



Consulate General of Israel
TORONTO & WESTERN CANADA

April-May 2019



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50th Annual 'Walk With Israel'



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Inside Out Festival



Consul General Galit Baram and other representatives of the Consulate participated in UJA Federation Toronto's 50th 'Walk With Israel' on May 20th. The annual event took place in Toronto's north end on a bright and sunny morning and was attended by tens of thousands of supporters and many elected officials. The mayors of Sderot, Bat Yam, Eilat and Eilat Region even flew in for the occasion.

Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day) Gala 2019



THE INSIDE OUT FILM AND VIDEO FESTIVAL IS AN ANNUAL CANADIAN FILM FESTIVAL, WHICH PRESENTS A PROGRAM OF LGBT-RELATED FILM. THE FESTIVAL IS STAGED IN BOTH TORONTO AND OTTAWA.

The organization also presents a series of film screenings throughout the year outside of the dedicated festival, as well as a touring program of short film screenings in smaller towns and cities within Southern Ontario.

Dates: May 23- June 2, 2019

ISRAELI FILMS:

1. Tonight



Emily Shir Segal WILL BE ATTENDING THE SCREENING.

Director

Tonight, Tom will meet her younger girlfriend's group of friends for the first

The Consulate General held its annual Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) Gala on May 9 at Beanfield Centre in Toronto. The atmosphere of the event was amazing as Canadians and Israelis, foreign diplomats, religious leaders, academics, the business sector, heads of organizations - all gathered for a blue-and-white celebration in honour of Israel's 71st anniversary and 70 years of strong Israel-Canada relations

Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day) 2019



The Consulate General marked Israeli Memorial Day (Yom Hazikaron) on May 7. The ceremony is offered in memory of Israel's fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

The event was hosted at Beth Tzedec Congregation, with more than a thousand people in attendance. The Consulate appreciates all those who came out to show their respect: Israelis and Canadians, representatives of the Jewish Community, Rabbis of the three streams of Judaism, elected officials, military personnel, and above all - the bereaved families. We were honoured and deeply moved by your presence and participation.

time. At the end of the night, she'll have to make a choice.

SCREENING DATE AND VENUE:

Sat May 25, 4:45 pm

TIFF Bell Lightbox 2

2. Rubber Dolphin



Ori Aharon

Director

SYNOPSIS

A gay love story set in a one-bedroom apartment in Tel Aviv. They meet, they have sex, they fall in love. Will it last until the morning comes?

SCREENING DATE AND VENUE:

FRI MAY 31, 9:45 PM

TIFF Bell Lightbox 2

350 King Street West

Flag Raising Across the Greater Toronto Area



In honour of Israel's 71st anniversary of Independence, the Consulate General celebrated by organizing four very special flag raising ceremonies.

3. Miguel



Daphna Levin

Director

Miguel is a heart-wrenching true story of a gay man's determination to fulfill his dream of adopting a child.

SCREENING DATE AND VENUE:

**Sun Jun 02, 2:30 pm
TIFF Bell Lightbox 1
350 King Street West**



The first two ceremonies were held on May 7th in association with the City of Vaughan as well as the Ontario Provincial Legislature (Queen's Park). Consul General Gali Baram was downtown at Queen's Park with members of the Jewish community as well as parliamentarians of all stripes. Deputy Consul General, Nissan Amdur brought greetings in Vaughan.

ReelAbilities Film Festival 2019





In 2016, the American-born ReelAbilities Film festival crossed the border and launched in Toronto, Ontario, making this the first official international chapter of RAFF. Now in our fourth year, ReelAbilities Toronto Film Festival is proud to showcase Canadian and International shorts, features, and documentaries about Deaf and disability cultures and by filmmakers and actors with disabilities and/or who are Deaf. Over the past 4 years, ReelAbilities Film Festival Toronto has launched programs alongside producing the festival in the spring of each year. Programs such as the ReelAccess/CinemAccessible Guide and the CBC-ReelAbilities Breaking Barriers Film Fund have helped build this Toronto festival into a mainstay of the city's disability and cinematic fabric.

On May 9, the Consulate held an additional two ceremonies in Richmond Hill and at Toronto City Hall. Toronto has always been a great supporter of the State of Israel and every year we are honoured that City Council helps us recognize this special relationship. Consul General Galit Baram brought greetings to members of the Israeli, Jewish and Canadian communities. Out in Richmond Hill, Deputy Consul General Nissan Amdur addressed a group of attendees in the City Council chambers before helping lift the flag to the sky.

