- (1) Josh & Kay Dubitsky, Sheldon Aaron and Jacob Peretz (2) Carol Marcus, Terry Marcus, Ian Stone, Sari Shatil, and Jack Goldberg
(3) Betty Valinsky - seated far right with her family

JNF MONTREAL MARCH 19, 2018

MOVIE NIGHT: 7 DAYS IN ENTEBBE

Following an exclusive, sold-out screening of "7 Days in Entebbe", IDF Major General (res.) Doron Almog, one of Israel's most decorated soldiers, captivated the audience with a personal account of the famous operation he commanded, and described his current mission to raise awareness for ALEH Negev.

- (1) Jeff Hart, Jonathan Goodman, Gideon Pollack
(2) Evelyn Bloomfield Schacter, Doron Almog, Raphaël Schacter





JNF ATLANTIC

JANUARY 28, 2018

TU BI'SHEVAT TELETHON

The JNF Atlantic Telethon was held in the winter of 2018 and would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers.

(L to R) Gerry Mendleson, Sylvia Mendleson, Beverly Parsons, Molly Rechnitzer, Mylinda Corkum, Jack Novack, Debbie Novack, Andrea Hilchie-Pye, Sue David, Sondra Rutman



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JNF TORONTO

MAY 24, 2018

TECH SHUK

Over 250 Young Professionals gathered at the Globe and Mail Centre for the 4th annual Tech Shuk that brought together the Canadian and Israeli start-up community in support of the JNF.

- (1) Steven Pulver
- (2) (L to R) Aaron Shapiro, Jordan Pruitt, Ben Shapiro, Danielle Faber, Ben Walters, Esther Varkonyi, Kevin Climans
- (3) Matt Cohen, Erin Bury, Rob Khazzam, Jodi Kovtiz, Andrew D'Souza
- (4) Mitchell Reisler, Jordan Pruitt, Aaron Shapiro

JNF PACIFIC REGION

MAY 17, 2018

PURIM PARTY

A donor-driven Family Purim Carnival raised funds for the Vancouver Women's Shelter in Rishon Le Tzion. The evening included entertainment, an "Amazing Race" with an Israel focus, dinner and a movie for kids, and dinner and a video about the shelter for adults.

(1) (L to R) Ilan Pilo, Jonathon Leipsic, Karly Leipsic, Ty Leipsic



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JNF TORONTO JUNE 7, 2018

TRIVIA NIGHT

JNF Toronto in partnership with Save a Child's Heart hosted just over 500 people at The Warehouse event venue for an evening of trivia, featuring Scott Rogowsky, the well-known host from "HQ".

(1) (L to R) Fred Waks, Scott Rogowsky Linda Waks
(2) Mark Wexler, Lisa Litowitz, Maxine Castle



JNF MANITOBA/SASKATCHEWAN

MARCH 18, 2018

NEGEV GALA KICKOFF

IDF Major General (Res.) Doron Almog gave a fascinating talk about his life experience as a soldier and a commander in the battle field especially the Rescue Operation of the Hostages in Entebbe, and in the "social battlefield" for a better society in Israel, "the social Entebbe" his life mission working for the rights and well-being of disabled children in Israel.

(1) Doron Almog (2) Didi and Doron Almog, Jessica Cogan and Ariel Karabelnicoff





JNF CALGARY
MAY 31, 2018

THE LIBINS RECEIVE THE BERNARD M. BLOOMFIELD MEDAL

Harriet and Phil Libin received the Bernard M. Bloomfield medal for their dedication and work on behalf of Jewish National Fund.

JNF ATLANTIC
SEPTEMBER 2018

REMEMBERING MARLENE UNGER, Z'L

A grove will be dedicated at the newly planted Ruhama Forest in the western Negev in memory of Marlene Unger z'l, by Israel Unger and family,

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JNF TORONTO
AUGUST 1, 2018

CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

The Negev Dinner Campaign Team gathered for a wonderful evening to kick-off canvassing for this year's Negev Dinner in support of Leket Israel, honouring community leaders Julia and Henry Koschitzky.



