

June 1, 2008

**Dear Members of the Board
and Honoured Guests,**

What a rewarding year it has been, marked by great advancements in moving UIAFC's projects forward both at home and in Israel. I have visited with various communities across the country, participated in their campaign events, met with the leadership of many of the Canadian Jewish communities, and I have been to Israel to attend and preside over events important to UIAFC.



Barbara Farber, *President*
UIA Federations Canada

I was incredibly moved in Sderot, where we were able to gather in the community centre, under the roof that had been reinforced by Canada's IEC funds, and to link the community of Toronto with the community of Sderot in a program dedicated to an expression of solidarity and support. We learned from the residents themselves about the trauma that plagues their daily lives. And they were also greatly comforted by us, in realizing that we think of them and support them through our words and actions.

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L'adresse nationale de la communauté juive canadienne et de son partenariat avec Israël et le monde juif.*

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It was a privilege to be in the presence of both President Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Ehud Omert, when they welcomed our Canadian delegations, Israeli partners and friends in a tribute to three of Israel's top entrepreneurs and philanthropists, in one of the most exciting events ever produced by our organization.

How proud we all were with the presence of Prime Minister Stephen Harper at Toronto UJA's celebration and with his words of unconditional support based on Canada's shared values with Israel. Israel's achievements in many fields including science and medicine, arts and culture, business and hi-tech are applauded and respected by all.

Many of you know, that I have been passionately concerned about engaging the next generation in Jewish communal pursuits. In particular, I want to ensure that there is a strong leadership succession plan formulated with as many new, capable and younger faces around our tables as we can attract. I am very pleased to see progress and development in this area. Our vision for an integrated approach to young leadership, campus work and participation in our Jewish identity programs is now a reality.

Advocacy for our cause continues to be a challenge as the demographic, social and political realities impact our community. Our focus has been on the campus environment which requires continuing effort and support. We have worked tirelessly with our partners in CIJA and the Federations to transform our working model to meet the increasingly complex challenges on campuses across the country. Keeping all of our stakeholders engaged in this pursuit is the only way to achieve meaningful results.

I am very proud to express my appreciation to all of those who help to make this organization what it is – the members of the UIAFC executive committee and board, the professional and lay leadership of the Federations, the professional staff of UIAFC in Canada and in Israel. And in particular I offer heartfelt thanks to Yossi Tanuri, our Director General in Israel and to Linda Kislowicz our Chief Executive Officer, both of whom provide me with sound counsel and great guidance.

Todah rabah and kol hakavod to all, and may we continue to go from strength to strength!

Barbara Farber
President, UIA Federations Canada



Greeting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Shimon Peres at UIAFC's Yom Ha'Atzmaut Hagiga (After-party).

Anniversaries, birthdays, annual meetings and reports offer us an opportunity to assess and reflect on our accomplishments and future challenges. This message is no exception.

Our work in Israel continues to grow as we further develop our three partnership regions while developing and customizing numerous leadership missions and VIP visits. Canada Israel Experience (CIE) continues to welcome participants of Taglit-Birthright Israel and March of the Living, and provide them with a transformative experience. We aspire to continuously improve the quality of the educational and social experience while making it sustainable.

Unique to this year is the implementation of programs funded through the Israel Emergency Campaign (IEC). Through these new investments, we have deepened and enriched our presence and involvement in Israel's north and south, working collaboratively with all of our Canadian federations and our Israeli partners. Together, we have initiated new programs, launched capital projects, formed new relationships and built exciting new partnerships.

In Canada, our work has moved forward on all fronts with a strategic approach to meet the unique needs of our diverse communities. For example, we are working with small and regional communities to plan and prepare for the future—whether through the development of endowments or the creation of leadership development programs—to bring our small communities together to share concerns and strategies for improvement.

In the advocacy sector, our concern for campus and creating a work model has become a major focus. In order to help us move the campus agenda forward in an inclusive and transparent fashion, a campus retreat was created to educate concerned parties on issues of importance providing a forum for valuable input. Again, the key theme – collaboration and partnerships.

Indeed, the challenge of leading UIAFC, is the challenge of creating a climate in which stakeholders can come together to deal with a concern, learn and deliberate, decide and act. All in a reasonable, data-driven and time limited way.

No one can create climate change without a team of supporters, advisors, and collaborators. I want to thank the staff of UIAFC, both in Canada and in Israel, and all of the lay leadership, in particular Barbara Farber, our president, whose dedication and commitment never ceases to inspire and amaze me.

As we celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary, we are proud of her accomplishments and we are keenly aware of her challenges. Let us go from strength to strength and pray for peace.

Linda Kislowicz
Chief Executive Officer, UIA Federations Canada





PRIME MINISTER PREMIER MINISTRE

Le 8 mai 2008

Salutations du Premier ministre

C'est pour moi un grand plaisir d'offrir mes meilleurs vœux à la communauté juive du Canada à l'occasion du 60^e anniversaire de création de l'État d'Israël.

