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We are delighted to share this edition of ROOTS magazine with you. As a supporter of JNF Canada, we want you to be well informed about your impact upon the lives of Israel's citizens through your generous support. Thanks to you and thousands of others from coast to coast, we are coming together in common purpose in order to enhance and enrich the lives of Israelis in every corner of the country representing every demographic group. Everyday, we strive to advance to our core proposition - JNF Canada is building the foundations for Israel's future.

We have collectively faced the Covid pandemic and thankfully we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Sadly, we were not able to host in person events at many points during the year. However, we were able to organize several in-person events, galas and missions to bring the community together. We are hopeful that 2022-23 will be a year filled with activities to educate children, Israel missions, Family events, Future programs, Negev Dinners/Galas and more. We can't wait to see you in person.

As you read this magazine, you will see that JNF Canada is advancing many projects including: health centres, women's shelter, facilities for at-risk youth, environmental initiatives, homes for the vulnerable, secure educational facilities and more. Are these projects JNF's return on investment for your generous contributions? Is the bottom line of our balance sheet the measure of our success? Are we exceling if we build more square feet this year over last year? No, JNF Canada is successful only when we drive our vision forward to make Israel a more inclusive, welcoming, greener, safer, and caring place. Our projects are a means to an end. The real nature of our success is measured by the smiles on the faces of children who need our support, the sense of relief in a parent's heart that their child is receiving treatment, the serenity found when a family relaxes in a beautiful green space, the confidence in a teenager who learns a leadership skill, and more. Our projects are more than just buildings. They are about people!

With the High Holidays fast approaching, it is a natural time to reflect upon the past and to ponder about the future. ROOTS is a wonderful vehicle to celebrate the past, what we have achieved together. However, JNF Canada is future focused, and we hope that you will consider - What mark do you wish to make in Israel in the upcoming year? We are ready to help you make a difference in our beloved Israel in whatever way is most meaningful to you.

From our families to yours, Shanah Tovah u'Metukah - A sweet and happy new year!



It's not just about trees,

In 1901, Theodore Herzl established the Keren Kayemeth L'Yisrael (KKL), known in English as the Jewish National Fund, to acquire land in Israel for Jewish settlement. Around the world, including Canada, Jewish communities started fundraising campaigns to help establish new agricultural settlements for the tens of thousands of Jews fleeing persecution, mainly from Eastern Europe.



1901

On May 14, 1948, with the withdrawal of the British forces, Israel was proclaimed independent. Upon statehood, KKL worked on planting forests and reclaiming the land for agricultural purposes, providing employment for thousands of new immigrants. After the war, KKL concerned itself with enterprises that were central to the building of the State: settling new areas; absorbing immigrants and providing them with employment working the land; reclamation for agricultural purposes; afforestation and development projects.



1948

1905

By 1905, KKL's land holdings included land near the Sea of Galilee, Ben Shemen, and Hulda (for the very special purpose of planting olive groves in memory of Herzl). With this, KKL embarked on a new venture: afforestation (planting trees). At the end of 1935, after 15 years of tireless effort, KKL held 89,500 acres of land, home to 108 communities. In September 1939, World War II broke out, the extermination of six million Jews across Europe began, and the need for a Jewish homeland became ever more urgent.



it's about our ROOTS...

In the 1950s, intensive afforestation began in the Upper Galilee and development continued in and around Jerusalem. The Six-Day War of 1967 started a fresh page in the history in Israel, and country-wide afforestation accelerated the number of trees planted in KKL forests surpassing 100 million. As the 1970s began, KKL began to open its forests to the public. KKL's forests were planted not just for ecological reasons, but for the enjoyment of all Israelis.



1950s

Through the 1970s, 80s and 90s JNF Canada expanded beyond afforestation activities, responding to Israel's acute water shortage through the construction of water reservoirs, capturing rain-water run-off, to supplement the scarce freshwater available.



1970-90s

1968

In 1968, JNF Canada was established as an independent Canadian charity. Its early work focused on forestry (and through this activity, employment of indigent labourers). JNF Canada utilized KKL as its agent to advance its charitable objectives.



2000s

In the early 2000s, JNF Canada identified that along with environmental, there was also a need for charitable social service infrastructure in Israel. As the population grew dramatically, there was an increased need for a variety of resources in the peripheral areas of the country. Although Israel's GDP was growing, Israel's new found success was benefitting mainly the centre of the country and not equally reaching those living in remote places. JNF Canada's leadership expanded its partnerships beyond KKL to a variety of Israeli charities that demonstrated real impact.



More Than Just Trees

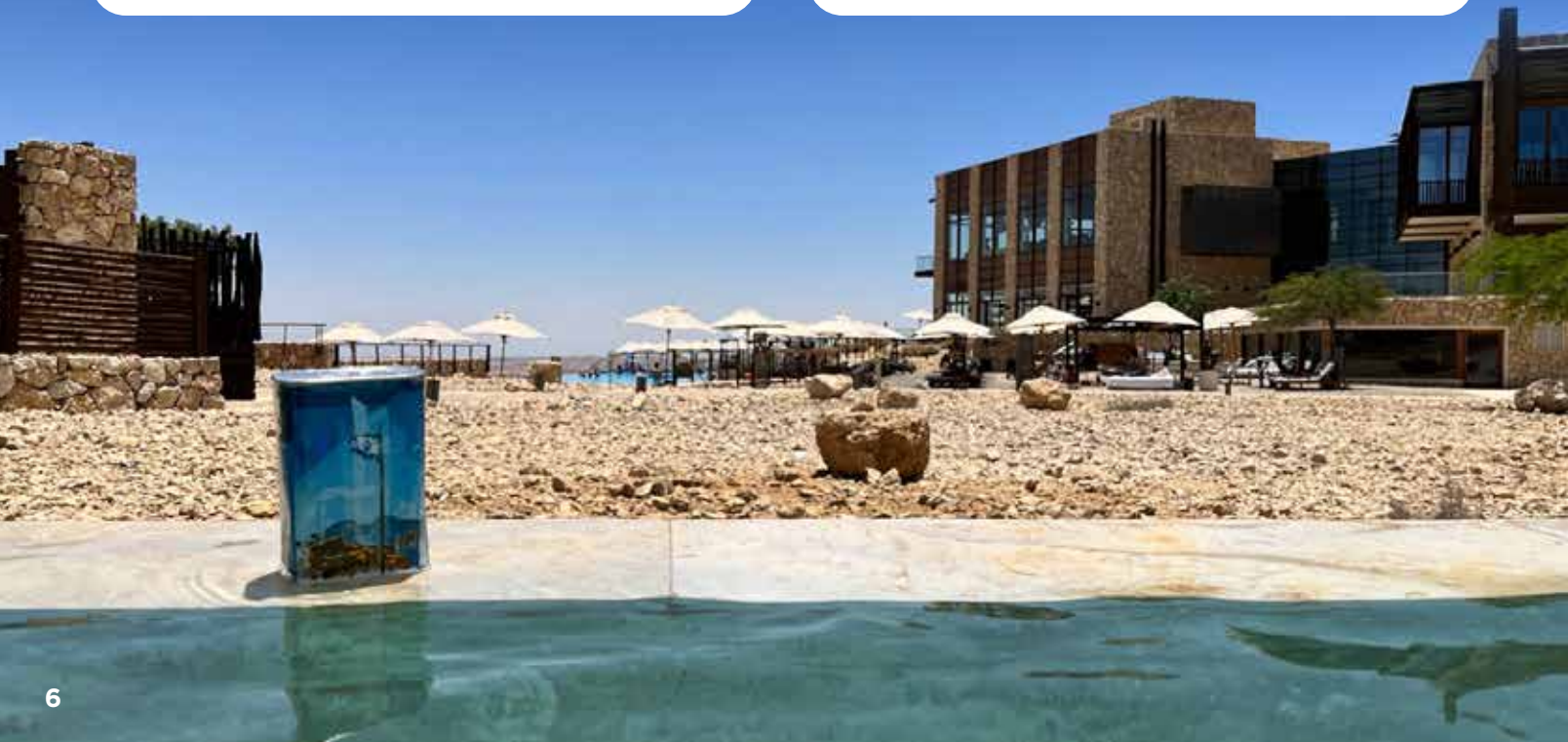
For decades the Jewish National Fund of Canada has cared for the land of Israel. This mission took the role of planting trees, building water reservoirs, preserving natural habitats, and building parks and bicycle trails. More recently, JNF Canada has taken on projects to build the social infrastructure of the land of Israel for the benefit of the People of Israel. We collaborate with a variety of important institutions and organizations in Israel to build social service infrastructure to benefit vulnerable populations such as youth-at-risk, victims of domestic abuse, children with special needs, veterans and the disadvantaged. JNF directs your donation dollars to where they are needed most. When you donate to the Jewish National Fund, you can choose to direct your support towards our varied programs and projects that transform the lives of Israel's citizens in every corner of the country. JNF Canada is Building the Foundations of Israel's Future.

