

## Live Generously

"Both here and abroad, the Jewish communities of Canada through UIAFC, continue to invest in the Jewish future."

Canada and Canadians' understanding of Israel. As we observe escalating antisemitism in Britain, CIJA and its affiliates, to defend our interests, and enhance both the quality of Jewish life in France and elsewhere, we realize the importance, to ourselves, yes, but to Canadian society as a donors. Over the past year, we continued domestically to focus on building our ability, through Canada reflects the national and international priorities of its constituents and their s the umbrella body of the Jewish communities from coast to coast, UIA Federations

Committee, we also put over \$1.2 million of earmarked donations to work in areas ravaged by needy in the former Soviet Union. With the assistance of our partners at the Joint Distribution plans to welcome a new influx of Ethiopian Jews. Outside Israel, we increased our support for the opportunities while deepening their understanding of their Jewish identity. With JAFI, we made years; and giving a hand up to the next generation, enhancing their educational and employment countries of distress; strengthening the peripheral areas of Israel, where we have worked for many themes critical to the needs of Israel and the Jewish people – helping aliyah, especially from Overseas, working with the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), our many programs centred around

Executive laid the foundation for the next generation of community activists. of young Canadian Jews to Israel and their Jewish roots. The programs of our Young Leadership Meanwhile, birthright israel and our other Canada Israel Experience programs exposed thousands

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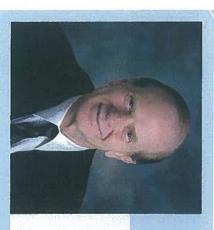
the thousands of UJA/CJA donors nationwide. It is your ongoing commitment to the wellbeing of As I end my term as president, I want to pay tribute to the staff and volunteers of UIAFC, and to the Jewish people that will ensure the future of our community and of our bonds with Israel and

Message from the President



Shoel Silver
President
UIA Federations Canada
June, 2005

# Message from the Incoming President



# "The needs are great...the challenges even appear somewhat daunting...but the opportunities are exceptional!"

We have a proud successful and generous Canadian Jewish community as expressed through the UJA/CJA campaigns across the country...a community that is unequalled in its dedication to continuity, the protection of Jews throughout the world, and the security and success of the State of Israel.

This past year, by witnessing the exceptional leadership of Shoel Silver's commitment, actions and style I absorbed much knowledge, beginning with an appreciation for the complexity of our agenda. Today, I am focused on the many needs of each community, as well as our national and international obligations.

The variety and scope of these needs bring an excitement to our national organization, which must operate in at least four dimensions – local, national, Israel and overseas. While we all bring forth our experiences and perspectives from our local communities, we accept that we must contribute to the development of a national system, and maintain our focus on Israel.

We also continue with our responsibility for the vulnerable living in other parts of the world. Sensitivity, dignity and focus are common threads that align our overall organizational objectives.

The opportunity of presiding over UIAFC is, to me, a privilege with which I have been blessed I look forward to the opportunity to work with our communities across the country, to learn and to strive to "make a difference" in the years to come.

Stanley Plotnick
President (incoming)
UIA Federations Canada

### Our Mission

Jewish continuity and the centrality of Israel. UIA Federations Canada is committed to serving the needs of Jews in of financial resource development, leadership development, advocacy, Canada, Israel and around the world, through the fundamental themes

# Message from the Executive Vice President

of Yossi Tanuri as the Director General in Israel. During the staff vacancy, I spent more time in Israel than usual, which allowed me to truly appreciate our great team in Jerusalem. We are indebted to Victor Yagoda for his role as interim Director General over an eight-month period. tional perspective, the year was highlighted by a number of staff changes – the most significant being the hiring UIAFC continues to be served by an exceptional lay leadership and staff in both Canada and Israel. From an opera-

nate to have recruited Jeff Bicher, who joined us as the new Director of Leadership Development and the National as we take on a stronger role in partnership leadership and project management. Here in Canada, we were fortumore closely. Michael Bitton has recently joined our team in Israel to lead our regional strategic planning efforts Our agenda in Israel is certainly evolving and as a result, we are defining our strategic approach to reflect it

UIAFC continued a specialized program for Hineni and Top UJA/CJA Donors, with special events in Florida, and a Our Missions program once again hit record numbers, educating many more donors on our role in Israel. numbers serviced by Canada Israel Experience have increased at an incredible rate – another record-breaking year.

benefits of building for our next generation. National Jewish Campus Life took shape across Canada and the We continue to see growth and positive development in all program areas. This past year has introduced the

our organization and communities throughout his term. At this time we welcome Stanley Plotnick who no doubt The change of senior leadership allows me to reflect on the exceptional service of Shoel Silver who has enriched mission to India, which connected our leadership with the Indian Jewish community.

will continue in the tradition of past leaders as he brings his own unique contribution to our o*r*ganization.

