

This month in Etzba HaGalil

A review of the news for our partners from Coast-to-Coast Canada

September-October 2007

- Next Wednesday, the Association of Community Centers of Kiryat Shmona will hold a memorial ceremony marking the 12th anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. The ceremony will be held at Beit Vancouver and will be attended by Mayor Haim Birbavai, and Deputy Mayor Shimon Kamari.
- The "Yachad Center" received the Galilee Award of Excellence for 2007 from Mayor Aharon Valency last month at a special ceremony at the Clore Center in Kfar Blum. The award committee praised the Yachad Center "for serving as an exemplary symbol of the strength of the human spirit and its ability to overcome all obstacles; on the success of an entire community to work together to empower those with disabilities and limitations; on the dedication and perseverance out of a true sense of love for the residents, and the commitment to help residents of the center live comfortably and with dignity."
- Over the course of September and October, 4 groups of Israeli students traveled to visit their peers at their partnership schools in Canada, including:
 - 10 students and two teachers visited Edmonton and the Talmud Torah School. They were hosted by members of the community and celebrated Sukkot together.
 - 5 students and their teacher visited the Temple School in Ottawa over the Sukkot holiday
 - 8 students and their teacher visited the Yitzhak Rabin School in Ottawa
- In addition, a fourth delegation of students from the Danziger School in Kiryat Shmona visited their sister school, the Gray Academy of Jewish Education in Winnipeg. During their visit, the Canadian students hosted a dance in order to raise money for a Tzedakah project in memory of Liran Saadia of Kiryat Shmona, one of the first soldiers to fall in the Second Lebanon War. They sent the Tzedakah money back to Kiryat Shmona with their Israeli peers.
- During the month of October, two Canadian missions will be visiting Northern Israel. 70 visitors from Halifax are coming to visit with their partnership programs and meet with professionals from the municipality. They will also have social evenings with local residents, including the families of those who were in Canada at Jewish camps during the summer.
- The Vancouver mission includes 20 Federation professionals and community center staff who will be meeting with their professional contemporaries from the Galilee. They will also have social evenings, home hospitality, and joint professional workshops to strengthen the personal connections between members of the two communities.