Fundraising for Israel's needs

As the needs of Israel changes, so do we. Over the past few years, we have broadened our network of Israeli charities with whom we collaborate. Together, we help identify where our support is needed most, currently focusing our efforts on the greatest needs in **social and environmental infrastructure**.

Connecting our communities

We also work with Canadian communities from coast to coast to bring Israel closer to home. We host events in your local area, teach children in their classrooms, bring in speakers on topics that matter to Canadian-Jews, and (we are thrilled to resume) bring Canadians to Israel on missions.



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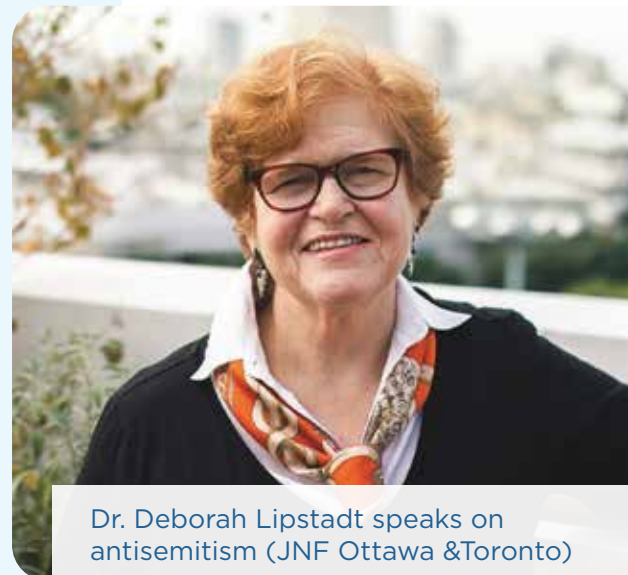
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Michael Sachs (JNF Pacific) handing out Passover Activity Books



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Dr. Deborah Lipstadt speaks on antisemitism (JNF Ottawa & Toronto)

Our Projects and the people behind them

Our projects are about more than just buildings.

Our projects are about the people we help, the partners working tirelessly on the ground, and the donors who have been moved to support these causes. Across all our projects, some are completed, some still require additional funding, but all of them are helping to build the social infrastructure most needed for communities in Israel.

In this issue of Roots, we are sharing a selection of stories from the past year of projects. Some are completed, some still require additional funding, but all of them are helping build the foundations for Israel's future. We couldn't do it without the support of our incredible donors and partners. Thank you!



World-class rehab comes to the Negev

Before 2022, there was no rehabilitative hospital in the Negev. Patients requiring rehabilitation due to injury or disability had to travel to the center of Israel for treatment – far from community and with added financial costs – to receive rehab care. Anyone who's done physiotherapy or rehab knows how many visits are required. Traveling frequently to a larger city for care placed an untenable burden on patients and family members. Many were forced to abandon their rehab programs.

We spoke with founder and chairman of ADI Negev, Doron Almog, about the impact of this project on the community and people living in the Negev region:

1. Can you introduce yourself and your connection to ADI Negev?

I am the Founder and Chairman of ADI Negev. My son Eran, of blessed memory, never said one word and never made eye contact, yet he was the greatest teacher of my life. It was Eran who inspired me to establish a place in which he and others like him, the most vulnerable members of our society, would be able to receive the care they need to live full and fulfilling lives in a loving, caring, supportive and inclusive environment, empowering them to reach their greatest potentials.

2. Why is the work at ADI Negev so essential?

The work done at ADI Negev is essential for three reasons. First, we provide the most vulnerable members of society with a loving environment in which they are accepted for who they are, empowered to reach their fullest potential. Second, we have established first-class inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services in Israel's south, enabling people who have been touched by disability to receive quality care close to home, which has a tremendous impact on their overall rehabilitation and ability to return to their lives. Finally, we have made great strides in educating thousands of individuals from across Israel and around the world about the importance of acceptance, inclusion and the integration of people with disabilities.

3. What makes JNF's role so integral in this project?

JNF Canada and ADI Negev share a special bond and important partnership that is founded on a shared vision and mutual understanding of the need to develop social service infrastructures for Israel's most vulnerable population. As well, JNF has a long history of recognizing the importance of creating green spaces – that includes at hospitals – for the benefit and relief of patients and their families. That makes JNF an ideal partner to establish the Orthopedic Garden Trail at the hospital.

Special thanks to JNF Atlantic 2021 Negev Honouree Arnold Chippin, as well as Hamilton, Manitoba & Saskatchewan, and Toronto regions for their support.



Doron Almog; Osnat Dvorkin;
Atlantic 2021 Honouree Arnold Chippin; Matthew Chippin

4. What is the impact that JNF Canada?

JNF's support encourages us to advance our joint goals to empower Israel's most vulnerable population and expand rehabilitative services to southern Israel. JNF is impacting the entire Negev region, helping to bring both medical/rehabilitative aid and economic development to what has until now been an area of under-utilized potential.

5. What is your hope for the future of ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran?

We hope to continue growing and expanding, making our message of acceptance and inclusion louder and clearer with every passing day. For example, over the next ten years, ADI Negev will take the next fundamental step towards true inclusion, with the establishment of 'Merhavei Daniel,' a 500-family town adjacent to the village that will integrate people with disabilities as part of the communal fabric. We never saw the village as the culmination of the dream – it was always just the beginning. To continuously innovate and create the very best rehabilitation and social resources for the full spectrum of humanity, to never stop building towards a truly inclusive society – that's the dream.

Thanks to JNF Canada and many generous donors, the development of the Orthopedic Garden Trail at the Neuro-Orthopedic Rehabilitation Hospital at ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran is now fully funded and underway.

Congratulations to Doron on recently being appointed Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

Helping the Negev bloom, One community at a time

Watch and see how
JNF Canada is
helping communities
in the Negev develop
and thrive...

Bnei Netzarim



The Negev is a rocky desert that covers 60% of Israel's total landmass yet is home to only 8% of the country's population. Decades of Israeli innovation – from drip irrigation technology in the 1960's to solar-powered tents for nomadic groups – have proven it's possible to harness the extreme conditions of the Negev to provide the means and comforts for daily living.

As we look towards Israel's future, we see the potential of the region to accommodate the country's rapidly growing population. That is why we have been working, one project at a time, to help develop the critical infrastructure and added amenities that Negev communities will need to help them blossom for generations to come.