Depuis 1948, Israël n'a eu de cesse de croître en force et en importance. « Le miracle du désert » a transformé une plaine aride de la Méditerranée en une terre fertile et généreuse. Fort de sa foi durable et de sa persévérance, le peuple juif s'est bâti une nation de liberté et de paix. L'existence même d'Israël témoigne du dynamisme de son peuple et de la force de l'espérance.

En tant que Canadiens et Canadiennes, nous pouvons tous être fiers du rôle crucial joué par le Canada dans l'élaboration de la résolution des Nations Unies qui a mené à cet événement marquant de l'histoire. Tout au long de ces six décennies faites de triomphes et de tragédies, le Canada est demeuré un ami fidèle d'Israël et continuera de lutter à ses côtés jusqu'à ce que tous les habitants de la région puissent vivre dans des pays où prévalent la liberté, la démocratie, le respect des droits de la personne et la primauté du droit.

Au nom du gouvernement du Canada, je vous souhaite célébrations mémorables.

*Le très honorable Stephen Harper, C.P., député
Premier ministre du Canada*



PRIME MINISTER PREMIER MINISTRE

May 8, 2008

Greetings from the Prime Minister

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to the Jewish community in Canada as you celebrate the 60th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Since its formation in 1948, Israel has grown in strength and stature. "The Miracle in the Desert" transformed an arid Mediterranean plain into an abundant and productive landscape. The Jewish people built a nation of freedom and peace with perseverance and enduring faith. Israel's very existence is a testament to the spirit of its people and the power of hope.

As fellow Canadians, we can all take pride in the pivotal role Canada played in crafting the United Nations resolution that led to this defining moment in history. Through six decades of triumph and tragedy, Canada has been a stalwart friend to Israel and we will continue to stand together to realize the goal of freedom, democracy, human rights and rule of law for all people in the region.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, please accept my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

*The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada*

CIJA: Canadian Council for Israel & Jewish Advocacy

The *Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy* (CIJA) focuses on outreach to the non-Jewish community through the political, media and academic spheres. CIJA's goals are not only to promote Jewish issues and fight antisemitism, but also to minimize trends that marginalize Jewish and pro-Israel voices in the public, media, government and academic environments.

This year's *Words & Deeds Leadership Award Dinners* expanded beyond Toronto for the first time—honouring the **Richardson** family in Winnipeg. In Toronto, the Words & Deeds Leadership Award was presented to **Tony Gagliano**, Executive Chairman of St. Joseph Communications, and Co-founder of the Luminato Festival.

CIJA and its agencies are focusing on active outreach to strengthen both academic and institutional exchanges between Canada and Israel. The *Canadian Jewish Congress* (CJC) has made significant progress with its outreach to Aboriginal, Indo-Canadian and other communities, as well as Unions and the Left—as numerous anti-Israel resolutions have either been defeated or not brought to a vote at all. *Canada-Israel Committee* (CIC) has successfully led efforts to generate ongoing and broad-based political support for solid pro-Israel positions and Israel at 60 celebrations across the country, and *Quebec-Israel Committee* (QIC) recently secured an all-party resolution in the Quebec National Assembly in honour of Israel's anniversary.



Larry and Judy Tanenbaum greet HIs Honour David C. Onley, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Mrs. Onley at the Words & Deeds Award Dinner, Toronto.

The *University Outreach Committee* (UOC) will soon be leading a mission to Israel involving nine Canadian university presidents. The mission will include meetings with major political and academic leadership and first-hand exposure to all Israel has to offer. The university presidents will establish meaningful contacts for future rounds of academic exchanges that will assist in working against anti-Israel initiatives on campus. CIJA and its agencies are also working closely together to counter the impact of Israel Apartheid and academic boycott campaigns ensuring that all students on campus are protected from incidents of hateful language and harassment.

On the global platform, CIJA played a central role in exposing Iran's antisemitic agenda at the UN meetings regarding the Durban Review Conference. As well, working in cooperation with the Israeli Foreign Ministry, CIJA is spearheading the creation of a knowledge transfer web site, which will include best practices aimed to assist political leaders, academics, and NGO's engaged in the fight against antisemitism around the world.



CIJA Co-Chair Brent Belzberg presents the Word & Deeds Leadership Award to Hartley and Carolyn Hirsh Richardson, Winnipeg.

Investing in Future Generations through National Initiatives

The *National Initiatives* department of UIAFC is developing innovative programs designed to strengthen Jewish identity and connect the current, emerging and next generation of Jews to Canada's Jewish community.