I look forward to another year however quickly it may pass.







Maxyne Finkelstein
Executive Vice President
UIA Federations Canada



## Canadians Live Generously

by others. lives, creating a spirit of giving that is admired and by the very example of how we live our and services as well as emergency responses, investing in our children, funding programs generously through grooming future leaders, time and again demonstrated how we live We in the Canadian Jewish community have

for the aged and the vulnerable. the well-being of Israel and the continuity of the Jewish people worldwide. This year, our integrating diverse groups of new immigrants into Israeli society, while continuing to care building the new generation of Israelis, and We take pride in our on-going commitment to renewed commitment to Israel focuses on

> in the development of Israeli society. vulnerable, empowering many to give back By living generously, we have helped to lanthropy has grown and is actively involved to their community. Today, Israel-based phiestablish programs that strengthen the

> > in Canada, in Israel and wherever there is a continue to care and to live generously. Jew in need. Together, Jews around the world making a difference in people's lives here Together, we're building for the future and

Guided by the ancient principles of giving, we practice tzedakah, the pursuit of justice and righteousness, the world — we acknowledge our responsibility and tikkun olam, our obligation to repair in making the world a better place.



# Consolidated Summary of Operations

United Jewish Appeal of Canada Inc United Israel Appeal Federations Canada

#### REVENUES

46,994,835

Gain on disposition of shares

### EXPENDITURES

Israel Direct Social Welfare Programs

Rescue, relief and immigration absorption costs Student scholarships and higher education

Needy, aged and infirm

Israel Emergency

Project Renewal and Partnership 2000

Canadian capital projects

Joint Distribution Committee

**National Allocations** 

**Program and Operating Costs** 

Leadership development and Canada Israel

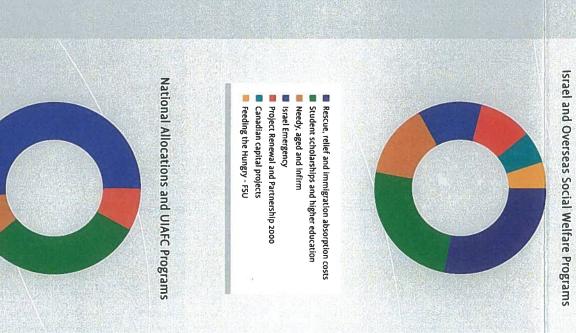
youth program subsidies

Campaign services

Operating costs (includes finance charges and dues)

Excess of Expenditures over Revenues \*

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Campaign ServicesLeadership DevelopmentNational Campus ServicesNational Allocations

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### National

# The National Collective Responsibility

elderly and poverty, as well as immigration and language trends. Additional topics will be addressed in the near and according to each community. This past year's reports included information on basic demographics, the reports on the Jewish population of Canada were published. The reports segment the information nationally Services, Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the National Jewish Demographic Study. In 2004, demographic proudly support the national programs carried out by National Jewish Campus Life, Jewish Immigrant Aid The Canadian UJA/CJA federations recognize their responsibility towards Jewish life across the country and

Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), and National Jewish Campus Life (NJCL). The following highlights illustrate the work of CIJA Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) and its family of agencies. Currently in its second year of operation, CIJA has already made an impact Through National Collective Responsibility, UIA Federations Canada (UIAFC) contracts with Canadian Council for Israel and and its family of agencies with regard to strengthening Jewish life in Canada, and advancing the Canada-Israel relationship. across Canada through its initiatives focused on coordinating the strategic direction of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC)



BMO Financial) and several non-Jewish business Elizabeth and Tony Comper (President and CEO, leaders. FAST will include a curriculum program Launch of FAST (Fighting Antisemitism Together), initiative spearheaded and privately funded by

in tayour of Israel. commissioned by CIC showed a significant change Changing public perceptions about Israel: Poll

the first-of-its-kind conference, which attracted and three political party representatives members of the Jewish Community organizations 90 novice and experienced advocates who met Advocacy in Action Conference was cooperatively up with Vancouver Federation and CIJA-PAC

community in putting the Darfur issue on the CJC has worked to support the Sudanese

