



WINNIPEG COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER MISSION TO ISRAEL **HINENI 2024**

May 22-29

- 5 days of intensive volunteer opportunities
- Connect with locals and hear their stories
- Visit various memorials like Hostage Square and Walls of Hope
- Guided by Rabbi Benarroch

- \$2500 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY/
\$3400 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
(FLIGHT NOT INCLUDED)
- INCLUDES MOST MEALS,
HOTEL, TRANSPORT, GUIDE

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Pre Hineni

Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport.
Monument to the hostages
held in Gaza.



Ben Gurion airport arrival.
Photos of all those held hostage
In Gaza.



Hineni Mission to Israel was designed as a low-cost mission for community members and allies locally and across the country. Hineni was a partnership between Bridges for Peace, JNF, and the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg. 20 participants spent one week in Israel volunteering, supporting and mourning the tragic events of October 7th.

Day 1

After our welcome dinner all together, we heard from Sarah Mali, Director General of the Jewish Federations of Canada, United Israel Appeal.



Sarah's daughter shared a heart wrenching story of a dear friend who lost her husband on October 7th. The husband was murdered as he drove towards the Gaza envelope to help fight off terrorists. He left behind a pregnant wife. Sarah's daughter told us the mother and now baby are healthy and well cared for, taking one day at a time.



Day 2

Packing agricultural products at Meshek Yemini Greenhouse in the Gaza Envelope.



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Last minute itinerary change-visit to Kibbutz Be'eri, home to the late Vivian Silver from Winnipeg. In this photo, we are listening to our guide Remi (kibbutz resident) talk about his experience on October 7th and beyond. We are a few kilometers from the Gaza boarder, hearing constant booming from ammunition and bombing in the background.



Kibbut Be'eri-over grown gardens and bombed out homes.



Hineni participants in a family home on Kibbutz Be'eri. Terrorist used chemical bombs to ensure high heat and quick spreading of flames to maximize damage.



Remi speaking to Hineni participants in the same family home.
He is always armed and barely sleeps since October 7th.



Participants saying Kaddish at the site of the Nova Festival massacre.



Photographs of all who were murdered at the Nova Festival on October 7. This monument sits in the middle of where the festival dance area was.



Participants listen to the story of an IDF officer in Sderot speaking about his experience on October 7th. We are sitting in the Sderot Rehabilitation Centre, where the artillery booms in Gaza are loud and clear.



This is where the Police Station of Sderot stood. It was overrun by terrorists on Oct 7 and as a result, blown up by the IDF.



Day 3

Volunteering picking vegetables for Leket-a food recovery program for people in need.



Picking kohlrabi on Leket's field.



Hostage square, erev shabbat. A permanent Shabbat table, set in honour of the hostages.



Ben Yehuda market, Jerusalem, erev Shabbat.



The lobby of Prima Kings Hotel in Jerusalem. Rows of trays of Shabbat candles.



Day 4

Post Shabbat rally in Jerusalem opposing the government and demanding the release of the hostages. 1,000+ Israelis participated.



Displaced Israelis living at our hotel celebrating Erev Lag B'Omer on the front steps with singing and dancing and a pop up bonfire.



Day 5

Tree planting in a JNF forest.



Carob and Almond saplings!



Hineni hosted a BBQ for soldiers on an army base in the Gaza envelope. We feasted together, shared stories, heard about the real human experience, the lives that were left behind to come serve.





Hineni participants set up a 'free store' for much needed items like socks, underwear, under shirts, treats, etc.



More free store activity!



Tanks at the army base pointing towards Gaza. Mostly used to mark military targets and destroy Hamas launch sites.