In the north-west region of the Negev, communities close to the border of Egypt and Gaza, face added challenges. In 2005, when Israel disengaged from the Gaza strip, 17 settlements were relocated from Gaza to Haluza and more than 8,500 residents began the hard work of rebuilding their lives in a completely new place. Rebuilding their lives – a great challenge on its own – was made harder by the dangers of their location. Only a few kilometers away, Gaza launches regular attacks on these communities, resulting in unbearably high numbers of residents (particularly children) suffering from PTSD, stress, and anxiety.

As the Negev region is remote, the residents have taken on a pioneering role to bring this area to life. However, the need for community building was great, and JNF identified priority projects and undertook fundraising efforts to connect Canadians with this region. Several communities in the area – including B'nei Netzarim, Naveh, Shlomit – needed schools, shelters, parks, and of course, trees. Since then, thanks to our incredible donors, JNF Canada has funded many diverse projects in the region and has become a recognizable and welcome name for residents and the community.

“On the one side, we have all the terror that we suffer being close to Gaza. On the other side, you see our population going up. This is because we invest a lot in the resilience of our community. Together with JNF Canada, we invest in strong communities today and for the future.”

- Alon Davidi,
Mayor of Sderot



“JNF Canada has been with us right from the beginning, after the evacuation. It started with playgrounds, the big synagogue, the youth club and during Tzuk Eitan [a period of conflict] with the security [tree] planting.”

- Yedidya Hochman,
Community Leader, Haluza



The Bervin JNF Canada
House of Excellence



ADI Negev
Rehabilitation Hospital



John A. Tory Memorial
Autism Therapy Garden



Trauma
Resilience
Centre



Selected JNF Projects in the Negev

1. Be'er Sheva

- Warm Haven for Orthodox Girls Youth at Risk

2. B'nei Netzarim

- Safe Education Shelter
- Security Tree Line
- The Silber Youth Centre
- Community Synagogue

3. Kiryat Malachi

- Playground Special Needs

4. Ma'on

- Ancient Synagogue & Mosaic Restoration

5. Ofakim

- Adi Negev-Nahalt Eran Hospital

6. Ramat Negev *

- Teen Workshop & Library

7. Sderot

- Animal-Assisted Therapy Centre
- The Bervin JNF Canada House of Excellence
- John Baird Park
- Trauma Resilience Centre

8. Shavei Darom

- Elementary School
- Synagogue Community Development

9. Yated

- Safe Education Shelter

10. Yeruham *

- Daycare Centre Community Development
- Matara Centre for Addiction Services Health Care

11. Yotvata

- Southern Arava Biotechnology & Medicinal Plant Research Centre Health Care

* Currently fundraising for these projects

Ruth Rasnic: Decades of advocacy for women fleeing violence

Domestic violence is not a “women’s” issue, but a major social issue. 1 of 4 women in Israel are victims of domestic violence and nearly half the population is affected by domestic violence in some way. A shelter can provide safe, warm housing for families in a desperate time of need and offers victims of domestic violence a secure and supportive environment where they can start over. Staff and volunteers work with the families to access therapy, secure income, and find new housing, helping them heal physically, emotionally, and financially from traumatic situations. Currently, 65-70% of women and children in Israel who are fleeing abuse cannot access shelters due to lack of beds and space.

Enter Ruth Rasnic - Founder and Chairwoman of No2Violence Women’s Association, Israel Prize Winner, face of the movement for women’s rights and the fight against domestic violence. The need for safe shelters is growing in Israel and Ruth is leading the charge. To put into perspective, she says, “There are hundreds of women’s shelters in Canada for 35 million people. With a quarter of the population, Israel has only 16 shelters in the whole country, 3 of which are ours.”

She shared some of the many stories that demonstrate the crucial need for women’s shelters in society. A man who murdered his wife in Bat Yam, who when caught by the police said, “I didn’t mean to kill her,” because she was used to being beaten. He only received a charge of involuntary manslaughter and spent a few short years in jail. Or a woman named Carmella was trying to get into a shelter when her husband found her and killed her for trying to escape. For everyone at the shelter and in the country, this was a horrible atrocity. Ruth says, “I have never gotten over it. The whole country was in an uproar.”

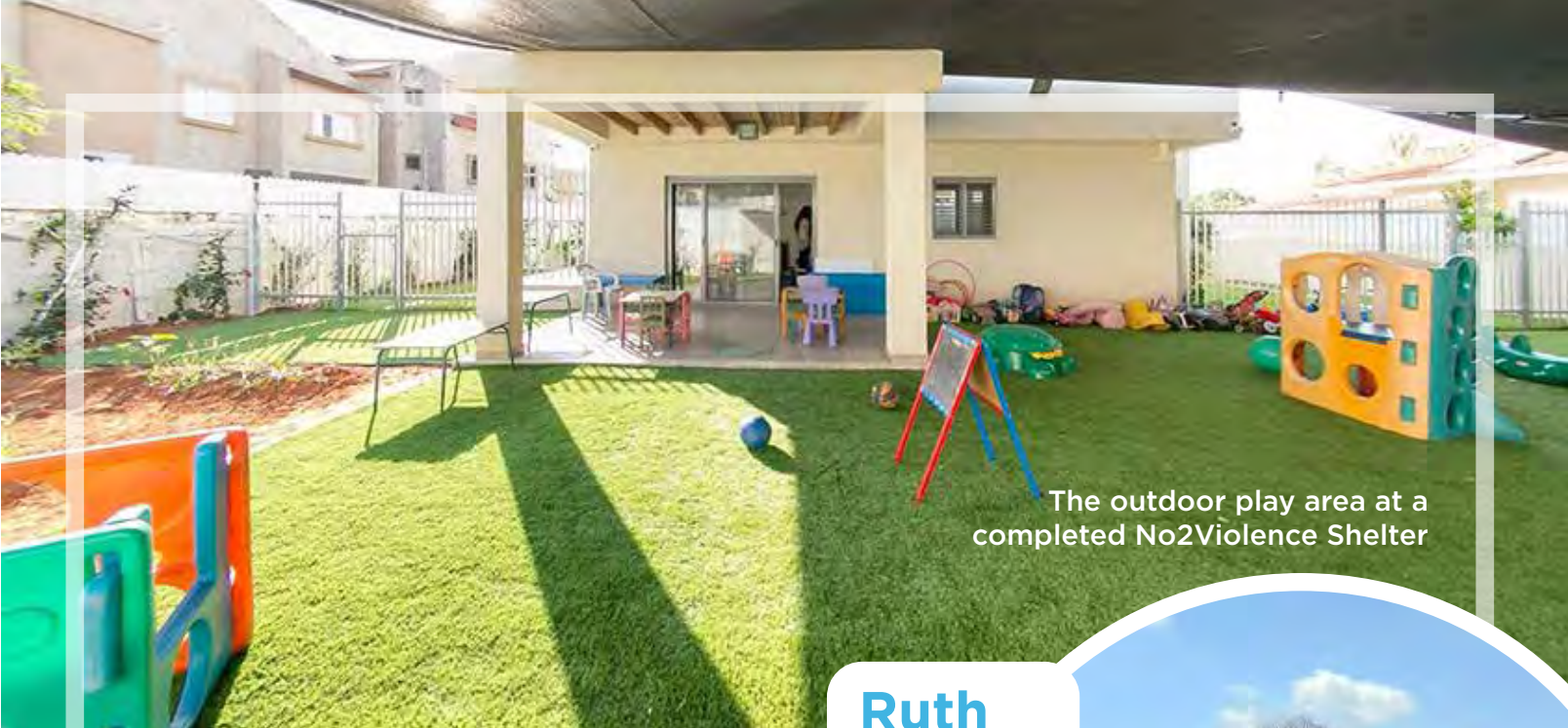
Women started calling the shelter begging to be brought in because they were being threatened by their husbands that they would be next. The shelter was cramped and spaces were shared to accommodate all the woman and children in need. At that point, Ruth changed. She realized the extent of women’s suffering and how devastating it was for everyone involved.

