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contributed
to the world**

**JNF's vision
and impact**

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building
community**

**Celebrating
lifelong JNF
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75 YEARS OF BUILDING ISRAEL



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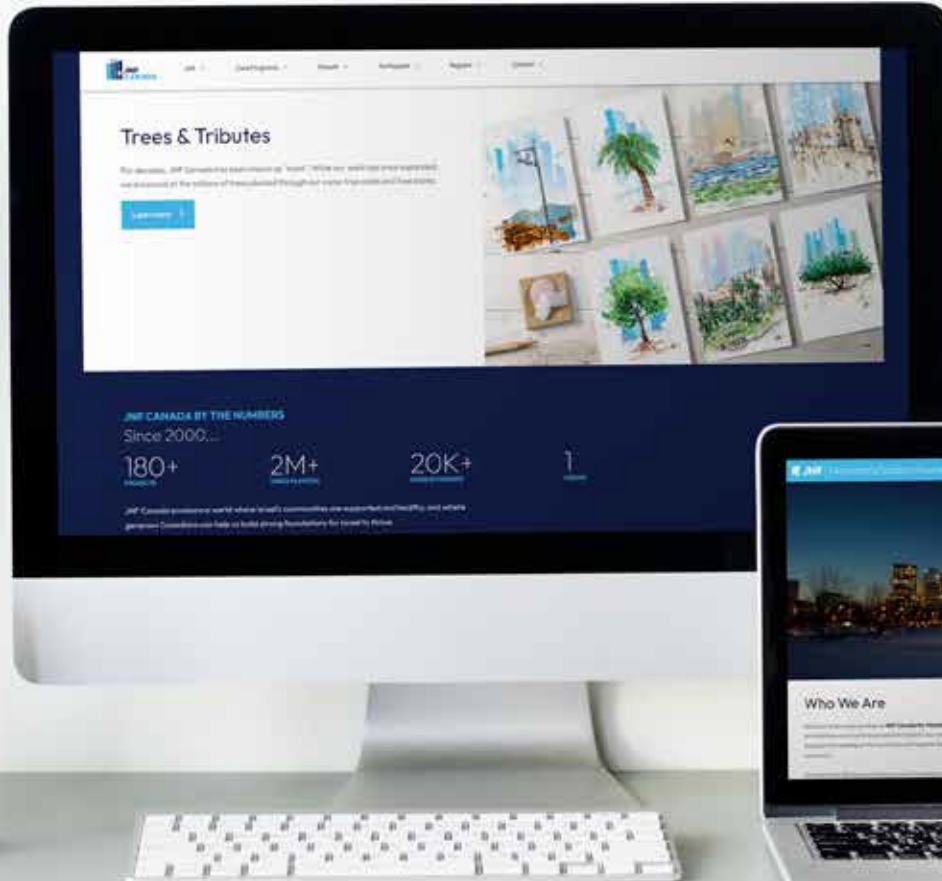
Do you know which region hosts an annual province-wide hockey championship? Or, what our JNF Families tagline “L’dor V’dor” means? Or, which region hosted Israeli celebrity Noa Tishby?

Find out at our new website!

In spring 2023, we launched a new website to better communicate all the meaningful work we do in Israel. While we’ve always been known for trees, we also support hundreds of important social infrastructure projects that improve the lives of Israelis across the country.

Each of us has a personal connection to the country and a dedication to seeing our brothers and sisters in Israel thrive in healthy, resilient communities. From fundraising to event planning, engaging with Jewish communities across Canada, or simply being your go-to resource to support Israel, JNF Canada is here for you.

Explore our new website and discover something new about JNF @ jnf.ca



A Letter From Our

National President & Chief Executive Officer



Nathan Disenhouse
National President



Lance Davis
Chief Executive Officer

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 how your support impacts the lives of Israel's citizens. Everything we do is guided by our core mission: we build the foundations for Israel's future. Thank you for being part of this journey which will have a lasting impact upon the land and people of Israel.

Israel is experiencing a heart wrenching moment in society due to recent government reforms. We feel for our extended family in Israel. As a non-partisan and non-political organization, JNF will always be there for the people of Israel. We will continue to develop the environmental and social service infrastructure that makes life easier, safer, more inclusive, and more welcoming. We will invest in keeping Israel green and beautiful and make our mark in the climate crisis through the Climate Solutions Prize. Regardless of the orientation of the Israeli government, left, right or centre, JNF will keep a keen eye on the needs of Israelis on the ground and will drive our mission forward with vigor and focus.

In June, we held elections at our annual general meeting and we are grateful to everyone who is serving as a JNF Canada Director, and we extend our gratitude to those who have capably served for many years and have stepped off the board. You will see them featured in this edition of ROOTS. A Yasher Koach and heartfelt Todah Rabbah to our past president, Beth Price. She led JNF Canada through the pandemic and thanks to her leadership we are well positioned to achieve new great heights. Volunteers are the lifeblood of JNF Canada and if you are interested in volunteering, please email us at national@jnf.ca

With the High Holidays fast approaching, it is a natural time to reflect upon the past and consider the future. With this edition of ROOTS, we celebrate the past year and what JNF Canada has brought to fruition, together with thousands of supporters from coast to coast. 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!**





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Jewish National Fund of Canada: Uniting Vision and Impact for Israel at 75

With a rich history spanning over a century, JNF Canada has played a vital role in the realization of Israel's vision, channeling the collective aspirations of Jewish Canadians into meaningful actions. Together we have helped transform the land of Israel and will continue this work for a better and stronger future.



Do You Know JNF Canada History?



1901 - KKL is established in Israel

1901-1940 - Acquisition of land for Jewish settlement

1948-1970 - Massive forestry efforts are undertaken to green the country and provide employment

1968 - JNF Canada is established as an independent Canadian charity

1970-1980 - Water crisis expands focus to water management, mainly through reservoirs

1990-2010 - Building green spaces and outdoor amenities for Israeli communities

2010-2023 - Serving the changing needs of Israel and its people, focusing on the environmental and social infrastructure



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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 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 bricks and mortar, they are about people.

- Lance Davis, CEO JNF Canada

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Archival poster pre-1948:



Pre-1948: Planting the Seeds Together

The predecessor organization to JNF Canada emerged to connect Diaspora Jews with their ancestral homeland, driven by Theodore Herzl's vision. Together, global Jewish communities, including Canada, fundraised to transform barren lands into thriving forests and fields in Israel. This became a refuge for Jewish immigrants fleeing persecution in Eastern Europe.

After 1948: Building the Nation in Parallel with Israel's Growth and Development

Following Israel's independence, JNF Canada initiated impactful projects enhancing the nation's environment and social services. Through the Blue Box and other campaigns, people of all ages were motivated to donate spare change, showcasing the strength of collective efforts. The Negev Campaign and Dinner/Gala became a pivotal annual fundraiser, backing tree planting, reservoir construction, green spaces, bike trails, agricultural technology, and more.

A Vision for Sustainability

JNF Canada champions holistic sustainability, supporting leading projects in water conservations, ecology, and innovative agriculture. Using cutting-edge technology, we turned arid areas into thriving landscapes, promoting self-sufficiency and economic growth. Our Climate Solutions Prize, one of our most recent core programs, funds pioneering research to tackle the global climate crisis.

