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2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA has been serving Canada’s Jewish community and strengthening its connection to Israel for 53 years. Through ongoing partnerships, programs and initiatives, we realize our core guiding belief of am echad, one nation.

As the national organization for the collective Canadian Jewish community, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the national collective, by ensuring that all our communities can engage in meaningful opportunities, regardless of size or capacity. The impact of our philanthropic activities was felt from South America to Kitchener-Waterloo to the Former Soviet Union.

In Venezuela, we provided critical aid to the Jewish community with food and medical supplies and supported the Hebraic Jewish Center in Caracas. We strengthened communities across Israel, through our philanthropic operations, by investing in and managing programs and projects supported by donors and partners.

Partnership2Gether programs are positively impacting communities in underdeveloped regions across Israel. By investing in educational, community and capacity building programs, Canadian federations are enhancing the lives of thousands of Israeli families. Overseas, through the Jewish Agency for Israel, we connected Jews worldwide with Israel, their Jewish identity and our collective heritage while also providing 55,000 elderly and vulnerable Jews with humanitarian relief and social welfare services in 70 countries through the JDC.

Over 3,500 Canadians experienced Israel on unforgettable programs, including 11 young adults with cognitive disabilities and their companions on the 2nd CIE: Birthright Israel Experience for Friends with Special needs.

In Canada, we helped create and continue to support regional community events like the 7th annual Kitchener Waterloo Walk for Israel. The regional forum regularly engages and connects community leaders from non-federated cities across Canada.

25 lay leaders enjoyed a day of exclusive access to industry influencers and change-makers in the fields of technology and venture capitalism in Manhattan, concluding with a reception with Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of the State of Israel to New York.

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, our advocacy agent, continued to improve the quality of Jewish life in Canada by advocating for freedom, human rights, social justice, and support for the Jewish people and Israel.

On November 3rd, lay leaders and professionals from across Canada came together in Tel Aviv on the first ever Yom Canada for a day of education and celebration of our ongoing Canada-Israel community partnerships.

Our impact on the local, national and international platforms is the direct result of the ongoing tremendous efforts by our devoted professionals and volunteers and the active support and ongoing commitment to the collective of our partners and stakeholders. The outcome of our collective efforts is evidence that our national community is much stronger when we work together.

Looking forward to 2020 and beyond, we pledge to remain steadfast in our goal to take advantage of any and all opportunities that bring us together, in support of our Jewish community and Israel.

Michael Frankel
Chair

Nikki Holland
President & CEO

Arié Levy
Interim Director General

SUPPORT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

Eight microgrants were issued to seven regional communities to fund local Jewish programming. Programs included a talk by Canadian author and journalist Ellin Bessner in Barrie, Ontario about the Canadian soldiers of Jewish faith who landed on beaches of Normandy in June 1944. In Kelowna, “Harp & Psalms” was a unique Kabbalat Shabbat service with a harpist playing to various Psalms written by King David, with explanations about the Psalms & background.



PRESERVATION OF JEWISH HISTORY

The Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives increased its educational market, addressing over 1000 queries onsite and remotely, well exceeding past years' reach. The improved layout of the new uptown location allows for the hosting of archival research sessions for class groups. More detailed information is now accessible after a private donation of a microfilm scanner.

DONOR APPRECIATION

Over 50 donors from Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and Halifax attended the annual Western Hospitality event in Palm Springs, hosted by Ruby & Gerry Gales. Ambassador Dani Dayan, Consul General of Israel in New York, spoke about the special connection between Israel and the Diaspora. The event was co-organized with the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.



JEWISH IDENTITY PROGRAMS



BIRTHRIGHT ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

Over 2,000 young adults participated on a CIE: Birthright Israel program, including 11 Canadians with cognitive disabilities and their companions on the 2nd CIE: Birthright Israel Experience for Friends with Special needs. This extraordinary program is customized to ensure that participants get the most of their Birthright Israel experience.

MARCH OF THE LIVING

Over 700 Canadians joined 10,000 people from more than 40 countries to walk from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day. The central theme was the fight against antisemitism, racism and intolerance. Since 1988, almost 14,000 Canadians have experienced this intense journey through the tragic history of European Jewry to the success of modern-day Israel.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

THE KNESSET CANADIAN TOUR

Representatives from the Knesset visited Jewish day schools and universities in Vancouver, Toronto, Kingston and Hamilton to speak about the workings of the Israeli government and the Israeli electoral process. Secondary school students from across the globe participated in a live webcast with and Knesset speaker Yuli Edelstein & Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Isaac Herzog.



PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

The President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, visited Canada to mark 70 years of diplomatic relations with Israel. In Ottawa, he laid a wreath at the National Holocaust Monument, attended a state dinner with the Governor General and members of the Canadian Jewish Community at Rideau Hall and a lunch hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. In Toronto, he hosted a Canada-Israel Business forum.

ISAAC HERZOG CANADIAN TOUR

In September, Isaac Herzog, Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and Steven Lowy, World Chairman at Keren Hayesod, visited Canada. Over 4 days, accompanied by JFC-UIA leadership Michael Frankel, Chair and Nikki Holland, President and CEO, they met community members and federation professionals at local events and programs in Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.



YOM CANADA

Yom Canada brought together over 50 Canadian federation professionals and lay leaders from communities across Canada in Tel Aviv on November 3rd to celebrate Canada's strong relationship with Israel. The program included guided sessions and seminars, an authentic Ethiopian feast, a tour of the Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, and a private dinner reception with dignitaries Isaac Herzog and Deborah Lyons, Canada's Ambassador to Israel.

ISRAEL PARTNERSHIPS



Montreal's Jewish community donated a hi-tech autonomous emergency vehicle to their partnership city of Beer Sheva. It was presented to the Mayor and city paramedics by the Israel & Overseas Committee of Federation CJA.



Over 80 Canadian adults and Israeli students bonded through Cafe Hafooch. This innovative program improves English skills while connecting all participants to the UJA Toronto partnership through ongoing dialogue about socio-political issues.



Over 200 students at 10 elementary schools in the Galilee Panhandle region gained knowledge of STEM subjects through the Galilium Design Thinking program, an innovative program supported by the Coast-to-Coast partnership.

**United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.
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**Consolidated Summary of Statement of Operations
for the year ended December 31, 2019**

Revenues

Donations	85,375,129	
Investment income	<u>1,685,031</u>	
		87,060,160

Expenditures

Social Welfare Programs

Formal and informal education	31,454,878
Medical programs	17,288,021
Relief of poverty	2,692,876
Student scholarships	2,706,771
Aged and infirm	5,295,000
Immigrant absorption	804,000
Properties in Israel	300,000
Emergency campaign	<u>365,000</u>
	<u>60,906,546</u>

Program and Operating Costs

Leadership development and Canada-Israel youth program subsidies	6,414,904	
Campaign assistance	341,996	
National campus services	932,846	
Education, communications, media and government relations	15,420,597	
Operating costs	<u>4,774,782</u>	
	<u>27,885,125</u>	88,791,671

Excess of Revenues over Expenditures \$ (1,731,511)