(L to R) George Grossman, Mark Gryfe, Ira Gluskin, Henry Koschitzky



JNF HAMILTON, OTTAWA & TORONTO
APRIL 2018

AVI DICHTER

Avi Dichter addressed the Intra-Parliamentary Canada-Israel Committee as well as the Ottawa community about threats to Israel. He also spoke at a special breakfast in Hamilton. Mr. Dichter addressed the Toronto community at a Shabbat Dinner.

(1) Lynda Taller-Wakter, Dan Mader, Lance Davis, Avi Dichter, Oren Lavi, Ilana Albert-Novick

(2) Mr. Dichter speaking to the Hamilton community



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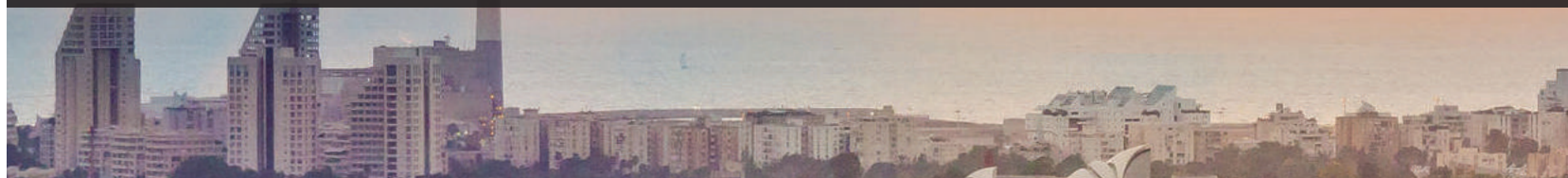


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JNF Canada helps to build the facilities to care for the vulnerable, nurture at-risk youth, enrich the lives of special need individuals, cultivate the environment, beautify public places, heal the injured and launch the next generation of leaders in Israel. With your generosity, we are able to enrich and enhance the lives of Israelis in every corner of the country.

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FULFILLING BEN GURION'S DREAM OF MAKING ISRAEL BLOOM

JNF Canada is deeply committed to supporting our traditional work as the caretaker of the land of Israel dating back to 1901. As a twenty-first century organization, JNF is so much more than trees and water projects, yet we have not and will not depart from our historic responsibilities. JNF continues to fund environmental infrastructure projects to ensure that Israel is a green



and beautiful country, residents have comfortable places to recreate, and there is a bright ecological future in every region of the country. JNF supports projects that combat climate change, mitigating where we can and adapting where we must. Our forestry efforts are the finest in the world. This involves studying natural ecosystems to determine the best type of tree for each habitat and to optimize the use of native species. In addition, KKL-JNF deploys its unique savanization program: restoring and managing areas that have undergone desertification, perfecting methods of rehabilitating forests following wildfires and teaching people how to care for forests near their homes. Thanks to thousands of donors, we have undertaken a number of important environmental projects that will have a deep impact upon the land and people of Israel.

CREATION OF THE MISHMAR HANEDEV FOREST

On Tu Bi'Shevat 2018, JNF Canada in collaboration with KKL, organized tree plantings in Mishmar HaNegev Forest in the northern Negev, northeast of Beer Sheva. The area is now being prepared for planting as part of an ecological project adopted by JNF Canada for the benefit of the local residents, wildlife and the environment.

Trees planted in Mishmar HaNegev Forest will be irrigated by flood waters that run off from channels and slopes. The shallow depressions, limans and raised furrows along embankments, shikhim, in which the trees are planted will collect the water and help conserve the soil by preventing erosion.

The State has faced many challenges since the times of Ben Gurion. Still today, the Negev remains a national challenge. The greening of the desert represents Zionism and the contemporary pioneering spirit.