In its first full year of operation, National Initiatives for the Next Generation will focus on expanding its post-programming services to other departments that offer programs to the under-40 age group. The department is also developing an integrated system of data management that will assist us in properly attracting and retaining talented young professionals to the field of Jewish communal service.

Under the Chair of **Barbara Bank** and in collaboration with Federations across the country, national programs such as *Leadership Development*, *National Jewish Campus Life* and *Canada Israel Experience* are moving towards a more seamless integration and continuum of services and programs offered to the under-40 segment.



Celebrating Israel's 60th Anniversary at Safra Square.

For the third year in a row, *Canada Israel Experience* (CIE) has sent in excess of 3000 participants on its programs. *Canada Israel Experience* is the Canadian Federations' Israel experience arm, responsible for the development and implementation of meaningful and educational programs in Israel such as the ever popular *Taglit-Birthright Israel* and the *March of the Living* (MOL) as well as *Israel Experience* programs for high school students, youth movements and summer camps from coast to coast.

As the local partner of MASA in Canada—a unique partnership between the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency—over 150 programs are available to increase the number of young Jewish adults spending time on long-term programs in Israel.

This past year CIE has embarked upon an ambitious and unparalleled post programming initiative, increasing the number of professionals dedicated to post programming in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver. These professionals have had a profound impact on engaging *Birthright Israel* alumni through cultivating personal relationships and creating inspiring new programs.

CIE programs are making it possible for today's young adults to build a life long relationship and connection with the State of Israel and their local Jewish community.



Participants on a recent *Taglit-Birthright Israel* trip.

National Jewish Campus Life (NJCL)



Canadian student delegation meeting with Benjamin Netanyahu at the World Union of Jewish Students Conference in Israel.

National Jewish Campus Life (NJCL) has led a number of inaugural and on-going leadership enhancing programs this past year for both Jewish and non-Jewish campus leaders.

This year's first *Israel Alumni Reunion* brought together 45 previous participants from various NJCL *Leaders' Israel Experience Missions*. And in Guelph, the first-ever South Western Ontario "*Challenges*" conference for Jewish students was organized by the local *Jewish Students' Association* (JSA). More than 120 students participated in discussions and sessions focusing on the important challenges facing the national and global Jewish communities.

NJCL is also playing an active role in strengthening the unique relationship between Canadian and Cuban Jewish students, with NJCL missions to Cuba that continue our work—distributing medical supplies and clothing, and working on a variety of community-enhancing social action projects.

Programs such as these are helping us ensure that our student leaders are not only enriching their Jewish identity, but will be ready to assume their places in the Jewish and general communities across Canada.

National Young Leadership (NYL)

This year began on a high note as we welcomed 5 new members to *Cabinet*, and ran a successful *Ben Gurion Society* (BGS) Mission to Morocco and Israel. Participants were fascinated to see how Jews live in Morocco, and were inspired to make a difference by the incredible work Federation does in Israel.

One of the highlights of 2007 was the *National Young Leadership Conference*, INMontréal, which was chaired by Elissa Lifson-Uditsky and Marc Kimmel. The conference drew 160 invitees and introduced a new follow-up system to measure the success rate of the participants' further involvement in Jewish and community-based activities.

Other programs from the past year included the *UJC Cabinet Retreat* in Florida, and the *Young Leadership Israel Advocacy Mission* to Israel. The Advocacy Mission gave 10 Young Canadian Leaders the opportunity to travel with and learn from a group of Canadian politicians. The program trains our young leaders to be better advocates for Israel, involving them in Canada's political process and helping them form lasting relationships with our MPs.



Participants at the INMontréal Conference engaging in a team building exercise.

A Proud Year for us in Israel

This has been a proud year for 'Magbit Canada', UIA of Canada's office in Israel. We have just celebrated Israel's 60th anniversary and 40 years of UIA Canada in Israel. For the past 40 years, we have proudly represented the Canadian Jewish communities in Israel, as a true and involved partner in the development of the Jewish State. We are working together with our friends in Canada and our partners in Israel to build a strong, resilient future for the State of Israel, and a model of excellence that will be an example to countries throughout the world.

As we celebrated Israel's birthday and the anniversary of Magbit Canada, we also honored three of our most dedicated partners, Israeli businessmen and philanthropists Nochi Dankner of IDB



It's always a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit the children who benefit from UIAFC funded programs.

Group, Eitan Wertheimer of Iscar Ltd., and Michael Strauss of Strauss Group. Thanks to their bold vision and generous support, Magbit Canada is increasing the breadth and impact of its initiatives and building a better future for Israelis throughout the country including the periphery. Our Yom Haatzmaut "After-Party" was the only event in the country that both the Prime Minister and President of Israel attended, along with hundreds of Israeli business figures, visiting Canadians and soldiers from elite units of the IDF.

As always, we are proud to be your representative in Israel, and are overwhelmed by the magnitude of your support. Now more than ever, Canadians are making a real difference.