Empowering Communities as Israel Celebrates its 75th Anniversary

JNF Canada envisions an inclusive, supportive, welcoming, secure, and green Israel. We collaborate with diverse Israeli organizations, supporting the environment, education, youth, and community empowerment. Through these partnerships, we uplift vulnerable communities and enrich lives across Israel.

Connecting Hearts and Minds

JNF Canada nurtures the Canada-Israel bond through land and people connections. Via JNF Families, JNF Future, and JNF Education, we offer immersive experiences that build lasting ties. The Builders Circle empowers Canadians to make a meaningful impact in Israel. Donors through JNF Canada profoundly transform lives, fostering connectivity and shared purpose, strengthening ties to Israel.

Vision and Impact for Israel at 75

On Israel's 75th anniversary, JNF Canada remains a steadfast partner, shaping its future and leaving a lasting impact. We pave the path for a brighter, prosperous journey, solidifying our unwavering commitment to support the people of Israel.

Celebrating Israel @ 75 with 75 Remarkable Contributions to the World

Discover

Discover the remarkable impact of Israel on the global stage. From groundbreaking technological innovations to advancements in medical research, Israel has left an indelible mark on the world. As the Start-Up nation, it has revolutionized industries with its entrepreneurial spirit and cutting-edge inventions. Israel's humanitarian efforts extend far and wide, providing aid and expertise in times of crisis. Its vibrant culture, rich history, and diverse heritage have captivated hearts worldwide. Join us as we celebrate Israel's countless contributions that continue to shape the world for the better.

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Medical & Scientific Research

01. Discovery of the Aharonov-Bohm effect

A fundamental principle behind the interaction of an electron wave with electromagnetic fields.

02. Azilect (rasagiline)

A medication used for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

03. BioProtect

A bioabsorbable radiation shield that protects healthy tissues during radiation therapy.

04. BrainGate

Creates and tests devices that allow people with spinal cord injury, brainstem stroke, and ALS to control a computer cursor simply by thinking about the movement of their own paralyzed hand and arm.

05. Brain Network Analytics technology

An objective assessment of cognition (brain function) to help manage mental illnesses and cognitive disorders.

06. Copalia (amlodipine + valsartan)

A combination medication used for the treatment of hypertension.

07. Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)

A widely used medication for the treatment of multiple sclerosis.



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08. CoreBone

A natural alternative to current synthetic, bovine, and human derived bone grafts.

09. Doxil (liposomal doxorubicin)

A chemotherapy medication used for treating various types of cancer, including ovarian and breast cancer. It utilizes liposome technology pioneered by Hebrew University researchers.

10. EarlySense

A contact-free monitoring systems for detecting early signs of patient deterioration for hospitals and healthcare settings.

11. Emergency Bandage

Also known as the Israeli bandage, this specially designed, first-aid device is used to stop bleeding from hemorrhagic wounds caused by traumatic injuries in pre-hospital emergency situations.

12. ENvue

A feeding tube placement system with advanced methods of navigation for accurate enteral tube placement.

13. Exelon (rivastigmine)

A medical drug that's used for the treatment of mild to moderate dementia associated with Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease.

14. Flexible Stent

Also known as the NIR Stent or EluNIR.

15. Guide In Medical

A new groundbreaking non-invasive guided intubation device.

16. IceCure Medical

A minimally invasive cryoablation technology that destroys tumors by freezing as an alternative to surgical tumor removal.

17. Insightec Technology

A non-invasive focused ultrasound technology for precise surgical procedures with no incisions, and little to no risk of infection.

18. IsraAID

An Israeli organization whose mission is to support people affected by humanitarian crisis. From earthquakes and hurricanes to epidemics and forced displacement, IsraAID has been at the forefront of responding to major humanitarian crises worldwide.

19. Nanose Medical

A non-invasive and affordable breathalyzer test for screening, diagnosing, and monitoring a variety of disease and medical conditions.

20. Opsumit (macitentan)

A medication used for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension.

21. PerfAction Technologies

An advanced drug delivery systems for precise medication dosing.

22. PillCam

A small camera capsule that can be swallowed and captures images of the digestive tract, aiding in medical diagnosis.

23. ReWalk

A groundbreaking exoskeleton that enables individuals with spinal cord injuries to walk again.

24. Sambucol

An over-the-counter elderberry-based anti-influenza syrup.

25. Sensipar (cinacalcet)

A medication used for the treatment of hyperparathyroidism and hypercalcemia in patients with parathyroid carcinoma.

26. SightDx

A portable system for detecting malaria and other blood-related diseases.

27. SniffPhone

A compact handheld device that measures exhaled breath for early diagnosis of cancer.

28. SpineAssist

The first commercially available mechanical guidance system for spine surgery.

29. Talzenna (talazoparib)

A PARP inhibitor used for the treatment of certain types of breast cancer.

30. Telesofia Medical

A patient engagement platform intended to improve clinical outcomes using personalized educational videos.

31. Treanda (bendamustine)

A chemotherapy medication used for the treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukemia and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



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Arts & Culture

32. Krav Maga

An Israeli martial art derived from a combination of techniques used in aikido, judo, karate, boxing, and wrestling and known for its focus on real-world situations and its extreme efficiency.

33. Netta Barzilai

An Israeli singer-songwriter who won the 2018 Eurovision Song Contest for Israel. Her winning song "Toy" went on to top charts across Europe, the UK and the US.

34. Shmuel Yosef Agnon

An Israeli novelist, poet, and short-story writer known for his characteristic narratives of life of the Jewish people. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1966.

Agriculture & Water Management

35. BioBee

Produces and implements beneficial macro-organisms in agriculture for natural pollination and biological pest control.

36. Desalination

A groundbreaking desalination process commercialized by IDE Technologies, that froze water to separate the salt, then melted the ice. Over time, other methods like reverse osmosis became more commonly used in IDE's plants and others across the world. IDE has supplied commercial water treatment plants not only to Israel and the U.S., but to 40 countries.

37. GFA (Grow Fish Anywhere) Advanced Systems

The most efficient fish growing system with no pollution where fish can be raised on land anywhere in the world, without having to exchange water or treat it chemically.

38. Netafim

Modern drip irrigation techniques, conserving water resources and revolutionizing agricultural practices worldwide.

39. Reforestation

Israel is one of only two countries in the world that began the 21st century with more trees than it had in the previous century. Since it was established in 1901, the JNF has planted more than 240 million trees all over the country.

40. Soil Solarization

A method of pest control that involves heating the soil by solar radiation.

41. Steakholder Foods

Using advanced biology and proprietary 3D bioprinting technology, they are developing real meat, from ethically harvested cells, that are delicious, nutritious, safe, and consistent.

42. Tomaccio Cherry Tomatoes

A smaller and sweeter variety of shelf-stable tomatoes, which has become a staple in kitchens worldwide.

43. Water Recycling

Israel is the #1 country in the world for water recycling and recycles more than 75% of its wastewater and sewage.

44. Watergen

Creates high quality drinking water out of air for people everywhere.

Renewable Energy

45. 3G Solar

Developed the first commercial-size solar energy system that uses coloured dyes rather than the more expensive silicon and can also function in sunless conditions.

46. AORA's Solar-Power Generation Solution

The world's first gas turbine solar thermal power station that allows uninterrupted, green power 24 hours a day to grid-based and off-grid locations.