REHABILITATION OF THE GIVAT HAMOREH FOREST

In June 2016, a forest fire broke out in the Givat HaMoreh Forest, located in the Lower Galilee, consuming over 250 acres of trees and forest vegetation. KKL-JNF will begin the careful work of rehabilitation as part of the effort to preserve and protect the environment. The Forest serves as green lungs for nearby communities, offers tourism as well as recreational opportunities and connects people to nature. In addition, KKL-JNF is planning to upgrade the forest's scenic road. This road will provide easy access to all types of vehicles, opening the forest to visitors and hikers who want to enjoy its landscapes, wildflowers and natural beauty.

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It is in the Negev that the Jewish People and its state will be tested, because only by the united efforts of a volunteer nation and a state that plans and implements shall we accomplish the great task of settling the desert and making it bloom. This effort will determine the fate of the State of Israel and the standing of our people in the annals of mankind.

**- Israel's first Prime Minister
David Ben Gurion**





Forest fire devastated the Givat HaMoreh Forest, 2016

The restoration work will include: clearing burned material, perimeter fencing, installing an irrigation system and planting new trees - Tabor Oak, Atlantic Pistacia, Israeli Pistacia, Carob, Almond and Hawthorn. The scenic road will be upgraded in two stages along its entire route, creating drainage and water runoff infrastructure, and re-planning the road's entrance to include parking, pedestrian crossings, road signs and guard rails.

The 2018 Windsor Negev Dinner, honouring Dr. Richard Peddie, dedicated the funds raised to the rehabilitation of this forest.

JNF CANADA PROMENADE – ENTRANCE TO EILAT

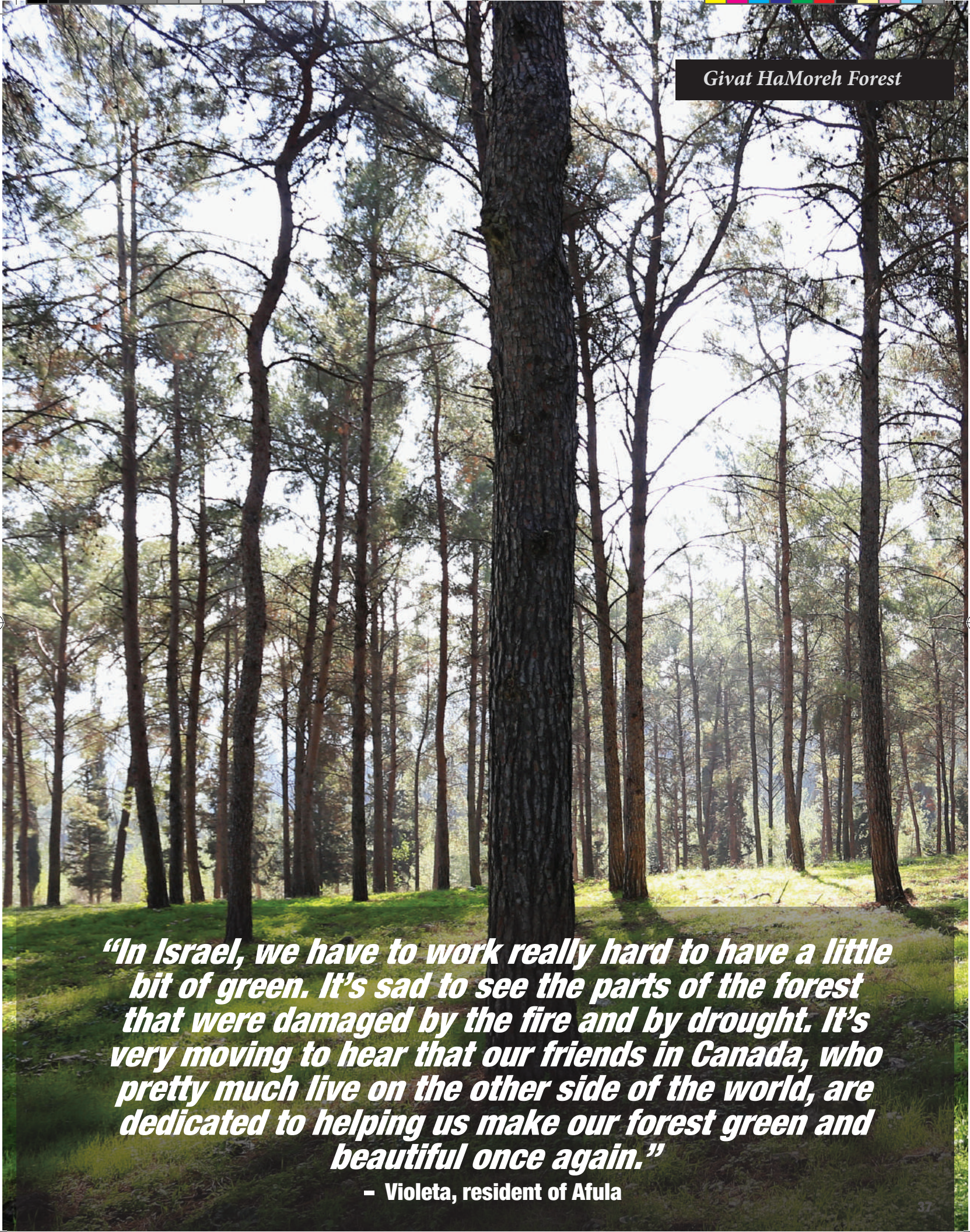
Eilat is reinventing itself with an elegant and imposing new entrance to the city. The JNF Canada Promenade is nearing completion and Eilat's residents are already enjoying the results. The promenade forms only part of the massive upgrade of the Eilat city entrance, which is being undertaken by KKL through the support of JNF Canada. When complete, the JNF Canada Promenade will boast walking paths, a cycling trail, gardens and shaded seating areas. This new promenade is transforming the entrance to Eilat. The city's 50,000 residents and tens of thousands of tourists will benefit from this beautiful public space.