Thank you,

Yossi Tanuri
Director-General
UIA of Canada / Magbit Canada



Barbara Farber, Yossi Tanuri and Linda Kislowicz with Daniel and Guy Tanuri.

Coast-to-Coast Partnerships: From Strength to Strength

The current year marks a major turning point in the *Coast-to-Coast Canada – Galilee Panhandle Partnership (P2K)*. The National Steering Committee has embarked on a process of strategic planning to define the future direction of the partnership. The Partnership is working towards building a leadership structure based on reciprocity to increase the circles of involvement and enhance the impact of its initiatives in both Canada and Israel.



The Coast-to-Coast Partnership continues to build on its traditional strength in providing deep, meaningful, people-to-people connections between Canadian and Galilee Panhandle residents. The Partnership also focuses on promoting global Jewish identity and *Am Echad* (One People), as well as advancing living standards in the Galilee Panhandle through a range of educational, social and community programs.

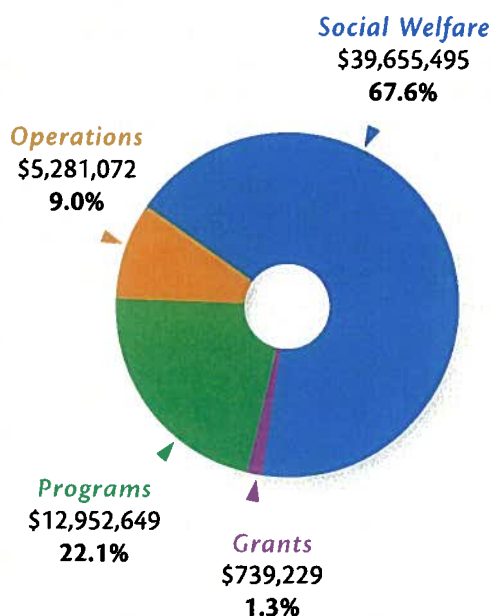
During the past year, the *Gesher Chai* (Living Bridge) program broadened its emphasis to include a program designed to foster closer ties among Jewish community professionals in Canada and Israel.

BeYachad (Together) is currently in its fifth and final year of implementation. The program addresses education and social welfare issues in the Galilee Panhandle in the areas of formal and informal education, children at-risk and early childhood education.

The *Priority Programming* initiative is currently implementing 13 programs and funding 5 capital projects (one for each municipality in the Galilee Panhandle). Having completed its initial mandate during the Israel Emergency Campaign, the Priority Projects Sub-Committee is in the process of finalizing a catalogue of potential new donor opportunities.

Now more than ever, our programs are making a real difference in Israel.

Where the Funds Go



United Israel Appeal Federations Canada
 United Jewish Appeal of Canada Inc.

Consolidated Summary of Statement of Operations

for the year ended December 31, 2007

Revenues

Donations	66,390,193
Interest	<u>1,466,357</u>
	67,856,550

Expenditures

Social Welfare Programs

Student scholarships, education and cultural programs	18,548,496
Rescue, relief and immigration absorption costs	8,890,737
Needy, aged and infirm	4,616,220
Israel Emergency	3,978,979
Project Renewal and Partnership 2000	1,815,089
Properties in Israel	<u>1,805,974</u>
	39,655,495

National Grants

739,229

Programs

Leadership development and Canada Israel youth program subsidies	3,630,320
Campaign assistance	2,000,857
National campus services	1,632,122
Education, communications, media and government relations	<u>12,952,649</u>

Operations

5,281,072
25,497,020

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures

\$ 1,964,806

Regional Jewish Communities of Canada

The Regional Jewish Communities of Canada had another successful Campaign year, with Atlantic Canada raising \$912,450.99, the Regional Jewish Communities of Ontario raising \$655,825.47, the Saskatchewan Jewish Council (Regina and Saskatoon) raising \$134,633.55, and the Jewish Federation of Victoria and Vancouver Island raising \$25,000. All of these regions showed an increase in the UJA Campaign for 2007—even after last year's Israel Emergency Campaign.



Participants from the Atlantic Jewish Council visit the Galilee Partnership region.

The regional communities continue to demonstrate their unwavering commitment to Israel. A group of Jewish and non-Jewish members of the Saskatoon, Peterborough and Kingston communities recently visited Israel to celebrate Yom Hatzmaut

60, and the Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC) brought 62 participants on a UIAFC mission to Israel. In addition to experiencing Israel and visiting numerous projects supported by AJC in the Northern Galilee, the participants raised \$136,000 onsite to provide for equipment and programs in the *Shechafim School for Special Needs Children* in Mevo'ot HaHermon. The school serves the northern region of the Galilee Panhandle with special education services for severally handicapped children (both Jews and Arabs).

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