The partnership also supports rape crisis counselling and education. We ensure seniors, disabled veterans, and children with special needs throughout the region receive hydrotherapy and other types of rehabilitation activities. We build leaders from youth with difficult personal circumstances, and provide them with safe spaces to form meaningful relationships. Collectively, we provide transformational experiences and strengthen Etzba HaGalil.

Calgary's direct relationship with the partnership is equally deep and rich. In the last number of years, we have supported computer lab development in our two twin schools – Har Vagai and Uziel, we assisted with the refurbishment of Metulla’s daycare centre, and have provided scholarships for students to Tel Hai College, some of whom are the very first members of their families to attend college.

We also continue to support pen pal and exchange programs, where Israeli and Canadian students communicate and form friendships, and meet face to face in some cases. Perhaps most importantly, we have nurtured and grown lasting friendships and relationships with fellow Canadians, and with volunteers, organizational professionals, and mayors from Etzba HaGalil. These loving, supportive, constructive bonds become stronger each time we meet.

The three days the Coast to Coast-P2G committee members spend together in Etzba HaGalil in a Gesher Chai living bridge - environment reinforece how different we are and how similar we are. Our discussions are between people, not driven by politics. While there are occasionally competing interests, in the end everyone wants outcomes that are best for the region as a whole. This, indeed, is a rare and special partnership.

I invite you to join our committee, to ask questions and learn about our impact and efforts b’Eretz Israel, to inquire about critical and impactful programs requiring support, and to let us know if you are planning a trip – we would be pleased to arrange a life changing visit to our “family” in the north. For more information or for questions – asilver@jewishcalgary.org.

Every opinion counts. Every dollar counts. Every partnership member, from Israel and Canada. counts. In Jewish Calgary, Everyone Counts!

B’Shalom,

Adam Silver,
Chief Executive Officer
Calgary Jewish Federation
Yasmin was always sensitive to racism and religious intolerance because she grew up hearing stories of how her Ismaili Muslim family was thrown out of Uganda by cruel dictator Idi Amin. In Grade 5, Yasmin read and was deeply moved by The Diary of Anne Frank. Yearning to learn more about the Holocaust, she inquired about Calgary Jewish Federation’s Holocaust Studies and Human Rights Program that includes a visit to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Even though the program required her to attend weekly evening class for three months, and put in hours of community service, Yasmin jumped at the chance to go.

Yasmin finished the program with an enormous respect for survivors, an understanding of human rights abuses worldwide, a commitment to protect freedom and a profound promise to stand up to injustice wherever and whenever she heard about it.

Yasmin tells everyone that she plans to become a human rights lawyer – and it was Federation’s Holocaust Studies and Human Rights Program that set her on that path.

When it comes to protecting Canadian democracy and making it safe for Jewish people to live full Jewish lives, everyone counts. Support Calgary Jewish Federation’s educational programs by giving generously to Federation’s United Jewish Appeal campaign.
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