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We want Eilat to become a city that promotes a healthy lifestyle. The walking, jogging and cycling routes along the promenade will contribute significantly to this. The JNF Canada Promenade is an expression of the area's wonderful relationship with the Canadian community.

*- Mayor of Eilat
Meir Yitzchak Halevi*



“In Israel, we have to work really hard to have a little bit of green. It’s sad to see the parts of the forest that were damaged by the fire and by drought. It’s very moving to hear that our friends in Canada, who pretty much live on the other side of the world, are dedicated to helping us make our forest green and beautiful once again.”

– Violeta, resident of Afula



Education Chair Rabbi Yamin Benarroch opens Montreal's JNF Israel Day



Bird Watcher and Photographer Liron Gertsman in JNF Pacific Region



Yom Ha'atzmaut decorating with JNF Ottawa



Inaugural JNF Fellowship group with Matthew Price-Gallagher

JNF EDUCATION

Even a room full of boisterous youngsters immediately quiets down when explained that the majority of Israel's fruit and vegetables are actually cultivated in the arid Negev desert.

"But how can farmers grow anything with so little water?" The answer to that superb question lies at the very heart of JNF's Educational mandate. In previous generations, developing the notion of a deep and personal connection to Israel was a virtual guarantee by simply channeling into the collective pride from Israel's improbable independence in 1948, or from her remarkable achievements in 1967.

Although today's students are often deluged with numerous causes worthy of their attention, JNF remains uniquely

positioned to ensure Israel remains top of mind. We take great pride in reinforcing our historical role as the driving force behind Israel's emergence as a modern-day technological and agricultural giant.