## Regional Jewish Communities

serve Jewish life locally and strengthen ties with and organizational structure required to pre-Jewish communities with the campaign support **UIA Federations Canada** provides Regional

maintained previous levels. regular Shabbatons. The 2004 UJA Campaign included a youth mission to Washington and missions to Israel. Highlights of the past year adult outreach, Holocaust education, as well as including community development, youth and to programs and services across Ontario, of Ontario (RJCO) resources by offering access **UIAFC** manages Regional Jewish Communities

of liberation from the concentration camps the world to commemorate the 60th anniversary Canada, joined 18,000 participants from around grounds and educational environments across Forty non-Jewish educators from diverse backin Poland as part of the March of the Living. RJCO in 2005 to organize an Educator's Program Canada Israel Experience (CIE) worked with

> increases. The challenge remains to broaden The 2004 UJA Campaign again notched up successful biennial AJC conference in Halifax In 2004, The Atlantic Jewish Council had a

### Saskatchewan Regional Council

Regina's UJA campaign increased in 2004 leadership positions as a number of younger people are assuming The community is optimistic about the future

demonstrated the commitment of this remarkhas been energized to new levels of activity. by the presence of young Israelis who come The 2004 Saskatoon UJA Campaign again under the auspices of the Jewish Agency's able community. Buoyed and carried forward "Young Shlichim" program, the community

## National Jewish Campus Life

## The Next Generation in Canada

that embraces Israel and Zionism and encourages Jewish identity in a pluralistic framework. While encouraging Jewish students in the pursuit of leadership National Jewish Campus Life has developed into the most significant national resource provider for campus life, ensuring a campus culture across Canada positions, NJCL also supports non-Jewish students to become active in the Jewish campus community's agenda.

This past year, NJCL worked closely with various local Hillels and Jewish campus organizations on a wide range of initiatives. Below are a few highlights:

and our agenda of tikkun olam in the pursuit of social justice on campus Shoah to train students in combating intolerance, racism, and bigotry Campus Influentials As part of the March of the Living. NJCL together

Civic Engagement A new student organization, Students Taking Actior Together, Jewish and non-Jewish students called upon the Canadian

Outreach and Engagement Fashion for Passion: a weeklong celebration

program of the newly created Canadian Federation of Jewish Students leadership development. civic engagement and Israel education. This event was the first national conference in a generation and was the highlight Activist Training Over 300 students converged upon McGill's campus in

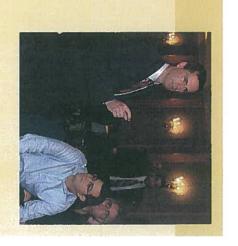
from Israel on campuses to help engage students in matters relating to Israel. The young Israeli volunteers were positioned in Vancouver, London and Ottawa. The Israeli Fellows program is sponsored in part through JAFI Human Resources NJCL inaugurated a new program placing specialists

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### National Young Leadership

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involvement. Some of its activities are described below: programs and best practices, it strives to create a community of leaders and encourages campaign Jewish federations and regional communities of Canada. By providing a forum to share ideas, National Young Leadership (NYL) supports and enriches the Young Adult Divisions within the



### Ben Gurion Society (BGS)

This national program recognizes the growing number of young adults who make a minimum contribution of \$1,000 to their local UJA/CJA campaign. In the Fall of 2004, BGS members from Vancouver, London, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax, spent three days in Poland and three days in Israel. The group was exposed to life in Poland and the memories of communities lost. In Israel, the group was able to appreciate the growth of the country as a democratic and economic force. At the TO'05 Conference (below), BGS members enjoyed a cocktail reception and were treated to a special Havdallah service, which included candle-holding by the Toronto Raptors' own Matt Bonner, prior to hearing from the Lebanese-American journalist Brigitte Cabriel

#### TO'05 Conference

Over 300 young adults gathered from across Canada and met with world-renowned speakers including Dennis Prager, Michael Steinhardt and Joseph Telushkin at the TO'05 National Young Leadership Conference. Canadian speakers included MP Steven Fletcher, Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky and Josh Cooper. The conference succeeded in its "Jewish networking mandate" as well, providing access for delegates to develop new communal ties.