47. Dud Shemesh

Solar water heater comprising a solar panel and a hot water tank.

48. Leviathan Energy's Wind Tulip

A cost-effective, silent, vibration-free wind turbine designed as an aesthetic environmental sculpture, producing clean energy at high efficiency from any direction.

49. Pythagoras Solar's Photovoltaic Glass Units

The world's first solar windows.

50. SolarEdge

Solar power optimization technology



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Technology & Innovation

51. Babylon

A single-click computer translation, dictionary and information source utility program.

52. Car Phone

World's first car phone was invented at the Motorola headquarters in Tel Aviv.

53. Comverse

The first voicemail system that combined voice, fax, and calling functions into a single system.

54. Disk on Key

The world's first USB drive.

55. DNA computing machine system

World's smallest and uses its input DNA molecule as its sole source of energy.

56. Drones

The first fixed and rotary-wing unmanned aircraft was invented in Israel which paved the way for more advanced drone technology.

57. FaceID

Apple's facial recognition software is based on technology created by Israeli companies PrimeSense and RealFace.

58. Firewall

The software that protects our data from dangerous cyber activity.

59. Fiverr

The world's largest freelance services marketplace.

60. ICQ

The first global instant messaging software.

61. Iron Dome

A highly advanced missile defense system that detects and intercepts incoming rockets, protecting civilians from harm.

62. Intel 8088

Microprocessor developed by Intel's Israeli team in Haifa that powered the first PC built by IBM and kickstarted the PC revolution. Almost all the world's PCs are built around CPUs that can claim the 8088 as an ancestor.

63. Laser Keyboard

Virtual keyboard projected onto a wall or table.

64. Medigus

World's smallest video camera – a camera with a 0.99 mm (0.039 in) diameter, designed to fit in a tiny endoscope but is also used by NASA for their unmanned spaceship repair robots.

65. MobileEye

A single, inexpensive sensor, the camera, that revolutionized driver-assist and is used in over 100 million vehicles.

66. Nanowire

A conductive wire made of a string of tiny particles of silver, a thousand times thinner than a human hair.

67. OrCam MyEye

A portable, artificial vision device that allows the visually impaired to understand text and identify objects through audio feedback.

68. Quicktionary Electronic Dictionary

A pen-sized scanner that can scan words or phrases and immediately translate them into other languages.

69. Smartphone dual lens technology

Telephoto lens design, optical zoom, and a method for intelligently fusing images from the wide-angle and telephoto lenses to improve image quality.

70. TDMoIP

In telecommunications, the emulation of time-division multiplexing over a packet-switched network.

71. Thunderbolt

A widely used interface technology that connects external peripherals to a computer.

72. TransChip

Made taking pictures with cell phones possible by developing the first high-resolution camera to fit on a single electronic chip for use in cell phones.

73. USB flash drive

A flash memory data storage device integrated with a USB interface.

74. Voice Over Networks

The technology that enabled the creation of VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol).

75. Waze

Provides real-time traffic information to more than 150 million users.



Get to Know Our Impact

Did you know... every year, we start or complete between 10-20 unique projects in eight main Areas of Impact. In this section, hear from some of our active and recently completed projects and the impact they have for communities across Israel.



The Hadar School
for Special Needs
Students in Sderot



1. Community Development projects build up public spaces like parks & playgrounds, community centers and security shelter which provide services, after-school care, recreational activities, business training for women, mental health support, and security.



5. Senior Support for our aging population is often forgotten and underfunded. We believe Israel's elderly deserve to live their golden years with dignity and care. This includes expanding facilities at senior care centres.



2. Education is key to breaking cycles of poverty and is a critical long-term investment towards stronger communities. We fundraise for expanding schools to accommodate increasing demand: after-school spaces for tutoring and support, and rooms in museums & exhibits.



6. Special Needs services are rapidly increasing in demand, as society better understands people with cognitive and physical special needs. We have supported homes, specialized therapy rooms, and educational facilities that provide customized care for people with special needs.



3. Environment projects include forestry efforts like planting or rehabilitating forests, responding to wildfires, and outdoor education like nature camps for students. We've also laid thousands of kms of cycling trails and other recreational infrastructure to promote outdoor activities.



7. Sport, Arts & Music help children and adults discover their talents and reach their potential. These activities are often paired with therapy, education, or community development to create culturally vibrant and diverse communities.



4. Healthcare is especially hard to access for periphery communities who are far from major cities. We fund life-saving healthcare facilities that provide services like: heart surgery for children, trauma & PTSD therapy, cancer treatment, and drug and addiction recovery.



8. Youth at Risk in underserved communities have a higher chance of ending up in dangerous or criminal activities. Facilities that offer extra support, attention, mentors and structure can stop recurring cycles of poverty and redirect kids to education, meaningful employment and healthier, happier.

Education in the Sderot Region

Youth at Risk in underserved communities have a higher chance of ending up in dangerous or criminal activities. Programs and spaces that offer extra support, attention, mentors and structure can stop recurring cycles of poverty and redirect kids to education, meaningful employment and healthier, happier futures.



Bervin JNF Canada House

The 'Bervin House', a flagship JNF Canada project, will be an academic centre for high school students in Sderot, with a mission to provide the educational advantages typically found in larger, better-resourced cities. State-of-the-art technology, professional instructors, and qualified madrichim (guidance counsellors) will give students social mobility, job opportunities and prosperity. The Bervin House will be a key institution for Sderot's next generation of leaders.



Tennis & Education Centre for Sderot and Gaza Envelope

Israeli Tennis and Education Centres teach children so much more than just tennis. ITEC runs many programs, with diverse focuses like integrating children from diverse backgrounds (religious, ethnic, socio-economic), empowerment programs for girls, welcoming newcomers, special needs classes, and more. Tennis brings the children to the centre and the education programs offered ensure that they have a bright future ahead.

JNF Toronto Region
fundraised for this project.

“ I fell in love with the place;
I decided to not leave Sderot
without doing something to
support this special community. ”

- Kevin Green,
2015 Toronto Negev Honouree and
JNF Canada Board Member





School for Children with Special Needs

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The Hadar School provides education and care for children with special needs in the Gaza area. The school welcomes children with autism and other physical and cognitive disabilities. It also relieves the burden on parents as primary caregivers, so they can maintain a regular income, and support other family members. The Hadar School operates 5 days a week, serves 3 meals a day and provides before and after-school care. It currently can accommodate 38 students but with JNF Canada's funding, the current renovation will more than double the Hadar school's capacity, to serve more than 80 students.

JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan Region supported this project for their 2023 Negev Gala.



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These parents are grateful to be able to access the right educational programs for their child's needs, right in their own community. The Hadar School will be the first of its kind in the whole region of the Gaza Envelope.

- David Greaves,
JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan
Executive Director

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Sheltered Education Room

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During times of escalation, schools are often forced to close. This interrupts crucial childhood development, stops regular social interaction, and leaves children and parents isolated at home (sometimes for days). An attack-proof education room allows them to remain active and engaged during a school shutdown. This also provides parents with time to 'pick up the pieces' before welcoming their children back home.

JNF Edmonton Region fundraised for this project for their 2023 Negev Gala.