JNF Canada reaches students in every corner of the country and at every stage of their education. We work closely with Jewish day schools and supplementary schools to ensure that there are numerous programs and resources available to bring Israel to life. We are also gaining traction with high school students. For example, a selection of senior high school students in Montreal earned a head start in their professional development by participating in Canada's first-ever JNF Fellowship Program. By way of fascinating seminars and experiences that emphasized

JNF's organizational impact, the next generation of community leaders sharpened their Israeli knowledge and refined their leadership skills.

JNF is deeply committed to cultivating a love of Israel in the next generation and we will continue to invest in children, teens, university students, and young professionals.





KING DAVID CIRCLE VISITS WASHINGTON

THE KING DAVID CIRCLE WAS ESTABLISHED TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK NEGEV DINNER HONOUREES & TOP LEADERSHIP WHO HELP MAKE JNF CANADA A STRONG AND VIBRANT ORGANIZATION

In June 2018, the King David Circle, comprised of past and current JNF regional presidents and Negev Dinner Honourees visited Washington D.C. for its annual gathering. This trip provided the participants with an opportunity to engage with thought leaders, diplomats, and officials on subjects vitally important to the Jewish community such as: the Iranian nuclear agreement, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, US-Israel relations, anti-Semitism, and more. Washington was selected as the site of the 2018 gathering because the United States developed new foreign

policies. It is critical to understand the motivations and strategies of the current administration in order to make sense of the dynamic affairs within contemporary international relations. Of course, a visit to Washington would not be complete without a stop at the White House, which was a treat as most foreign groups are not granted access to this tourist attraction. The participants also had a private briefing with the chief curator of the National Holocaust Museum before touring the facility. Another highlight of the trip was the visit to the Canadian embassy and lunch

with the Canadian ambassador to the US, David MacNaughton. Ambassador MacNaughton provided unique insights into US-Canadian relations which was very timely as our meeting took place shortly after the introduction of tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the US. Washington was a wonderful city to visit and the leaders of the city were kind enough to plan the Stanley Cup Parade so that we could enjoy viewing the residents celebrating the Capitol's historic victory.



JNF CANADA WELCOMES A NEW EDUCATIONAL EMISSARY: YIFAT BEAR

Yifat Bear Miller is JNF Canada's new Education Emissary. She comes to us with extensive experience & knowledge in the field of education.

For Yifat, Shlichut means building and strengthening the connection to JNF and Israel. She wants to reach out to people across Canada providing Israel-focused programs and workshops with attention to youth programs, serving as

a resource for all matters relating to JNF and to Israel in general.

She holds a master's degree in Education from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a bachelor's degree in social work from Haifa University and a teacher's certificate. She is married to Liraz and they have three young daughters – Aya, Stav and Arbel.



JNFU



JNF University (JNFU) celebrated its third anniversary this year, and what a year it was!

From the start of the school year, in September 2017, JNFU broke new ground by partnering with Hillels in every province across Canada. We conducted programming in cities from Halifax to Calgary and began laying the foundation for activity in the Vancouver area.

In October, Paralympic Gold Medalist Noam Gershony came to Canada to speak to students in Manitoba and Alberta. Students were inspired and moved by his message, which made them

understand the true meaning of Zionism. Noam returned to Canada in January to speak in both Ottawa and Halifax. The response was wonderful and left Hillels excited for more speakers like him. We thank Noam for his eagerness to keep coming back to Canada and helping JNF University show the true meaning of Israel.

JNFU also led a series of successful Tu Bi'Shevat programs across the country. Campuses were given several options to fit the needs of their student groups. In Halifax, the campus program was a terrarium workshop for the second year in a row

A PERSONAL REFLECTION

ESTHER MOCHON

As someone who had the privilege of attending Jewish day schools, I had always heard about JNF, whether it was through school activities for Tu Bi'Shevat, tree planting, or filling up blue boxes at home. As a university student, I quickly got involved with the many JNF events and programs for young professionals and university students. When I was looking for a way to give back to the community, I was naturally drawn to JNF. My experience as a student volunteer was fun and rewarding because JNF gave me the opportunity to help my local community in Toronto, while at the same time strengthening my connection with Israel. I saw just how much of an impact our work was having when I traveled to Israel on the JNF University trip. Of course, we planted trees, but we also saw amazing innovations in the Arava, visited communities where JNF had helped build recreation centres and infrastructure, and hiked through beautiful national parks that JNF established and maintains.