#### UJC Cabinet

The National Young Leadership Cabinet represents the highest level of Jewish leadership development across North America. Members are nominated by their local community, as a result of their leadership abilities and proven track record. Those who have been asked to serve on Cabinet make capacity gifts to their local UJA/CJA campaign in excess of \$3,600 annually. This year, more Canadians have been asked to join UJC Cabinet, with current representation from Vancouver, Calgary, London, Toronto and Montreal.

### Israel Advocacy Initiative

This young leadership initiative complements the development curricula for serious future community leadership. In 2004, 56 future Canadian leaders participated in the year-long program, culminating in an extensive and inspirational mission to Israel with Parliamentarians.

National Jewish Campus Life, National Young Leadership and Canada Israel Experience are working together to build tomorrow's Jewish community leaders...today.

### Canada Israel Experience

Canada Israel Experience (CIE) programs are designed to instill the importance of Jewish community and its values, along with a strong connection to Israel for all the young participants. As a leader in informal Israel/Zionist education, the programs reach thousands of young Canadian Jews each year, bringing some of the most dynamic and creative programming on Israel to communities across Canada.

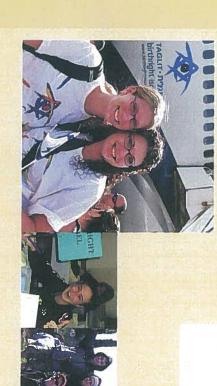
This spring, CIE coordinated the 2005 March of the Living to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the end of the World War II. More than 1,000 Canadian students, educators, adults and multicultural groups joined 18,000

people from around the world in the silent march of solidarity against hatred

## The Next Generation in Canada

Kara Mintzberg, a Vancouver student commented, "The experience of going on the March of the Living made the Holocaust more tangible for me...as opposed to just reading about it from a page of a book."

In 2005, CIE expects to send over 3,400 participants on Israel Experience programs. CIE's birthright israel program continues to be popular and highly successful. Hundreds of birthright israel alumni across the country continue their involvement by developing and implementing creative post-programming initiatives.



"...because of birthright, my connection to Judaism became real...I experienced something spiritual with people my age from all over the world..." Alanna Snitman

CIE Programs	2003	2004	2005
Total participants	1945	3145	3400 *
* Estimation			

#### Israel

### UIA Canada



Since 1967, UIA of Canada, the Israel representative of UIAFC, has built more than 240 physical facilities across the country and established hundreds of programs, creating strong Canadian partnerships from the Galilee Panhandle in the north, to both Beer Sheva/Bnei Shimon and Eilat/Eilot in the south.

UIAFC has always focused on responding to the needs of the citizens of Israel. Our new strategic initiative encourages Israel-based philanthropy. Today we are not only doing this for the people, but also together with the people. Canadian foundations, and committed agencies funds enable us to leverage additional substantial support from Israeli individuals,

Thanks to the generosity of the Canadian Jewish Federations and communities, UIAC is today considered a leader in many public and philanthropic spheres. We work closely with our agents including the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee, and other NGOs, who invest together with us in building the next generation of Israel leadership and society.

I am proud to represent you in Israel, and to act on your behalf on many significant initiatives including being involved in the initiation of <code>Daroma</code>, a new non-profit organization dedicated to creating the master plan for further development in the Negev.

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I know that together, we will continue to strengthen and build the State of Israel the people of Israel, and the Jewish communities across Canada.

Yossi Tanuri Director General UIA Canada





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The Next Generation in Israel

Impacting Lives in Israel

the public sector for five years after completing her studies.

Atidim participants receive a full tuition scholarship to university, including boarding expenses, and additional resources and tools to help with their studies. The participants of this program are highly motivated to succeed, but need the support to do so.

"Israel has given me so much...through Atidim,
I will serve in the public sector with my
peers from the program..., we will bring about
real change in Israel."

Yael Azala was welcomed to Israel in 1984 by the Jewish Agency's Absorption Centre in Nazareth. As one of six children, she and her family began the long, treacherous journey from Ethiopia to Israel on "Operation Moses". On the trek to the airlift gathering point in Sudan, Yael's family spent months in a refugee camp infested with disease, where her mother and infant brother both died. Her father tragically died a year after arriving in Israel.