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These sheltered educational rooms help us keep a routine, which is very important for our kids. To have support, someone who helps us... it gives us the strength to continue to build and for that we are very thankful.

- Yael Beit Halahmi,
community member in nearby B'nei Netzarim

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Help Us Cross the Fundraising Finish Line

JNF Canada fundraises across Canada to support much needed social infrastructure that will house services for Israelis across the country. These projects are almost fully-funded, but need just a little more support to get across the finish line. Help us fund these projects and start construction! Scan the QR code below to go to the donation form.

Therapeutic Horse Farm for Children with Special Needs

Founded by four mothers of adults with special needs, the Carmel Therapeutic Horse Farm in Meir Shfeya Youth Village near Haifa will serve hundreds of children and youth who face emotional problems, anxiety, social difficulties, and PTSD. Therapeutic riding is a widely successful form of therapy, particularly for children. The horse farm will also employ adults with special needs. Funds raised by JNF will go towards the building of the overall farm, stables, and covered areas to ride in all weather conditions.

JNF Pacific Region fundraised for this project for their 2023 Negev Gala.



Donate today!



Dental Clinic for Patients with Special Needs

JNF Canada is proud to have taken the lead in renovating this dental clinic in order to meet the special needs of patients. A disproportionately high number of people in this population suffer from chronic dental disease, severe gum problems, and increased pain and suffering. In many cases, they resist going to the dentist altogether and never get treatment. The “Peh Bari” (meaning “Healthy Mouth”) Dental Clinic provides specially trained staff, personal treatment plans, and calming techniques to help relieve anxieties in the patients it proudly serves. The clinic serves around 220 special needs patients annually.

JNF London Region fundraised for this project for their 2023 Negev Gala.

Donate today!





Planned Giving

For many Canadians, the biggest tax bill of your life may be in the year of death. That's because on the date of death, you are deemed to dispose of all your capital property at fair market value, which could give rise to capital gains tax. Such assets include your real estate (other than your principal residence, which will be tax-free), as well as any financial assets you own, such as stocks, bonds, or other securities.

In addition, if you die with a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF), the entire fair market value will be included in your income for your final year (absent a qualifying roll-over to a spouse, partner or qualifying dependent). For example, if you're an Ontario or British Columbia resident, that means your RRSP or RRIF could be taxed at rates approaching 53.5%, depending on the amount of income in the year of death and the fair market value or your plan.

Fortunately, if you have a philanthropic intent, strategic planned giving can potentially eliminate the tax payable on the deemed disposition of your non-registered assets that go to charity, as well as on gifts of your RRSP or RRIF.

For non-registered accounts, if you have appreciated securities, consider gifting those to charity upon death. Not only will your estate get a donation receipt for the fair market value of those securities, under a special tax rule for "in-kind" donations of appreciated securities, there won't be any capital gains tax owing on the gifted shares.

You may also consider gifting some (or all) of your RRSP to RRIF to charity. While the FMV of your RRSP or RRIF will be taxable in the year of death, you will get an offset-

ting donation receipt for the same amount allowing you to potentially eliminate the entire tax associated with the deemed income inclusion of your RRSP or RRIF.

As with all planned giving, be sure to consult with your tax advisor and lawyer to ensure the above strategies make sense in the context of your entire estate plan.



Jamie Golombek

CPA, CA, CFP, CLU, TEP
Managing Director, Tax & Estate Planning,
CIBC Private Wealth

Plan now to save taxes later

Let's consider David, who owns \$100,000 of bank stock which he bought decades ago for \$40,000. He also had \$250,000 remaining in his RRIF. Without any planning, his tax bill for the year of death would be approximately \$15,000 of capital gains tax on the bank stock and up to \$134,000 of tax on the RRIF, depending on his other income in the year of death.

If David decides to leave the \$100,000 bank stock to charity in his will, he will save the \$15,000 in capital gains tax upon death, and get a donation receipt for \$100,000 which can save him approximately \$50,000 in tax when applied against the tax owing on the RRIF.

The charity gets \$100,000 and the estate has saved \$65,000 in tax.

Israel Festival and Gala



In Oct 2022, at the first annual Climate Solutions Prize Festival & Awards Gala, JNF Canada awarded over \$1 million USD to 3 breakthrough research solutions in Israel. These solutions were evaluated to have significant potential, in their respective fields, to address our climate crisis and provide promising, scalable solutions.

Israel Breakthrough Research Prize Winners



Avner Rothschild | Technion Institute of Technology

Green Hydrogen Production at Scale

About 95% of all hydrogen is produced from natural gas, a fossil fuel. As a result, global hydrogen production is responsible for emitting around 830 million tonnes of CO2 per year (equivalent to the total emissions for the UK and Indonesia combined). Professor Avner Rothschild's team has developed a way to produce "green hydrogen" - a process that uses renewable power such as solar or wind to create hydrogen that emits no CO2. This solution means that green hydrogen could scale up to supply almost 25% of the world's hydrogen by 2050.



Dr. Malachi Noked | Bar Ilan University

Sodium Ion Batteries

Renewable energy sources such as wind and solar are strong enough to power our planet, but the barrier lies in how to store this energy long-term, so it can be used at a steady pace. Dr. Noked's development of sodium ion batteries offers a more environmentally friendly storage system for large-scale global use.



Itzhak Mizrahi | Ben Gurion University

Methane reduction in cows

It's well-known that cows produce a lot of methane, a gas that is 28 times stronger than CO2. Professor Mizrahi and team have been studying cow microbiome for over 11 years, on a platform they developed uniquely for this research. Using modeling, genomics, metabolomics and other fields of research, they are on track to validate a scalable and long-term solution to reducing methane emissions from cows, and revolutionize animal agriculture.



Quebec Festival

A Win for the Planet, for the Ecosystem, and for JNF Canada!

The first Quebec Climate Solutions Festival (May 23-24) was an incredible success! With over 800 participants, the festival brought together hundreds of innovators, investors, startups, academics, government officials and renowned speakers including Stephen Bronfman, Dax Dasilva, Danièle Henkel, Frédéric Lalonde and many more at the Grand Quai du Port de Montréal. The Quebec CSP awarded over \$290,000 in prizes to Quebec's best and brightest innovators.



Quebec Breakthrough Research Prize Winners



1st Place:
Philip Raphals & Prof. Charles Kiyanda
Concordia University

Solution: NovoPower Waste Heat Systems recycles heat waste (high amounts of heat expelled into the atmosphere) from data centres (where cloud data is stored) into electricity that in turn powers the data centre itself or nearby heating systems. This circular system reduces the need for heating and cooling, water use and greenhouse gas emissions.



2nd Place:
Dr. Soodeh Abedini & Dr. Maria Elektorowicz
Concordia University

Solution: The team has developed a device that fits into the ventilation system of cattle barns. Strong gases from the cows travel into the exhaust system, and are converted into electricity, and stored. The cells are then used as a power source for the facility in closed loop of perpetually renewable energy. This technology can be scaled to wastewater treatment facilities, landfills and refineries and countless other emissions-heavy industries.

Upcoming: CSP Festival (November 2023)

The 2nd edition of the Climate Solutions Festival will bring together global attendees and leading Israelis for inspiring conferences, panel discussions, workshops, and roundtables. The Climate Solutions Tour brings global leaders to connect with their Israeli counterparts and get exposed to the power of the Startup Nation.