Since then, Ruth has worked tirelessly to advocate for women and victims of domestic abuse. Due in part to her efforts, the government established special domestic violence units to assist in abusive situations. Police also now receive training in handling domestic violence situations. Ruth’s organization has established two shelters and JNF Canada is helping fund the third and largest shelter, in Rishon Le’zion south of Tel Aviv.

“This is an innovative project and a huge commitment to a major social issue. The funding we receive from JNF is so essential and shows that together, we are all changing society. Being a part of such an immense social responsibility is something to be so proud of. We can now do much more for these women and their children.”

Together No2Violence and JNF raised the necessary funds to build a beautiful new shelter thereby creating a dignified and home-like atmosphere for women and families. The new shelter will be able to house 10-12 families, allowing more women and children access to this critical social service. The shelter warmly opens its door to any family, regardless of background, seeking shelter from abusive situations.

JNF Canada is proud to support the work of No2Violence and help Ruth in her incredible mission to change Israeli society for the better.



The outdoor play area at a completed No2Violence Shelter

**Ruth
Rasnic**



A special thank you to
JNF Pacific and JNF Manitoba
& Saskatchewan regions for
funding this project.

Construction on the new women's
shelter started in Summer 2022

Completed & Funded Projects

Sometimes all it takes is a little bit of friendship and goodwill to make an enormous difference in the world. With the help of some incredible donors, these projects are now fully funded and nearing completion.

Interior Renovation at The Fidel Youth Centre

The large population of Ethiopian-Israeli families in Be'er Sheva and their children face language, employment, and socio-cultural barriers. They often struggle to adjust when integrating into Israeli society. The Fidel Youth Education Centre serves as a central meeting place for Ethiopian youth, offering a safe place to gather, and learn, as well as extra-curricular classes in computer, music and art, and recreational sports.

Thanks to two good friends from Toronto the newly repaired and renovated building will soon be ready to serve the growing community's needs with upgraded floors and bathrooms, a full kitchen renovation, new paint throughout, functioning doors and windows, and a new computer room.



5 Safe Rooms at Shabtai Levi Home

The Shabtai Levi Home (SLH) in Haifa provides emergency and residential services for children suffering physical and emotional abuse. From its inception in 1945, this non-denominational home has been a safe haven for every family who enters through its doors. The program is recognized as a leader in child welfare. In 2004, the first Mother/Child Unit was built offering eight private bedrooms for mothers to live with their children in a closely supervised environment. This is where they can bond with their children, learn parenting skills and transition back to an independent life. Before now, the home had only one outdated bomb-safe room in the basement of this 5-story facility.

Thanks to generous donors from Toronto's Builders Circle, five new bomb-proof rooms on each floor of the facility are fully funded and construction has started.





Train Car and Testimony Room at Beit Haedut

With the rise of Holocaust denial and antisemitism, the need for our survivors to share their stories to educate the next generation becomes more important than ever. JNF Canada is committed to building infrastructure in Israel that improves education, including Holocaust Education.

Beit Haedut, in Nir Galim, is a museum and educational centre established to commemorate the Holocaust (its name translates to the “Testimony House”). The museum serves as a powerful symbol of resilience - it was built by Holocaust survivors almost 30 years ago. Every year, Beit Haedut hosts 10,000s of students, soldiers, officers, and others who come to learn about the atrocities in this dark period of Jewish history, connect more deeply with the subject, and hear from survivors.

Recently, the museum received a train car from Germany that was used to transport Jews to the extermination camps, as well as set out to build a replica model barrack from Birkenau. These exhibits allow visitors to feel these spaces for themselves.

A Testimony Room will immerse visitors in recordings and testimonies of witnesses sharing their first-hand experiences from the Holocaust. Our JNF Pacific Region’s Negev Campaign raised enough funds to advance this project. In recognition of our partnership, Beit Haedut will feature the testimony of Mariette Doduck, a Holocaust survivor now residing in Vancouver, as a cornerstone presentation.

Thanks to generous donors from JNF Pacific, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Toronto regions, both projects have been fully funded.

Renovated Outdoor Spaces at The Shaked Club

The Shaked Club, sponsored by Akim Israel, is an after-school club for those with intellectual disabilities. The Club creates a warm, friendly environment for families who struggle to get inclusive and informed support from traditional after-school programming. Families and children with disabilities are welcomed here, participating in ability-appropriate classes in music, cooking, art, reading and more. The Club is currently renovating their outdated clubhouse and empty outdoor grounds. Having a usable and safe outdoor space will expand the club’s capacity, allow families to spend more time playing and relaxing outside, and contribute to an overall healthy and pleasant atmosphere.

Thanks to a generous gift from a Builders Circle member from Regional Ontario, a comprehensive redesign of the grounds is underway which will significantly improve its appearance with green and accessible lawns, comfortable seating, outdoor meetings spaces, plants, trees, and shaded areas.



A Mosaic of Peace (and Music) Makers

Music and dance often transcend cultures, bringing us together for the universal joys of sound and movement.

Since 1996, the Clore Centre for the Performing Arts has brought together young and old from all over the Upper Galilee – from kibbutzim, moshavim, Druze and Arab towns – for formal training in music and dance. One of its mandates is to promote co-existence and understanding by encouraging youth of all backgrounds to make music together. It is available to all, providing scholarships and support programs to promising students as well as rehearsal and ensemble spaces for residents in the region. The Centre plays a crucial role in creating harmony in the region, hosting cultural and music events that bring people together from all walks of life. It also brings tourism and more attention to the region.

To better serve its 1000 students, the Centre is undergoing a large expansion that will feature an architecturally stunning new wing of the Centre. Several rooms must be upgraded with new acoustic walls and ceiling, upgraded windows and flooring, lighting, and a specialized silent air system.

JNF Calgary was proud to help support the construction of a new ensemble rehearsal hall at the Clore Centre, in honour of all Christian friends of Israel and in support of promoting coexistence to music and dance.



A deep desire for peace – it's a feeling that every Israeli and most Jews in the Diaspora can relate to. With recent years of increasing anti-Israel and antisemitic words and actions around the world, it is ever more important to connect with our communities, form strong relationships and work individually and collectively towards a more peaceful future.

This year's Calgary Negev Gala chose to honour all Christian friends of Israel for standing with the Jewish people. We don't take for granted our shared spiritual connection to the Holy Land. The Negev program, entitled "A Mosaic of Peacemakers," highlighted stories about grassroots peacemakers in Israel who are building trust with their neighbours, nurturing understanding and respect, typically under the radar of the public and media. Their endeavours offer a sense of hope for the future of the region.

The gala's themes of hope and peace were highlighted by special musical performances, which also acknowledged the program's purpose – fundraising that will benefit the Clore Centre's young musicians.

To do this, Calgary Executive Director, Elliott Steinberg, set out to arrange a musical program featuring Israeli songs for peace. He brought together members of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra with composer Mark Limacher and Nicole Raviv, a Canadian-born singer now based in Tel Aviv, who recorded the vocals from a studio in Tel Aviv! To bring this worldwide group together, Elliott himself conducted the orchestra from a historical theatre in Calgary, and virtually conducted Nicole for her vocal cues. He also did the musical arrangement of the opening and closing orchestral music for the program.

If you're thinking – Wow, this seems outside the job description of a JNF Executive Director – you'd be right. Luckily, Elliott was born into a family of musicians, and was at one time considered one of the best young

classical trumpeters in Canada. In university, he studied music and conducting alongside an industrial design degree, and said it was "a dream" to dust off his baton to conduct such a talented group of musicians.