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Intifada in 2000. With little knowledge of her Jewish heritage, Sasha learned about Judaism

hanumber of programs offered by the Agency. She was attracted to the values

Sasha Vail, originally from the Ukraine, made aliyah to Israel on her own at the height of the

ships are available to assist immigrant students who are alone in Israel, and through a new program called MASA (journey) targeted to young adults studying in Israel from abroad.

closing the socio-economic gaps crippling

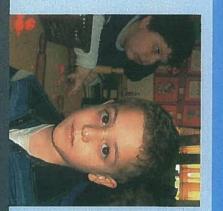
Unique national programs such as Atidim and Net@ are developing human resources and

into Israeli society.

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) is UIA Federations Canada's primary agent, overseeing the majority of our programs in Israel. This past year has seen many challenges and successes with the absorption of new immigrants

Israel's periphery. In addition, scholar

and vision of the Atidim program, which has supported her through years of studying law at the Hebrew University. Like many other Atidim students, Sasha has committed to working in



### Missions to Israel 2004/2005

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Determined to receive a higher education, Yael was subsidized by the Jewish Agency and completed her pre-academic preparatory program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "The University is my ticket forward in Israeli society," she says. In order to provide direct, immediate assistance to motivated, determined immigrant students such as Yael, the Jewish Agency recently established the Fund for Immigrant Students Alone in Israel. The fund allows thousands of new immigrant students from all over the world to put themselves from all over the world to put themselves

New programs such as these have helped immigrants integrate into Israeli society.

These programs are also paving the way for the anticipated increase of immigrants such as the Ethiopian Falashmura expected over the next 5 years, and will help to support them on their journey to becoming productive and responsible citizens of Israel.

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## Our Regional Partners in Israel



"The encounter with the teachers and pupils greatly increased our awareness...we now understand how important it is for our friends overseas to maintain their connection with Israel, with the Hebrew language and with Jewish tradition."

Teachers from the Galilee Panhandle upon visiting Talmud Torah School in Vancouver

Partnership with Israel (Partnership 2000), is a highly successful program coordinated by JAFI, linking Diaspora communities with partner-regions in Israel. The program offers support in the development of regions, cross-cultural projects and ongoing ties between communities and people.

Students and teachers across Canada are connected with their Israeli peers through e-mail, letter exchanges and website development. Issues such as Jewish identity, democracy and

pluralism are priority topics in the development of joint curricula and annual conferences. Videoconferences have become a new and exciting channel of communications between the partnered schools, bridging the distance between our countries and generating much enthusiasm.

Long-term relationships and friendships are formed between Canadian and Israeli students and professionals through shared educational experiences in Israel and Canada.

## Some Highlights of 2004/2005

## Beer Sheva/Bnei Shimon and Montreal

- One of the long-term goals of the program is to empower the parents and include them in the operation of the school. This year the "Excellence in Education" program was initiated in Beer Sheva - Bnei Shimon. This joint endeavor focuses on the extension of the school day and the introduction of a learning enrichment program into the regular school curriculum
- Sheva/Bnei Shimon, to develop their future plans. A leadership development course creates the framework for community visited Montreal. The goal is to build a cooperative program through video conferencing and ongoing communications. volunteers. Recently, participants met their Montreal peers at Toronto's Young Leadership Conference and subsequently A unique project based on the model of "Pro-Montreal", Start-Up provides support and guidance for young adults in Beer

### Eilat/Eilot and Toronto

- funds to leverage an additional half million dollars from private foundations and Israeli philanthropists for Eilat and Eilot. Increased the funding of critical educational and social-welfare needs by over a quarter million dollars while using the new
- Launched a new initiative designed to change the future of Eilat and Eilot by introducing a student and academic population to the region through the strengthening the local campus of Ben Gurion University.
- The People-to-People connection is one of the cornerstones of Toronto's relationship with Eilat/Eilot. Initiatives ranging are enjoying ongoing success. from academic exchanges of visiting students and faculty to upgrading the skills of teachers both in Toronto and Eilat/Eilot,

# Galilee Panhandle and Canada Coast-to-Coast Communities

- Foundation and the San Francisco Jewish Federation to assist children at risk in the region. (Total investment of U.S

## Appreciation to Harvey Wolfe

completes a four year term in June 2005. Harvey Wolfe, World Chair of the Board of Trustees of Keren Hayesod,

he continues to be an active member of our national leadership. Having served as President of UIA Federations Canada from 1997-1999,

state of Israel and the perpetuation of Jewish values. Harvey Wolfe is a leader among leaders who is tirelessly devoted to the



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