For More Information about CSP Festival:



Upcoming: CSP attends COP 28 in Dubai (December 2023)

The 2023 UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) will host Heads of State, world leaders, the EU, 198 countries, and thousands of non-government organizations, companies, youth groups, and other stakeholders, to build consensus and facilitate progress on climate action. CSP will be participating with a delegation and host speakers, panels, rounds tables and a networking cocktail reception.

For More Information about COP:



Canadians in Israel



Sylvan Adams represents the Diaspora at Yom Ha'Atzmaut Ceremony

Sylvan Adams, the 2016 JNF Montreal Negev Honouree, was honoured with lighting one of the twelve torches at this year's Independence Day Ceremony on Mount Herzl in Israel. He was the first Canadian to represent the Jews of the Diaspora at this prestigious event.

“ As an immigrant, I chose to live here, in the homeland of the Jewish People. The homeland that belongs to all of us, Israelis and diaspora Jews. I am proud to represent tonight the diaspora, as we are one People, AM ISRAEL CHAI. I'm proud to be an Israeli. And to the glory of the State of Israel.

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Anna Kos

Anna has been working for JNF for over 9 years, and recently celebrated her 5-year anniversary of making Aliyah.

“ JNF really played a huge role in my decision to make Aliyah. Seeing the projects and the people showed me how truly amazing this country is. The sense of togetherness and helping others is not just the Israeli spirit, but the foundation of who we are as a Jewish nation.

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Canadians in Israel Party

To celebrate Israel@75, JNF Canada hosted a celebration bringing together 75 Canadians currently living in Israel with participants on the Dubai-Israel Mission. We came together to enjoy Israeli culture through a dance performance by the Vertigo Special Needs Village, music from the students at the Clore Centre, and a choral performance from a choir comprised of music students with special needs.

The Kimel Family | visit the Ben Shemen Forest

In April, as part of a multi-generational trip to Israel, the Kimel family of Toronto participated in a tree planting ceremony at the Ben Shemen Forest. The Ben Shemen Forest - "the green lung of central Israel" - offers hiking & bicycle paths, picnic areas, archaeological sites, and incredible wildflowers. It's beautiful to see generations of families experiencing and building Israel together - a true demonstration of our JNF Families tagline L'dor V'dor (from generation to generation).



Mike and Lisa Averbach visit The Carmel Farm

Mike and Lisa Averbach have been long-time leaders in the Vancouver Jewish community. Together, they co-chaired Vancouver's 2023 Negev which fundraised for a JNF Canada project at the Carmel Farm, a therapeutic horse farm in Meir Shfeya Youth Village. "As parents of a son who is on the Autism spectrum, we have personally seen the life changing effect that horse therapy can bring to a child". Mike and Lisa took time out of their trip to Israel to visit the Carmel Farm and witness how Canada's community, via JNF, are improving the lives of people with special needs in Israel.

Michael and Ellie Silver visit Beit Haedut Holocaust Museum

Michael and Ellie Silver, along with Michael's brothers Norman and Shane and their wives, Heather and Mara, were moved to support a replica model of a barrack at Beit Haedut, in memory of their late uncle Arnold Freeman z"l, a Holocaust survivor. Arnold, also a past Negev Dinner honouree, was a role model in the Jewish community and was a strong supporter of Holocaust education. Last October on the leadership mission, Michael and Ellie had the opportunity to share their touching motivation for doing this in Arnold's memory. Michael and Ellie have committed to completing 10 projects (a new project every three years) over the next 30 years. Michael Silver is the current President of JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan.



Missions

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Mission August 21 - 31, 2022

Last summer, families from across Canada traveled to Israel with JNF for a fun-filled family-oriented tour. Each family celebrated a special mitzvah with their child in an intimate ceremony on Masada and made special connections with the other families in the group. They also visited the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi, Old Jaffa, Haifa, Safed, Jerusalem, the Stephen Harper Visitor and Education Centre at the Hula Valley, the Peres Centre for Innovation, and more.





Dubai/Israel Mission

August 21 - 31, 2022

Kicking things off in Dubai, our mission-goers spent five days exploring the city and taking in its vibrant culture. Highlights of their time there included meeting the Israeli Ambassador to the UAE, Amir Hayek, visiting the stunning Grand Sheik Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi, meeting Ross Kriel, President of the Jewish Council of the Emirates, venturing on a thrilling desert safari ride, and touring the newly built Abrahamic Family House, which houses a synagogue, mosque, and church.

The second half of their trip began in Tel Aviv with a visit to the Peres Centre for Peace and Innovation and one of

our JNF projects at Jaffa Daled. Special guest Yoav Limor, veteran military correspondent and host of the morning show on Channel 12, joined the group for a beautiful Shabbat Dinner on Friday night. Other highlights of the trip to Israel include planting trees, a VIP visit to the Hula Valley and Stephen Harper Visitor and Education Centre, Israel @ 75 celebration in Jerusalem, VIP visit and tour of the new Gateway to Jerusalem Visitor & Education Centre, and a visit to Sderot to see some of JNF's projects there and enjoyed lunch with Mayor Alon Davidi. The Mission concluded with a farewell dinner at the Israel Museum with special guest, David Horovitz, Editor-in-Chief of the Times of Israel.



Builders Circle

JNF Canada is connecting Canadians with personal projects in Israel

Support a JNF project with your family or friends, and 'Make Your Mark' in Israel while having an immeasurable impact on the people and the land. In just two years, 119 donors have joined the Builders Circle, giving over \$7M to 40+ projects.



Builders Spotlight

Thanks to the generous contribution made by The Dianne & Irving Kipnes Foundation, two JNF Canada Women's Empowerment Centers in Israel will be fully funded. These centers, strategically located in Lod and Yerucham, hold the promise of fortifying women's economic and social resilience, fostering professional networks for employment and empowerment, and assisting women seeking independence from destructive relationships. The impact of the Dianne & Irving Kipnes Foundation's dedication to improving the lives of countless individuals is truly commendable, and we express our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable support.



“ Supporting Israel is central to our lives. We wanted to support an accessible playground. For years, I worked with children with mobility challenges and will always remember the excitement when they could play with their peers using their walkers and wheelchairs. ”



- Frayda Raber &
Charlie Wiseman, Ottawa
Project: Accessible
Playground



What is the Builders Circle?

For decades, JNF has cared for Israel and has built the foundations of Israel's social infrastructure, benefiting all Israelis, but particularly those in poor and vulnerable communities.

The Builders Circle extends this mission by connecting donors – you, your family, or a group of friends – with the projects that matter most to them. Support a cause close to your heart such as health-care, 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 from which to choose.



What does it mean to Make your Mark in Israel?

Your name, your family name, or your parents' names will be honoured at the project you choose for generations. Imagine the excitement of visiting your project on trips to Israel, meeting the people who will benefit daily. Imagine proudly showing your children and grandchildren what you did to support the land of Israel.



Discover our wide variety of projects, waiting for your support



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HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

Support the renovation of ELEM's Shelter in Jerusalem and help teen boys recover from abuse and rebuild their lives.

Sadly, Yaniv has experienced years of abuse. He ran away from home when life on the street seemed safer. This is a decision that no teen should have to make.