The song selections – written by Israelis wishing for peace – demonstrate themes of grassroots peacemaking. They don't talk about a deep yearning for politicians to sit down and negotiate a contract. They describe love, self-expression, the personal impacts of war & unrest, face to face interactions, and as one young musician from the Clore Centre sings: "I want to be free to be the person I have the potential to be."

**This project was funded by
Calgary, Edmonton, and
Windsor Negev Galas.**



Listen: Musical Selections from the Gala

Enjoy the gala's incredible musical program, conducted by JNF's very own Elliott Steinberg, and performed by Nicole Raviv with members of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.



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High Holiday Appeal

FINDING HOPE — IN A NEW — COMMUNITY

**Support Leah and other Ukrainian Orphans in Israel by
contributing to the 2022 High Holiday Appeal**

This year's Annual High Holiday Campaign will support the Ukrainian orphans who have found refuge at the Nes Harim Field and Forest Education Centre in the Jerusalem Hills. The children were only meant to stay one month, now their stay has been extended until the war is over.
They still need our help.

In March, 7-year-old Leah, along with over 100 Ukrainian orphans, ages 2-18, traveled from their home at the Alumim Jewish orphanage in Zhitomer, Ukraine through Romania and finally to Israel. Traumatized, and removed from everything familiar to them, Leah and the other children came to live at the Nes Harim Field and Forest Education Center near Jerusalem. The plan is to stay there until the war is over and focus on acculturation, learning, and healing.

Leah and the other children need outdoor play equipment. These special children deserve the same opportunities for play and recreation as all other children. Together with your help, we will fund the construction of a playground and outdoor obstacle gym to build strength, mental resiliency, aid in their recovery from trauma and bring joy back to their hearts. While their length of stay is unknown, we do know this playground will continue to be used by many children at Nes Harim in the years to come.

These children had so much taken away from them -
First, they lost their parents, then they lost their homes. Now they need our help.

Together, with Canadians from coast to coast, you can enrich the lives of Leah and the other children at Nes Harim. We're on a mission to return the smiles to their faces and a sense of security and well-being to their hearts.



Please return the enclosed pledge form or go online to:



1-866-775-1563



jnf.ca/high-holiday-campaign



“ Hello Everyone –
I’m Leah D. I’m from
Ukraine but now I’m in
Israel. I love everything
there is here. But I miss
playing at the playground.
Thanks JNF Canada ”



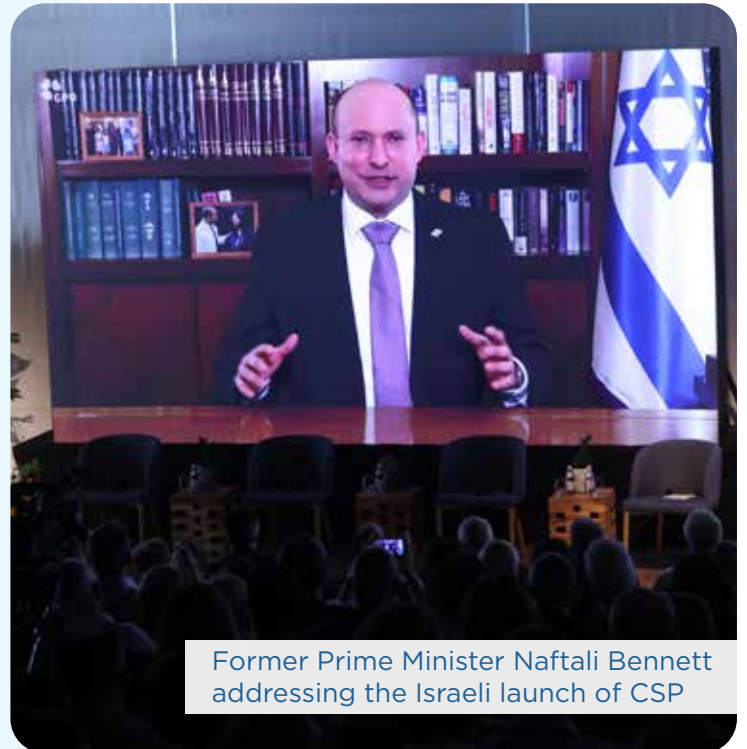
Climate Solutions

What started as a prize for breakthrough research in garnering attention around the world.

Climate Solutions Prize (CSP) officially opened for submissions on March 1, 2022. JNF Canada along with partners KKL, Start-Up Nation Central, and The Peres Center for Peace & Innovation were joined by over 300 guests to officially open the competition at a live event in Israel!

Leaders from government, business and academia came together for a full day event to celebrate the Start-Up Nation and brainstorm how to turn Israel into a global leader in climate solutions! For anyone who doubted that philanthropy can spur innovation and affect change, CSP proves that it can.

Highlights from the event featured words of support from President Isaac Herzog, former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, as well as fireside chats and the official opening for submissions to the prize.



Former Prime Minister Naftali Bennett addressing the Israeli launch of CSP

“ We in Israel can contribute our most valuable resource – the energy and brain power of our people. ”

- Former Prime Minister, Naftali Bennett



CSP Chairman Jeff Hart and the JNF Canada delegation at the World Expo launch in Dubai

View Naftali Bennett's speech here:



Prize goes Global

Israel has grown dramatically in scope and scale



Attendees networking at the CSP launch



Representatives of CSP's partner organizations



Round table discussion amongst Green Tech leaders



Human rights, environmentalism, and one couple determined to tackle both

Every year, JNF offices across Canada approach leaders in their communities in order to honour them at their local Negev events. This year, JNF Manitoba/ Saskatchewan's honourees were a particularly special match to their project.

When Nola Lazar, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Board President and David Greaves, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Executive Director considered the idea of the Climate Solutions Prize (CSP), they knew it would be a great fit for Gail Asper and Dr. Michael Paterson. After hearing their presentation, Gail and Michael were intrigued – CSP was closely aligned to both their philanthropic and professional work. Another appealing feature was the fact that the couple had never been honoured together!

Both Gail and Michael are known for their dedication to causes they care about - at home and in Israel. The CSP spoke directly to Michael's re-

search and career as a freshwater ecologist. He is the Senior Research Scientist at The International Institute for Sustainable Development's Experimental Lakes Area (the ELA). Michael's team works in a unique natural laboratory made up of 58 pristine freshwater lakes and watersheds in a remote part of northwestern Ontario. The entire area is designated for scientific research, examining how lake waters and creatures living there are affected by and recover from the effects of human activities such as nutrient pollution, contaminants, water level manipulations, fishing pressure, and climate change.

At a time when only about 0.3% of our planet's water is drinkable, the ELA's important work is linked to the pressing challenge of climate change. It also highlights the environment's inextricable connection to human rights that includes access to clean water, sanitation and protection from extreme weather events. Upon accepting the JNF





Negev honour, Michael noted that, “the causes of climate change, the environment and the Jewish community are very important to me, so I felt it would be wrong not to take this opportunity to try and raise awareness about them.”

Through his work on water protection, Michael has collaborated with scientists from around the world, and has authored or co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed publications. Today, work at the ELA is internationally recognized, and provides key insights that have been applied in other freshwater environments around the world.

Gail continues the legacy of her parents, Israel and Babs Asper z”l. After her father’s passing, Gail took on the leadership role as President of The Asper Foundation. Her parents were dedicated philanthropists who held a deeply rooted commitment to leaving the world a better place (The Asper Family was honoured at the 2005 Negev Gala). As well, JNF and The Asper Foundation have worked together since 2002 to create four centres in Israel for at risk youth in Be’er Sheva, Ramot, Ofaqim and Migdal HaEmek. “Our family was a family of very strong Zionists so it makes sense that we would have a great fondness for JNF whose sole purpose is to strengthen Eretz Israel”, Gail remarked.

