

Our Coast-to-Coast Federations' Emergency Forum Support: Rapid, Coordinated, and Life-Preserving for the People of Israel

At this difficult time for Israel and the Jewish People, we want to share an important update about our work on the humanitarian frontlines of our beloved Israel. Our Federation (enter name), a part of our Emergency Forum of communities across Canada; Winnipeg, Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Hamilton, Atlantic, London, Victoria, Saskatchewan and Ontario small communities, has mobilized with urgency to support the people in Israeli communities in our partnership region of the Galilee Panhandle and more broadly, in Israel. Our Israel emergency campaign has helped us be among the first responders, ensuring essential humanitarian resources reach communities most affected, in real time.

Some Context: Life on the Northern Border: Zero Warning, Constant Missile Fire

For families living closest to the Lebanese border in our partnership region of the Galilee Panhandle (Etzbah HaGalil), living under the threat of rocket fire is a sustained existential reality. With Hezbollah intensifying its involvement (and over 200 missiles launched Wednesday evening on Israel's northern border communities) residents face a terrifying daily reality of zero warning time and perpetual rocket fire. Schools are closed, children (try and) learn online, and any community activities must occur inside fortified spaces – with many 'meeting up' at all times of day and night in community bomb-shelters. Families who have only recently returned home now find themselves back under attack with no time even to take a shower or make some food. Despite this torment, residents are mostly committed to staying put and remaining strong, but they are in desperate need of our support.

Your Dollars Providing Necessities of Life!

With your emergency dollars, working with Jewish Federations of Canada – United Israel Appeal, we have been able to provide the civilian population with:

- Essential shelter equipment: heaters, mattresses, blankets, first-aid kits, search and rescue and emergency supplies
- Respite and psychosocial support for children, seniors, and families
- Community programming to reduce trauma and strengthen mental health
- Urgent portable dialysis equipment for Ziv Hospital in Tzfat that serves Israel's North

In addition, we have supported our fellow Montreal Federation CJA's partner region of Be'er Sheva that, tragically, experienced a direct hit from an Iranian ballistic missile, through essential first-responder equipment.

Standing United with Israel's North

Despite close to twenty people killed, over 1600 injured and over 3300 homeless, and constant missile fire and alerts, Israelis remain steadfast. They themselves tell us that their resilience is strengthened by the knowledge that our Canadian Federations from Coast-to-Coast's Emergency Forum are standing with them, providing life-sustaining support at the moment it is most needed. Through Jewish Federations of Canada-UIA, we are able to provide professionals with expertise, on the ground, making the right analysis in real time ensuring that our community emergency dollars go where they are needed the most. We will continue to share updates as the situation evolves. Your generosity is saving lives and sustaining the people of Israel's North and across Israel during one of the most dangerous periods in recent memory. We are grateful for your continued support.