Shockingly, almost half of Israeli children have experienced abuse and neglect. Only a small percentage will receive treatment. This is where ELEM enters into action, saving Yaniv and others from the dangers of living on the street. Thousands of ELEM's volunteers scout the streets in search of the wandering teens. One volunteer approached Yaniv and gained his trust, encouraging him to speak with someone at the shelter. Since then, he's received all the support he needs - group therapy, mentorship, legal advice, and tutoring to get his education back on track. Without ELEM, boys on the street have little chance of recovery.

With your generosity, this year's High Holiday Campaign will help fund the renovation of a shelter in Jerusalem where abused teens like Yaniv try to be themselves again.

The current facility is terribly delapidated. With your help, JNF can ensure that there is a warm and comfortable shelter to serve as a home for these teens. These boys had so much taken away from them, let's give them something beautiful. It is our responsibility to care for our extended family in Israel and ensure that nobody is left behind.

Please join us in our High Holiday Campaign as your gift will give help and hope to Yaniv and other boys to rebuild their self-esteem and trust.

**To make a donation please visit
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or contact us 1.866.775.1563
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- Ori, ELEM Program Leader



JNF Future

JNF Future is the next generation, engaging individuals between 25 and 40 through meaningful programming and events, missions to Israel and forums with young Jewish leaders.

Across the country, we are connecting on topics that matter most to the young Jewish community.

New Future chapters launch in Windsor and London!

Defenders of Israel Movie Night, JNF Windsor:



Countering anti-Israel propaganda remains a shared challenge for young Jewish adults. On March 21st, JNF Future Windsor hosted a screening event for "The Future of Israel and its Defenders," a documentary produced by the Abraham Global Peace Initiative. The documentary showcased prominent pro-Israel activists including Avi Mayer, Noa Tishby, and David Friedman, and enhanced participants' understanding of and ability to combat anti-Israel sentiments.

How do we Talk about Israel Wine and Cheese, JNF London:



JNF Future London presented an evening with wine, cheese, and engaging discussions surrounding pertinent issues in Israel today. The event was graciously hosted by Rachelle Frydman, a dedicated member of the JNF London board, along with her husband William. CIJA representative Scott Goldstein delivered a compelling presentation that addressed challenges faced by the emerging Jewish generation. His insights empowered the young attendees with a heightened understanding and renewed confidence in effectively countering contemporary discrimination against both the Jewish people and Israel. The event marked the start of a promising JNF Future presence in London.

JNF Future Toronto

More than a decade of bringing the next generation of Future supporters together.

- Jan 2023 - **Meet and Greet** for new and old Future members to get together, for conversation and new program ideas.
- Feb 2023 - **Women Who Slay!** was a speaker series highlighting women in business, featuring panelists Alanna Fleischer, Aliza Devenyi, Kim Smiley, Marnie & Rena Schwartz, and moderator, Alana Kayfetz. The panel celebrated women who are crafting their own careers in unique and successful ways.
- May 2023 - **Zionism from Herzl to Today**, hosted by David Matlow, was a private event exploring topics around Zionism and included a tour of David's outstanding collection of Herzl memorabilia.
- June 2023 - **Tel Aviv Nights**...The music was pumping, the fire was flaming, and the people were dancing at this fun night out in Toronto.
- Aug 2023 - JNF Future Toronto hosted their 6th annual **Driving to the Future Golf Tournament**, a popular golf fundraiser event on the Jewish social calendar!



JNF Future Quebec

TECH SHUK

November 2, 2023

Through a high-stakes competition, top entrepreneurs and start-ups present their best ideas and concepts to a panel of esteemed judges, known as "Lions". This could be the opportunity of a lifetime for start-ups! If you're interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, or just want to network with a high caliber group, get your tickets today!



Get Your Tickets Today!



JNF Education

Welcome Message from Yifat Bear Miller for the 2023-2024 School Year!

I am incredibly excited about the upcoming year and the opportunities it holds to further our mission. I hope to promote a deep understanding and connection to Israel. We aim to engage schools, educational institutions, and communities across Canada through a variety of activities.

Our ultimate goal for the upcoming year is to ensure that as many community members as possible can experience the inspiring power of an active and meaningful relationship with JNF and Israel. By offering diverse programs, we hope to engage individuals of all ages and backgrounds, fostering a stronger bond with Israel and a greater commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability. Together, we can create a lasting impact and strengthen the connection between our communities and the land of Israel, inspiring a lifelong connection and a shared vision for a better future.





Year in Review

Here is a recap of all we have achieved this year:

- From September – November 2022, over 1000 students took part in our Communities tour. Connections were re-established with various Jewish organizations, and JNF education kits were distributed to these organizations nationwide.
- In December 2022, over 500 students took part in our Hanukkah/Winter Camps. JNF took a unique approach in presenting Hanukkah to Jewish day schools and campers by incorporating education about olive trees and Israeli forests.
- Over 5000 students took part in Tu Bi'Shevat programming.
- In January 2023, JNF Canada hosted a virtual Hackathon with the theme Accessibility in Nature. 150 students participated in this competition-style event that brought together students and mentors from Israel and Canada to collaborate on innovative projects focused on addressing accessibility in nature.
- Over 500 students and educators, took part in celebrating the “Yoms.” As part of our educational initiatives, we conducted workshops to celebrate - Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Day) at day schools, Hebrew schools, and Sunday schools in Hamilton and the Greater Toronto Area.
- We worked with 30 Jewish Day schools across Canada; from elementary to high school.
- In addition, we worked with over 40 Hebrew and Sunday schools. Our activities were adaptable to different objectives and time constraints, catering to students of all ages.



JNF Families

L'dor V'dor

Last year, we launched JNF Families to serve a new generation of Jewish families in the community. The tagline L'dor V'dor means from generation to generation. From one generation to the next - from grandparent to parent to child - there is so much to be passed on.

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We want to help your family connect with Israel in meaningful ways. We are launching families-oriented community events, so that you can connect with other young families in your community. Upcoming events include BBQs, picnics, clean up days, Shabbat dinners, skate days, and more.

Through Families, we are offering:

- Israel-related facts and trivia
- Connecting to things that kids in Israel eat, watch or enjoy
- Activities and crafts
- Kid-friendly learning about themes like charity (tzedakah) and tikkun olam (repairing the world)



Interested in our Families programming?
Sign up to get updates on events, offerings and this
monthly Activities Booklet right to your inbox.





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Check out our activity sheets every month for fun things to do with the family!



July / August - Tammuz / Elul 2023

Hebrew word: **Tachles**
תכלס

Literal translation:
In reality, bottom line or totally.
Used to get to the root of what someone wants or agree with.

Jewish calendar

Tisha B'Av ~ July 27

Tisha B'Av (The Ninth of Av) is a day of mourning and fasting. On this day, we remember various tragedies that befell the Jewish people throughout history, particularly the destruction of the two temples in 586 BCE and 70 CE.

Tu B'Av ~ Aug 2

Did you know that there is a Jewish Valentine's Day? It is Tu B'Av (The Fifteenth of Av), and this year it falls on August 2. While it is not widely observed, the holiday can be a fun way to celebrate all different types and expressions of love. It is also a great opportunity to put into action Jewish values and teachings related to love such as Gemilut Hasadim - doing acts of love and kindness, as well as Veahava L'reacha Kamocho - love your fellow as yourself. It became a special day for Jewish weddings. For kids, love is understood through actions (hugs, kisses), helping and good deeds.