Gail’s determination to see projects through is legendary. She fulfilled her father’s dream of cre-

ating The Canadian Museum for Human Rights -- the first of its kind in the world and the first national museum outside of Ottawa. With unrelenting resolve, and support from her team, Gail crisscrossed Canada for 14 years to raise more than \$350m to build it in Winnipeg. Gail has passionately dedicated her time and resources to supporting the performing arts in Canada and served as President of the Board of the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre and Campaign Chair for its Capital and Endowment campaigns. Her community involvement includes chairing the Annual Campaign as well as the Board of the United Way of Winnipeg and chairing the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg’s Annual Campaign. She received the Order of Manitoba and is an Officer of the Order of Canada.

JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan’s 2022 virtual gala was a huge success – 600 viewers attended and raised over \$800,000. A portion of the funds will also go to Winnipeg’s Jewish Child & Family Service, and the World’s Jewish Museum project in Tel Aviv.

Gail and Michael understand that science needs funding to succeed, especially in the early stages of research. They know that the Climate Solutions Prize will help provide that all-important kickstart to facilitate a breakthrough. And JNF gave them the opportunity to tell that message... together.

7 Ways To Lower Your Carbon Footprint

What is a carbon footprint?

Your carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases that you produce as you live your life - carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases. Greenhouse gases trap heat in the atmosphere, accelerating global warming and climate change.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Hang Laundry and Wash Cold



Save Water

Shorten shower time, 2 minutes less in the shower can save 100 lbs CO₂ - about \$26 a year.



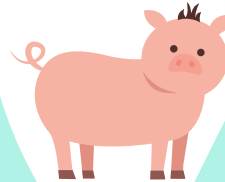
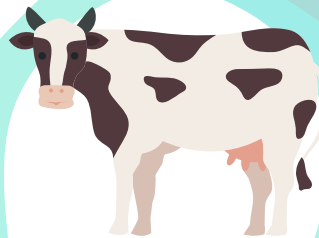
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Fully powering off a single LCD TV for 18 hours a day will save about 10 lbs CO₂ a year.



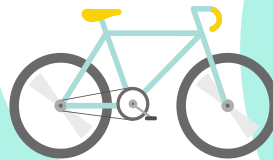
Eat Less Meat and Dairy

A single day without meat and dairy reduced your carbon footprint by 8 lbs!



Cycle or Use Public Transportation

When you swap your car for a bike it reduces your emissions nearly 67%, and taking the bus reduces emissions by almost 50%.



Buy Seasonal and Local Produce



Coming Together For One Love: Hockey

Thanks to JNF
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project

The lesser-known Battle of Alberta took place on Feb 26 & 27 between Fighting Yids, Chai Shticks, Charlestown Ribacks, and Tu Bi' Shevat Tigers. Fighting for all the glory, the teams competed in the annual JNF Alberta Cup, a highly anticipated community tournament that brings together young and old, Jewish and non-Jewish, Oilers fans and Flames fans under one common love – hockey.

Conceptualized by Jay Cairns, Executive Director of JNF Edmonton, the tournament was launched in 2018 after Jay noticed a hole in the community calendar. Wanting to do something that was healthy for his community, engaged people differently than traditional fundraising events and tapped into a younger audience. Hosted in the West Edmonton Mall, it now includes a Family Free Skate, a Teen Skate offered in partnership with B'nai Brith Youth Organization and culminates in an awards ceremony on the last day.

Two MVP awards are presented: Most Valuable Player in memory of Stevie Schwartzberg z"l, and Mensch Valuable Player in memory of Nathan Reboh z"l. "The tournament has become an opportunity to honour and remember these two outstanding community members who are gone, but not forgotten, and their legacies live on through their friends, families and the JNF Alberta Cup," said Jay. Members of both play-off teams wore NR patches on their jerseys to pay tribute to Nathan, who played in the league for several years.

Over the years, the event has drawn in audiences from all over Alberta (always including some curious mall-goers who gather to see what all the fuss is about) and has raised over \$50,000 for projects in Israel. This year, the Cup was made possible by the West Edmonton Mall, Slawsky Family, Cynamon Foundation and raised money for the Mobile Technology Lab.

Mobile Technology Lab

Despite being the "Start-Up Nation", more than 25% of Israeli society (particularly in Jerusalem) lack access to technology and are technologically illiterate. To bridge the digital divide through technology and personal empowerment, the Mobile Technology Lab - a van equipped with computers - travels to various residences and neighborhoods offering technology lessons to some of Jerusalem's poorest and most vulnerable communities. Among them, kindergarten-aged children, the ultra-Orthodox sector, abused women in shelters, people with disabilities residing in treatment centers, senior citizens in nursing homes and more.



JNF Future

JNF Future is the gateway for the next generation to connect with the Jewish National Fund. JNF Future aims to engage individuals between the ages of 25 to 40 through programming and events, missions to Israel and forums with young Jewish leaders. It also provides leadership training and serves as our organization's pipeline ensuring that there are motivated and capable individuals who are prepared to lead JNF at the regional and national levels.

Quebec Future Tech Shuk

Tech Shuk has quickly become the highlight event on the JNF Future Quebec annual calendar. It is a live "Shark Tank" style competition where pre-selected start-ups are given the opportunity to pitch their product and/or service to a panel of Lions with the hopes of striking the next big deal.

Congratulations to Altiro Energy who took home the Lion's Den Award accompanied by the ultimate start-up prize package, and special shout out to Carbon Neutral Club who traveled to Montreal (the eco-friendly train way) to win over the sold-out crowd, winning the People's Choice Award!



“Tech Shuk, ticks off many boxes for me. Tech Shuk is an opportunity to give back, to help build our local community, support Israel's technological innovation, and encourage local entrepreneurship.”

- Perry Shak, Presenting Sponsor



Toronto Future Events

April - Future on the Rocks was a fun evening of schmoozing where participants got a full Scotch tasting experience including 5 unique Scotch options (our JNF Future Ambassadors received a bonus 6th tasting!)

June - Our JNF Future young professionals started some **pre-Shavuot celebrations** with a curated Shavuot-inspired Dinner with special guest speaker Yoni Goldstein, CEO and Editor in Chief of the Canadian Jewish News.

June - JNF Future held our **After Hours Mixer**, hosted at the patio at Parallel restaurant. Our guests met and networked with other young professionals while engaging in fun “ice-breaker” games.

August - The 5th annual **Driving to the Future Golf** tournament was held at the Oakdale Golf and Country Club. The much-loved annual event included a great round of golf, BBQ lunch on course, cocktail reception, raffle, gifts and skill-testing contests.



Toronto Ambassador Program

Fundraising is one of JNF Future's key pillars, which stems from the mitzvah of tzedakah, giving to those in need, a value and tradition that many keep from a young age which has sustained the Jewish people. We at JNF Future Toronto know just how difficult it can be for young professionals to juggle personal and community needs, which is why we established the JNF Future Ambassador Program in 2021. The goal of the Ambassador Program is to allow young professionals (ages 25-40) to continue giving tzedakah in a meaningful way and stay connected to Israel throughout the year via monthly or annual donations to the JNF Future project. Going on its 2nd year, thus far our JNF Future has welcomed over 30 Ambassadors, who together have donated \$5,000 towards JNF Future projects. Together, these young donors are making a difference in the lives of Israelis for years to come.

As a thank you to our passionate Ambassadors for their contributions, we provide them with exclusive opportunities and programs.

We look forward to growing this program and welcoming more Ambassadors in 2022!

JNF Education Year in Review

The past two years have brought us challenges we never could have previously anticipated. Bringing learning about Israel and JNF in a unique way. Considering the challenges, JNF's Education Department provided students and communities with learning opportunities and a sense of Jewish identity and loyalty to Israel. With the leadership of Yifat Bear Miller, we have managed to touch thousands of students, families, teens, and educators across Canada.