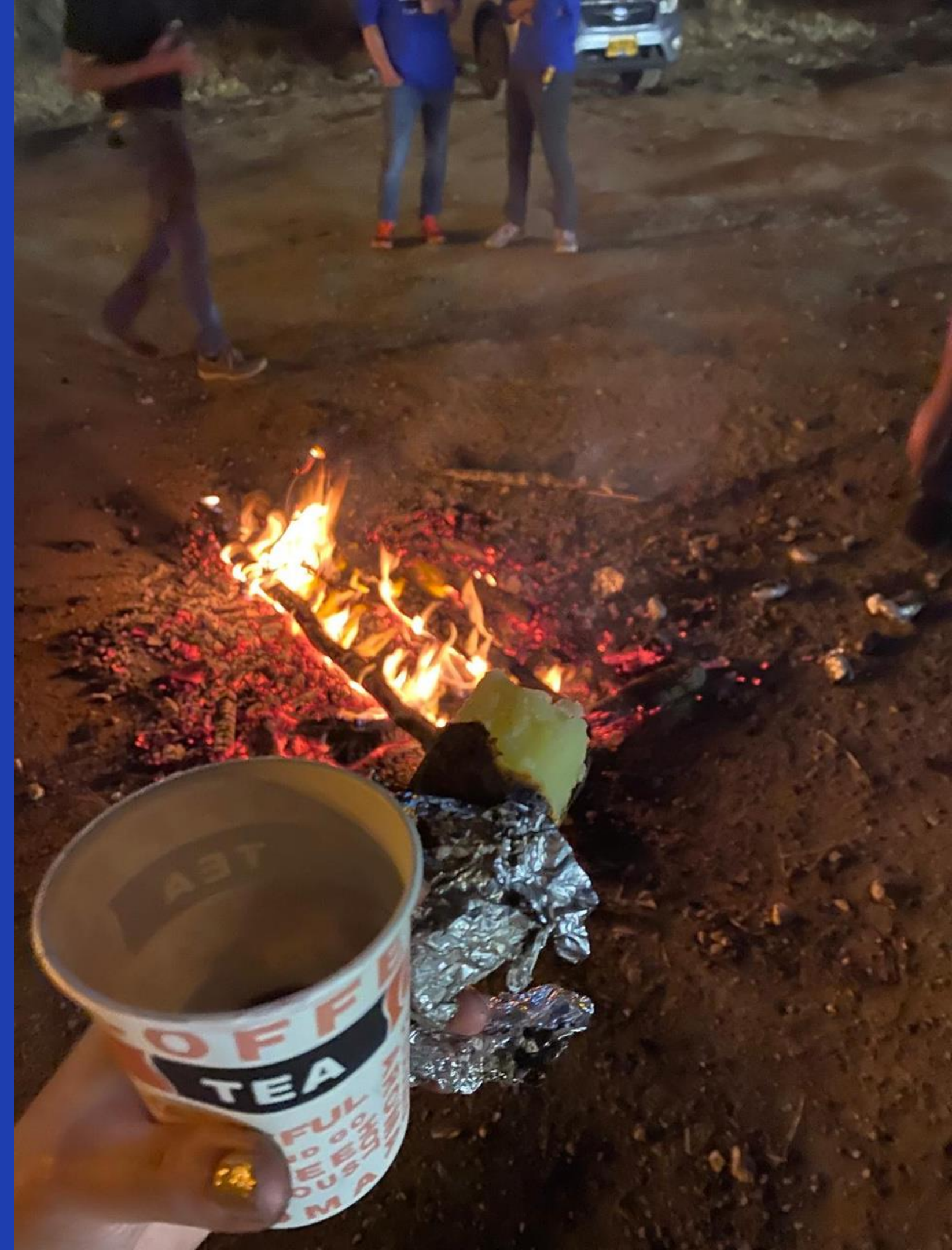
A bomb shelter at a gas station along the highway, not unlike the ones used by thousands to escape terrorists on October 7th. This shelter, like most others in the area is small, stuffy, full of garbage and used as a toilet.



Hineni Lag B'Omer celebration! Bonfire in a parking lot, singing, dancing, snacking.



Wine and roasted potatoes, Lag B'Omer style!



Day 6

Bridges for Peace
warehouse in Jerusalem.
Learning about all the
incredible things they
do for Israelis in need
and meeting all the
incredible volunteers.



Gardening and painting at a school in Beit Shemesh,
organized by Bridges for Peace.



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Day 7

Back to the Leket fields to lend a hand at more kohlrabi harvesting. This time we were joined by a number of Birthright trips and private families also volunteering.



Our most senior participant hard at work in the Leket fields.



More Leket kohlrabi fun!



We were joined by some special
Winnipegger and ex-Winnipegger
friends.



Ending our trip on Mt Herzl, learning about the father of Zionism and other great leaders in Israeli history.



Soldiers and Hineni participants in front of Theodore Herzl's grave.



Our last stop-across the street from the Knesset, singing Hatikvah, reflecting on the last week together.



Final good bye dinner



Day 8

A bonus tour of the National Library for a few lucky Hineni participants.



National Library in
Jerusalem.



National Library-pivoted days before its grand opening to honour victims of October 7th and opened an archive collecting stories, video and testimony.



Hostage photos displayed with their favorite books at the National Library.



Robots in the Library's basement retrieve and replace books for borrow through a QR system. This room is temperature and oxygen controlled to protect the collection from fire.
This innovative system was invented entirely in Israel.



L-R; Meytal (director of P2G),
Shaul (P2G co-chair) and Abby
(JFW Youth and Israel
Engagement) in Haifa discussing
the desperate state of the north,
and all its displaced residents.