Discuss with your family:
What are some acts of love and kindness that you can do in your life? How do you show people you love them?

Did You Know?

- July and August are Israel's sunniest months when temperatures easily climb to 30°C and higher.
- In July 1949 - the Israeli airline EL AL makes its first flight from Tel Aviv to Paris.
- 1993 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a longtime supporter of Israel, is sworn in the Supreme Court Justice in 1993.
- Summer 2004 - Gal Friedman, a professional windsurfer, was the first Israeli to win a gold medal, at the Summer Olympic Games of 2004.

JNF Project: Campsites in Goren Park

Goren Park covers approximately 500 acres in the Western Galilee woodlands, created in 1963 as Israel's first and largest common oak forest. The park's hiking trails lead to Nahal Kziv, Ein Tamir and the impressive Montfort Fortress from the Crusades. Its magnificent green mountains and flowing springs, in combination with the vast possibilities for outdoor recreation, have made Goren Park one of the Galilee's most important destinations.

To get these activities right in your inbox, sign up here:

favorite places to visit in Israel:

Visit the Upper Galilee, and with 273 kilometers (170 miles) of relatively short, but there is more fun at the site, with an enormous Jeep track, guided hikes and a kosher restaurant.

The Mount of Olives, not far from the Hebrew University campus, has their favourite vendor or restaurant at the famous recently celebrated 100 years old Pita a local Jerusalem artist who with unique graffiti. Watch this cool video of the shuk here.

activities

Blue's Recipes!

Pearl Couscous with Olives and Roasted Tomatoes
Invited with a green salad for a piece of meat or fish. [Click here for recipe](#)

Watermelon, Feta and Mint Salad
The salad resembles a classic Caprese with juicy tomatoes, feta, watermelon with a single herb and a creamy cheese. [Click here for recipe](#)

Chard-Wrapped Fish with Lemon and Olive
As easy as 1,2,3 - Chop up olive, spread it on fish and wrap in chard. [Click here for recipe](#)

Israeli Fruit Salad
In summer we just enjoy our fresh fruit and vegetables. [Click here for recipe](#)

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JNF Speakers

We take pride in curating thought-provoking speakers who are relevant to our supporters. It is our pleasure to connect these exceptional minds with our friends all across Canada.



Mayor of Sderot Alon Davidi

A Story of Resilience

September 11 - 14, 2022

Hosted by: JNF Ottawa,
Toronto, Manitoba & Calgary



Consul General of Israel Paul Hirschson

Building relationships between
Israel and the world

*November 20, 2022
& May 4, 2023*

Hosted by: JNF Atlantic
& JNF Quebec



Yaron Deckel

Canadian Representative of
the Jewish Agency

September 20, 2022

Hosted by:
JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan



Rami Sherman

Inside The Entebbe Operation

November 18, 2022

Hosted by: JNF Pacific



The Honourable Lisa Raitt, P.C.

On the topic of Alzheimer's

November 15, 2022

Hosted by: JNF Ottawa



Aliza Devenyi

In Conversation with Inspiring
Female Leaders

February 5, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Toronto



Alanna Fleischer

In Conversation with Inspiring Female Leaders

February 5, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Toronto



Joel Chasnoff

Comedian & author of Israel 201

May 18 & June 25, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Calgary & JNF Edmonton



Kim Smiley

In Conversation with Inspiring Female Leaders

February 5, 2023

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Jason Greenblatt

Former White House Special Envoy to the Middle East

June 6, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Hamilton



Marnie & Rena Schwartz

In Conversation with Inspiring Female Leaders

February 5, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Toronto



David Frum

Canadian-American political commentator

June 8, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Toronto



The Right Honourable Stephen Harper

Israel's place in the Middle East and the World

November 7, 2022 & May 11, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Calgary & JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan



Elan Isaacson

Head of Security for the Eshkol Region

June 13, 15 & 25, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Atlantic, Toronto, & Edmonton



Scott Goldstein

How Do We Talk About Israel

March 3, 2023

Hosted by: JNF London



Shelley Faintuch

Antisemitism, blessing or curse?

June 18, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan



David Matlow

Zionism from Herzl to Today

May 11, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Toronto



Noa Tishby

Israeli actress, writer, producer, and activist

June 29, 2023

Hosted by: JNF Pacific



Negev Projects & Honourees 2023



JNF Manitoba & Saskatchewan

Honouree: Elaine Goldstine

Project: The Hadar School for Special Needs in Sderot

Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023



JNF Calgary

Project: Or Yehuda Family Care Centre

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023



JNF Hamilton

Honouring Israel at 75

Project: Orchestra and Ensemble Studio for the Clore Centre for Performing Arts in the Upper Galilee

Date: Tuesday, June 06, 2023



JNF London

Honourees: Michelle and Jack Bottner

Project: Dental Clinic for Patients with Special Needs in Beit Shemesh

Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023



JNF Edmonton

Honourees: Rosemary & Stan Kitay
Project: Eshkol Sheltered Children's Educational Activity Room

Date: Sunday, June 25, 2023



JNF Pacific Region

Special Guest: Noa Tishby
Project: Covered Riding Areas at the Carmel Farm in Meir Shfeya

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2023

2023/2024 Upcoming Negev Honourees



JNF Toronto

Honouree: Harley Mintz

Project: Climate Solutions Prize

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2023



JNF Manitoba/Saskatchewan

Honouree: Moses Levy

Project: Ethiopian Women's Empowerment Centre in Beth Shemesh

Date: May 2024



JNF Quebec

Honouree: Paul Desmarais III

Project: Climate Solutions Prize

Date: June 2024



JNF Toronto

Honouree: Jeff Rubenstein

Project: Gateway to Jerusalem

Date: November 2024



JNF Canada Presidents

After 3 years of virtual board meetings, it was special to finally return to an in-person National Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting, held in Montreal on June 11, 2023. It was an opportunity to recognize and thank

Wendy Eidinger Spatzer, Immediate Past National President and outgoing National President, Beth Price. JNF Canada is deeply grateful for their leadership, dedication, and hard work. We also announced the election of the new President of JNF Canada, Nathan Disenhouse, as well as two new Executive Committee members, Karen Aflalo and Cheryl Gurevitch. We wish the new Board of Directors much success as they start their term.

The full list of our 2023/2024 national board is available on our website

We also recognize and thank our regional Board Presidents:

Calgary: Cheryl Cameron
& Cheryl Gurevitch

Edmonton: Sharon Bookhalter
& Laurie Mozeson

Hamilton: Haim Goldstein

London: Jack Malkin

Manitoba/Saskatchewan:
Michael Silver

Ottawa: David Baker &
Margo Blostein

Pacific: Shannon Gorski

Quebec: Moe Liebman

Toronto: Abe Glowinsky

Windsor: Josh Berkovitz
& Barbara Silver



Lifetime Achievement Awards

JNF Canada's Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a volunteer leader who has dedicated decades of volunteer time and service to JNF Canada and the People of Israel. Our organization is privileged to have the leadership and support of such devoted volunteers. Thank you for a lifetime of commitment to JNF Canada.