Yifat integrates JNF values into online learning. She developed meaningful programs for Hanukkah, Tu B'Shvat, and the "Yomes" in Jewish day schools, supplementary schools, youth movements, synagogues, JCCs, and communities.

Yifat specializes in creating educational content that instills values of Tzedakah, Tikkun Olam, and the love of Israel in communities across Canada and cultivates tomorrow's leaders.

Thankfully, at the end of the academic year, we were able to offer a number of in-person events and we were thrilled to organize an educators' mission to Israel in the summer.

Here are some highlights from the year:

- Over 100 educators from across Canada not only took part in virtual tours of Jerusalem but also professional development workshops on Tu Bi'Shevat, Middle East politics featuring Neil Lazarus and the leadership of David Ben Gurion.
- From November 2021- June 2022, Jewish schools in Toronto and Montreal collaborated with the Shelby White and Leon Levy Lod at the Mosaic Archaeological Center. Over 1000 students in Toronto and Montreal took part in this Mosaic project.
- Students took part in Tu Bi'Shevat programming.
- JNF Canada hosted a virtual Hackathon where 150 students along with green-tech mentors from Israel worked on an innovative project that was completed in just 5 days
- We worked with 30 Jewish Day schools across Canada; from Elementary to High School.
- This summer we took 30 educators from across Canada to a mission in Israel and we hope that next year we will bring Israel "in-person" to our communities across Canada.
- With Yifat continuing her work for another year, we cannot wait to see what the 2022-2023 class year will bring!

The 2022 Educators' Mission to Israel



“Thank you for all the wonderful programs that JNF has provided to our members over the last year – they are very well received and appreciated. Our members were so impressed with the virtual tour of Ben Gurion House. Since then, there has been much anticipation for everything offered by JNF to help us explore Israel!”

Cynthia Weinstein
Congregation Dorshei Emet,
Quebec

“It was so cool to see how the material they learn is connected to modern day Israel and Israeli life/culture. I think the students really enjoyed it.”

Tanya Werger,
Project Coordinator, UJA Federation
of Greater Toronto

Kadorei Shokolad – Israel’s Favourite Cookie!

The Recipe!

Ingredients

- 1 pound tea biscuits
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 3.5 ounces bittersweet chocolate (chopped)
- 1 cup white sugar
- 6 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee granules
- 1/3-1/2 cup milk (or soy milk)



Steps to Make It

- Crush tea biscuits with rolling pin.
- Melt butter and chocolate together.
- In a large bowl, use an electric mixer or sturdy spoon to combine the biscuit crumbs, melted chocolate mixture, sugar, cocoa powder and coffee granules.
- While continuing to stir, slowly add the milk or soy milk until the batter is moist enough to hold together when shaped into balls.
- Using clean hands, roll the mixture into walnut-sized balls. (Use about 1 tablespoon of the chocolate mixture per ball.)
- Roll each ball into powdered sugar or topping of your choice such as, coconut flakes, sprinkles, or sanding sugar.
- Place on a plate, cover, and chill in the refrigerator until firm.

JNF Families

L'dor v'dor (from generation to generation)



What is JNF Families?

JNF Families is an exciting new program for young families in the Jewish community to connect with Israel, learn about the tradition of tzedakah, and have fun along the way. Between soccer lessons, day school, play dates and bedtime, it's hard to fit in a lesson on tzedakah, or make Israel seem interesting to your 8 or 12-year-old. Yet for many, connecting to your heritage is an important part of raising your family. How do you bring Israel into your home? Can tzedakah be fun?



Programming (Familiar & New!)

JNF Canada is already part of your family's life in many ways – through planting trees on Tu Bi'Shevat and inscriptions in the Sefer Haya'eled to collecting coins in the iconic Blue Box. We host picnics and school events, Shabbat dinners and trivia nights. Now we've packaged a new program that allows everyone in your family to build a connection to Israel in the ways that matter to you: tradition, tzedakah, and fun. You'll see some new national and local events, kid friendly activities, family-oriented missions to Israel, and our iconic blue box going digital!



Ottawa

JNF Ottawa launched the Families initiative in August 2021 with the inaugural Pre-Shabbat Picnic in the Park. This sold-out event brought families together for a fun evening of backyard games, music, and delicious food. It was a wonderful way to wrap up the summer and kick off this new initiative.

Following the launch, the team in Ottawa has been busy working on community partnerships to help bring JNF Families to the mainstream. Partnering with PJ Library and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, we held a very successful Yom Ha'atzmaut event celebrating all things Israel, including Israeli dancing, "touring" around the country and participating in different activities, earning stamps on their passport which they then redeemed for treats at our shuk. It was a wonderful event, and we are already looking forward to more opportunities to collaborate!



Toronto

On May 15th, JNF Toronto launched our Families program with our 1st annual Israel Celebration in honour of Yom Ha'atzmaut! The fun filled afternoon featured bouncy rides, JNF blue box decorating, Israeli music and dance led by Toronto's Shinshinim, a magician and one-man circus, an interactive Kibbutz station, as well a drum circle, snacks and more.

Our participants "toured Israel" with their own JNF made "passport" where they got to visit different Israeli cities and learn more about them. After visiting all the cities, the families got to redeem their passports for fun treats at our Shuk!



Builders Circle

In just 2 years, we have welcomed 119 Builders into the Builders Circle, raising \$4.8M for 42 impactful projects in Israel!

Join Builders Circle today and “Make Your Mark” in Israel forever.

Why Become a Builder?

One of JNF's longstanding goals is to foster a strong connection between Canadian Jewry and the land and people of Israel through tangible projects - like planting trees, building water reservoirs, parks and cycling trails.

The Builders Circle, JNF Canada's newest initiative, extends this mission by connecting donors - you, your family or a group of friends - with the projects that matter most to them. Donors support a cause close to their heart such as healthcare, education, the environment, a specific vulnerable population or location. With decades of deep relationships in Israel, only JNF has access to such a wide variety of trusted projects to choose from.

The Builders Circle is a wonderful opportunity to support a project that has real on-the-ground impact in Israel, and leave a legacy for you and your family. Join the Builders Circle and unite with other donors who are seeing their projects come to life, and Building Israel Together.



See how gardening plays a crucial role in addiction therapy.

“...With our strong connection to southern Israel - Be'er Sheva in particular - we chose a project that opens its heart and doors to Israel's diverse, multicultural population struggling with PTSD, anxiety, depression, and schizophrenia.”

- Justin & Yael Segal,



Vancouver

Project: The Hosen Drug Treatment Centre



See all our Builders Testimonial videos here:



SHELDON BARRIS

PROJECT: Resilience Centre

REGION: Southern

CATEGORY: Community Development

“

The support that I provide to Israel, I see it as a responsibility. I want Israel to keep thriving and keep growing. JNF tends to support projects where you can actually see the results of your work and that's rewarding.

”

- Sheldon Barris

“

The future of Israel is its children. When you can help somebody, and their children, become an integral part of society, that's a blessing.

”

- Ellen Goldstein



ELLEN GOLDSTEIN

PROJECT: Mother & Child Safe Rooms - Shabtai Levi Home

REGION: Haifa

CATEGORY: Youth-At-Risk



THE PRICE FAMILY

PROJECT: The Arthur (Ali) and Dawn (Cibi) Adam Memorial Garden at the Herzog Hospital

REGION: Jerusalem

CATEGORY: Healthcare

“

My parents were always giving, and tzedakah was very important for them. When my parents passed away, my brother and I wanted to honour them. JNF was wonderful in helping us find a project, steward it, and support our 3-generation trip to dedicate it.