Being involved with JNF Canada made me extremely proud. Seeing just how many people are completely dedicated to the goal of strengthening Israel was inspiring, and is something I feel lucky to have been a part of. JNF's work with young professionals is something that I admire in particular, as I have seen first-hand how JNF's Young Professional events have given people my age an opportunity to learn about and build a strong relationship with parts of Israel they never knew existed. I look forward to continue building this relationship, and I know JNF will continue to be at the heart of this mission!



"I know that my own experience with JNF helped me appreciate Israel in new ways – not just as our historic homeland, but as a centre of modern innovation, culture, and natural beauty that has a lot to offer the world."

with a very successful turnout. JNFU helped by providing an outline that incorporated the elements of the Tu Bi'Shevat Seder with the layers of a terrarium. There were Israeli movie nights, plantings and Tu Bi'Shevat Seders all across Ontario campuses. The need for JNFU during Tu Bi'Shevat is clear and we are excited to collaborate once again with Hillel in 2019.

In June, JNFU partnered with Beit Halochem Canada to host a paint night with 10 veterans and 30 students. This was the second successful paint night together and it is hoped to have for many more. The highlight of the year was the third annual mission to Israel. This year, there were 13 students from campuses spanning the country from Quebec to Alberta. The itinerary was once

again superb with the focus on the northern region of Israel. This year, a few volunteer opportunities were incorporated. One being food rescue at Leket, which is Toronto's Negev Dinner project for 2018. Students came home from Israel feeling excited and wanting to return.

The purpose of JNFU is to be there as an additional resource for students and Hillels alike. This year a series of podcasts on JNF projects was added and can be found in the media section of the JNFU homepage. We hope to expand this media section with more material in the year to come. Please visit www.jnfu.ca for more information.



A SELECTION OF AVAILABLE PROJECTS



TZOFEI TZAMID: HELPING CHILDREN & YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

JNF Canada is working with Tzofei Tzamid to renovate the infrastructure of the Israeli Scouts' facilities in the city of Raanana. These renovations will ensure that the facilities are more accessible for children and youth with disabilities. The Israeli Scouts run programs for youth aged 9-21 throughout Israel. They bring together children and youth from across the spectrum of Israeli society, regardless of political, religious, or ethnic background. In addition, the Israeli Scouts promote the inclusion of children and youth with disabilities. Through these programs, children and youth in Israel are working side by side, learning leadership skills and the value of an inclusive community.



ARAVA BIOTECHNOLOGY & MEDICINAL PLANT RESEARCH CENTRE

The Arava R&D Centre was established in 1986 as part of the Negev-Arava R&D program, aiming to service the developmental needs of the region's new communities, develop and advance agricultural and scientific methods, raise the quality of agricultural produce and develop new crops. The new project includes developing the centre's laboratory facilities in order to support its biotechnological neurodegenerative diseases research. This project promises to create new job opportunities and encourage scientists to relocate to the Arava.



WOMEN'S SHELTER IN RISHON LE ZION

JNF Canada is working with "NO to Violence Against Women" to build a shelter for women and children fleeing domestic abuse. Established in 1978 by Israel Prize Laureate Ruth Rasnic, "NO to Violence Against Women" has been helping victims of domestic violence by providing emergency housing, running a 24-hour helpline and advocating for the rights of women. A shelter houses 10-12 families at a time and provides victims of domestic violence with a safe environment where they can start over. Staff and volunteers work with the families to access therapy, secure income, and find new housing.

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