Ruth Freeman



“ Some thirty-five years ago, Vancouver was looking to expand its Board to ensure its future by involving a younger generation. I felt honoured to be asked and given the opportunity to work on one of my passions - making life a little easier and better for our brothers, sisters and families in Israel. Little did I know at the time how much I would personally benefit. As I assumed more and more responsibility, eventually becoming President (the first woman to do so) of Pacific Region, and then joining the National Board of Directors, I got to meet and work with the most interesting, capable and amazing persons, both volunteer and professional. I consider it a great experience and privilege to have been associated with JNF all these years.

- Ruth Freeman

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“ Thank you so much for your warm attention reminding me of our, Bobby's and mine, meaningful and rewarding connection with JNF during our lifetime together! For us, JNF's mission, projects, and people bolstered and served the beloved State of Israel. It was the granddaddy of all organizations and we felt very dedicated to serving it. Being part of the JNF family (over many years and through many important iterations of JNF's work,) was, in part, our expression of our unwavering Jewish identity and our commitment to a flourishing Jewish State.

- Eunice Mayers

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Eunice & Bobby (z'l) Mayers

**Claire Bazinet,
Ed Rudick and
Renna Bassal**



“ I have always reflected on the idea that from its very beginning, the Jewish National Fund afforded Jews from everywhere in the world, the opportunity to participate and share in the building of the State of Israel. Whether as a child, buying single leaves and pasting them on a tree card, or as an adult serving as President of JNF Montreal, I was always proud to contribute and be a part of the miracle that is Israel.

- Ed Rudick

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“ Israel has been my passion since my first trip in 1964. I can't think of a better way to support our beloved State than volunteering or donating to the JNF. Our organization touches the lives of all of Israel's citizens, from infrastructure to environmental projects and more.

- Renna Bassal

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Volunteer Highlights

Cheryl Gurevitch | Calgary



“ One moment that stands out from my eight years of volunteering with JNF occurred during a 2018 leadership mission to Israel. We met inside the JNF Canada Animal Therapy Centre in Retorno, an addiction recovery facility in Beit Shemesh. A handful of residents shared their moving stories of trauma, and the way in which caring for small animals contributed to the healing process. Hearing first-hand how our fundraising directly improves lives for vulnerable Israelis is what our work is all about. ”

David Baker | Ottawa



“ When I was first approached to join the JNF Ottawa board more than 10 years ago, given my love for Israel, I did not hesitate to say yes. Since then, I have been very active as regional Chair and representing Ottawa on the national board. I've had the privilege of joining missions with JNF volunteers from across Canada – seeing the incredible work JNF does in Israel to better the lives of her residents is nothing short of inspiring. I was reminded of that again last year when my family travelled to Israel to celebrate my daughter's Bat Mitzvah and visit a project we supported in honour of my late father Barry Baker. ”

Bill and Gerry Styles | Atlantic



Bill and Gerry Styles have been Telethon volunteers and supporters of JNF Atlantic for 10 years. They are members of Bridges for Peace Canada, a Christian organization supporting Israel and building relationships between Christians and Jewish people in Israel and around the world. They became familiar with JNF when they lived in Jerusalem from 1980-1986 and the children planted trees through their school. They have a strong bond with the Jewish community and the state of Israel, saying, “you can leave Jerusalem but Jerusalem does not leave you!”

“ Moving from Israel pushed me to volunteer for JNF. Before that, I had not been aware of how Jewish communities acted in the Diaspora as well as the antisemitism, hatred and distortion of the history of the Jewish people and Israel. JNF was an opportunity for me not only to fight against negativism but more importantly, tell a positive story about JNF's contributions to the environment, education, water, agriculture, etc., not only in Israel, but worldwide. A special memory I have is visiting the music conservatory in Jerusalem, that taught Ethiopian youth to play the violin, and some of them reached world-level achievements. It is an honour and pleasure to work with such dedicated JNF staff, our board members in London, and other JNF volunteers in Ontario and Canada. ”

Jack Malkin | Regional Ontario



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Frank Wilson | Toronto



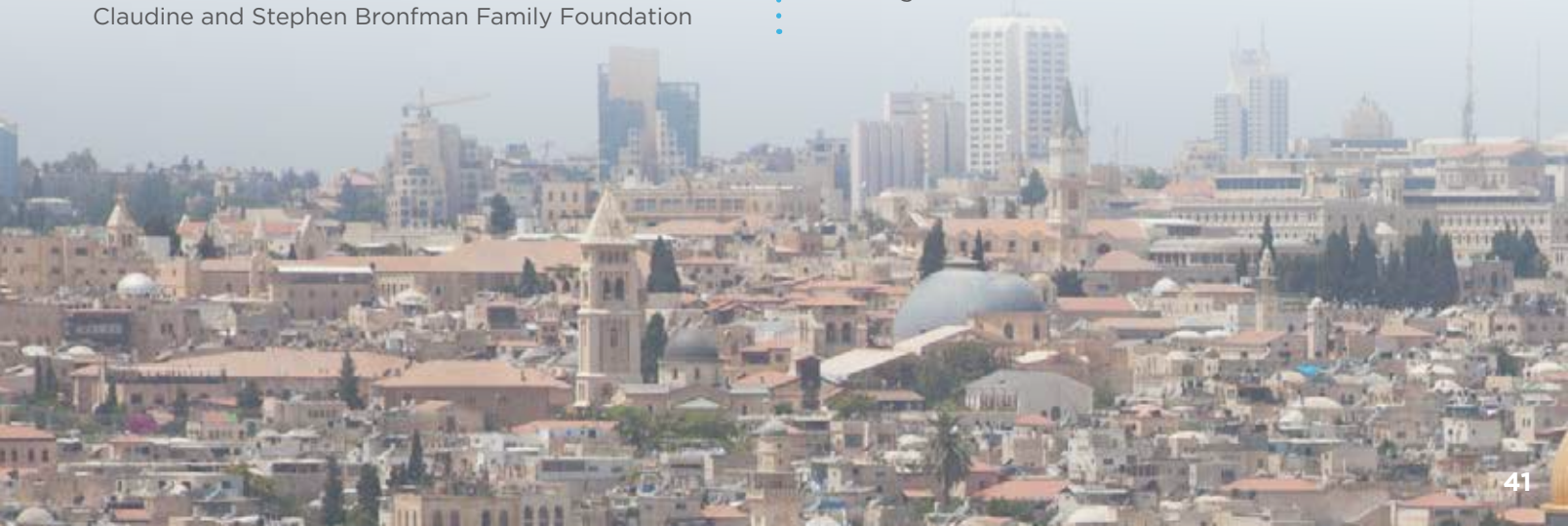
“ The money we raise for our other home, Eretz Yisroel, for the charitable infrastructure of Israel is heartwarming. ... I've always told people that in order to be successful at fundraising, you need to step up and do it yourself first....I've been blessed with friendships from around the world due to my volunteerism with JNF Canada... It was my honour and pleasure to have served as the JNF Canada national president. ”

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Thanks to the dedication, commitment, and compassion of JNF Canada's leading donors, we are able to build the foundations for Israel's future, through facilities to care for the vulnerable, nurture at-risk youth, enrich the lives of special needs individuals, cultivate the environment, beautify public places, heal the injured and launch the next generation of leaders in Israel. We extend our appreciation to everyone listed below as well as the thousands of donors who stand with JNF Canada and the people of Israel.

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