”

- The Price Family

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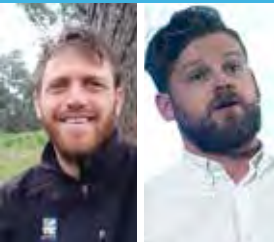
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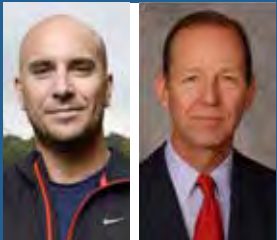
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2022 Negev Campaigns

Calgary

Honouree: Christian Friends of Israel

Project: Performing arts studio at the Clore Centre for Performing Arts

Date: May 1, 2022



Edmonton

Honouree: Robin and David Marcus

Project: Performing arts studio at the Clore Centre for Performing Arts

Date: August 18, 2022



Hamilton

Project: Playground and outdoor obstacle gym for the Ukrainian orphans at the Nes Harim Field and Forest Education Center

Date: August 25, 2022



London

Project: Playground and outdoor obstacle gym for the Ukrainian orphans at the Nes Harim Field and Forest Education Center

Date: August 17, 2022



Manitoba/Saskatchewan

Honouree: Gail Asper O.C., O.M., L.L.D, and Dr. Michael Paterson

Project: The Climate Solutions Prize

Date: June 2, 2022





Montreal

Honouree: Jeff Hart

Project: The Climate Solutions Prize

Date: June 28, 2022



Ottawa

Honouree: Ron Prehogan

Project: Alzheimer's Disease Research

Date: November 15, 2022



Pacific

Project: Immersive Testimony Room at Beit Haedut

Date: June - August, 2022



Toronto

Honouree: Rabbi Yitzchak Dovid Grossman

Project: The Mishpachton (Families' Residence) at Migdal Ohr

Date: November 13, 2022



Windsor

Honouree: Jim Crichton

Project: Performing arts studio at the Clore Centre for Performing Arts

Date: June 26, 2022



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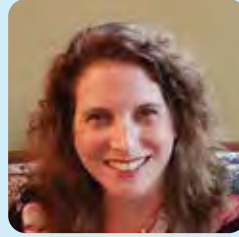
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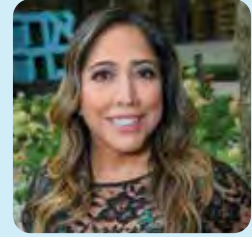
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Volunteer Spotlight

We're incredibly fortunate to have an outstanding group of volunteers supporting JNF Canada. Though we can't thank everyone by name, we extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who contributed to another successful year of supporting Israel. A few individuals went above and beyond, and we honour them with a spotlight.

David Loewith

David Loewith has been volunteering for JNF Hamilton for many years in many capacities. He serves on JNF Hamilton's Board of Directors and is a past President. David gets involved in every campaign, by canvassing donors and contributing to the campaign himself. Recently, David joined the JNF National Executive team, and is the chair of the Builder's Circle committee for JNF Regional Ontario. David, his wife, Bonnie, and family were Negev Dinner honourees in 1999. **We appreciate David's involvement more than he knows!**



Jack Novack

Jack is a long time JNF volunteer and supporter, representing the Atlantic region as a National Board Member for many years. Jack has fond memories of JNF, recalling the Blue Box and buying trees for Israel at Hebrew School. In addition to his long-time commitments to JNF, he is active in the wider Jewish community, at his synagogue; the Atlantic Jewish Council; State of Israel Bonds; and preparing monthly Shabbat meals for Jewish residents in a local nursing home. **Thank you, Jack!**



Jack Wolk ז"ל - Received The Dick & Joanne Rothberg Volunteer Recognition Award

After earning degrees in Horticulture and Anthropology, Jack Wolk went on to work at several archeological digs, commercial greenhouses and nurseries, eventually settling down at Rona Home Center on Panet Road. A summer spent on a Kibbutz in Israel solidified Jack's love of Israel and led to his volunteering with JNF Manitoba and Saskatchewan Region. We are forever grateful for the time that Jack spent with us. Jack will be missed by his mother Bella, his children Geoffry and Melissa and his brothers Shawn and Martin, and by the whole community. **Thank you for everything that you did Jack.**



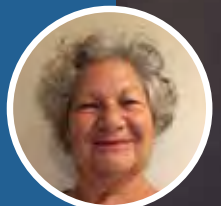
Jordan Waldman

Jordan has been a dedicated member of the JNF Toronto community for over a decade. Starting as a JNF Future volunteer, Jordan has since co-chaired the JNF Future Golf Tournament and the new JNF Families Committee. He goes above and beyond his role as a volunteer and is always happy to lend a hand wherever needed, at community events, delivering packages, and proudly shares his support for JNF with others. **Thank you, Jordan!**



Merle Haltrecht-Matte

Merle's connection to JNF Canada started when she was little. Her parents Sylvia and Arnold Haltrecht bought her trees in Israel, and she has continued this tradition for her own children and grandchildren. Today, Merle dedicates her time by canvassing for the Ottawa region's annual Tu Bi'Shevat campaign and volunteering at various community events. As a canvasser, Merle has raised thousands of dollars, and is always one of the first people to start making her donor calls. **Thank you, Merle!**



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JNF Calgary Honours

Phil Libin with Lifetime Achievement Award

Phil Libin has been a dedicated philanthropist his entire life. Some of Phil's earliest memories are volunteering by collecting iconic JNF blue boxes in his local Calgary community.

Phil has led a life of community leadership and philanthropy that was acknowledged by JNF Calgary with a lifetime achievement award thanking him for years of dedicated service as a past board member and 2001 Negev Dinner Honouree.

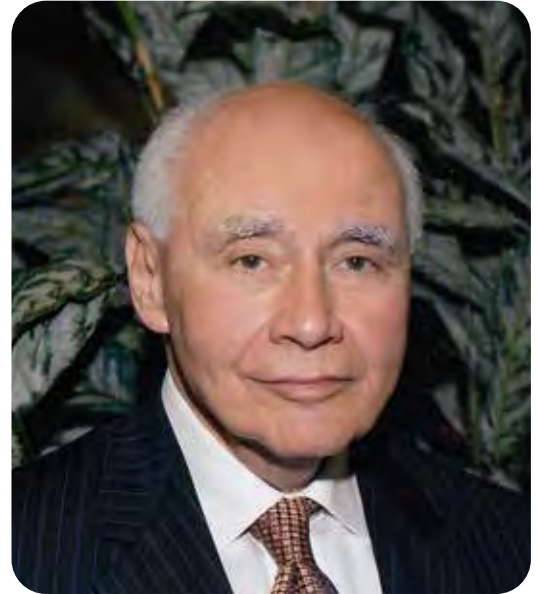
"We're here to honour Phil Libin, Uncle Phil, for his dedication to JNF," said Cheryl Gurevitch, JNF Calgary president and Phil and Harriet's niece. "You've been involved in JNF longer than I've been on this earth. You're a fixture in the community."

"You are an icon both of community service and philanthropy," said JNF Canada President, Beth Price. "You have made JNF Canada a kinder, a stronger and a better organization. We say that with much love and much pride."

Anyone who knows Phil also knows that he will continue to support JNF and the other Jewish and civic causes that have been near and dear to his heart throughout his lifelong commitment to community service.

"I truly believe you are torch bearers for the rest of us to follow. It's a standard that is held up high to those who will try to emulate what you have accomplished." Said JNF Calgary board member Dr. Jim Cohen.

JNF Calgary presented Phil with a beautiful plaque commemorating his lifetime achievements on behalf of the Jewish National Fund of Canada.



“ It was rewarding for me.... That’s what I think it is all about...doing something that you feel is worthwhile and important. I just hope that JNF goes from strength to strength, we will continue to support it as long as we are here. ”

- Phil Libin

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