MUHI: GENERALLY TEMPORARY



**DIRECTED BY RINA CASTELNUOVO
AND TAMIR ELTERMAN**



Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) at Queen's Park



As part of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Consul General Galit

87 MIN || ISRAEL/GERMANY ||
DOCUMENTARY
FEATURE | OPEN CAPTIONS
FULL SYNOPSIS

Muhi, a brave and spirited Palestinian boy has been living in an Israeli hospital, unable to return to his home in Gaza. Caught between two worlds and two peoples, Muhi is raised in paradoxical circumstances that transcend identity, religion and the conflict that divides his world.

SHOWTIMES

[BUY TICKETS](#)

SATURDAY JUN 1 | 7:00 PM | [AL GREEN THEATRE](#)

Post Show Discussion Panel

PRIDE MONTH



Pride Toronto is a LGBT festival held each year in Toronto during the month of June. One of the largest gay festivals in the world, it features several stages with live concerts and DJs, a massive Dyke March, a Trans March and the Pride Parade. The 10-day festival usually falls on the last week of June. The Pride parade is held on either the last weekend of June or the first weekend of July. About 100,000 people attend the parade. After the parade, there are lots of live music and entertainment.

Parallel to Pride Toronto Tel Aviv Gay Pride Week takes place every June, with a surge of gay-friendly events taking place across the city, culminating on the Friday with the famed pride parade. The 2019 Tel Aviv Gay Pride Parade will take place on June 14. It has become

Baram attended a memorial at Queen's Park on May 1. The event was hosted by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and attended by parliamentarians in honour of survivors and their families. Special thanks goes to Premier Doug Ford for his strong words of support for the Jewish community.

The other presenters also spoke beautifully while introducing the honourees and recounting their stories. This was truly an important and powerful commemoration.

Hamilton Trip

one of the biggest events of the year in Tel Aviv with the city's gay community coming out in force to ensure that they, and the many visitors who come from overseas have a great time and firm up the city's reputation as the Gay Capital of the Middle East, and perhaps, one of the Gay Capitals of the World.

If you're planning to visit Tel Aviv for the 2019 Gay Pride, check out our [Tel Aviv Gay Pride Touring Package](#) which features visits across the highlights of Israel as well as time to soak in the event itself in Tel Aviv.

THE CONSULATE OF ISRAEL IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE SCREENING OF TWO ISRAELI LGBT FILMS DURING PRIDE MONTH:



YOSSI & JAGGER WITH SUMMER VACATION

JUNE 2, 2019 1:00 PM AND 4:30 PM SCREENINGS

Summer Vacation (Chofesh Gadol) Israel, 2012, Tal Granit & Sharon Maymon, directors

In Summer Vacation, the tranquility of a family's beach holiday is challenged by the appearance of a stranger.

DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS VICTOR VAZQUEZ WILL BRING GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE ISRAELI CONSULATE.



**Yossi & Jagger (Yossi ve Jager)
Israel, 2002, Eytan Fox, director, 87
minutes**

In Yossi & Jagger, two IDF soldiers struggle to conceal their romance from their unit.

Guest speaker: Professor Jonathan Alschech

PRESENTED BY THE TORONTO
JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

**A CO-PRESENTATION WITH NEW
ISRAEL FUND OF CANADA,
CONGREGATION SHIR LIBEYNU, UJA
EMERGING COMMUNITIES,
CONSULATE GENERAL OF ISRAEL IN
TORONTO, TORONTO JEWISH FILM
FOUNDATION, NEW ISRAEL FUND OF
CANADA, MNJCC ISRAELI
CONNECTION & LGBTQ+ INITIATIVE**

Consul General, Galit Baram was in Hamilton, Ontario on May 11th for a series of meetings and community engagements.

The morning started off with a discussion on contemporary Israel as well as Israel-Canada/Diaspora relations with the students of Hamilton Hebrew Academy. The Consul General was impressed at the students level of engagement and quality of questions asked.

Next up was a trip to City Hall to meet with Mayor Fred Eisenberger and his team. Israel has many eager business partners in Ontario and Hamilton is no exception. The pair had a wonderful dialogue about economic opportunities and potential partnerships.

In the afternoon, the CG spent some time at the beautiful campus of McMaster University. There she discussed academic affairs, innovation and entrepreneurship with University President Patrick Deane, Vice Provost Peter Mascher and John Valliant, CEO of Fusion Pharma Inc.

Finally, before heading back to Toronto JNF Hamilton and Hamilton Jewish Federation co-hosted a wonderful evening where the Jewish community had the opportunity to meet with the Consul General and discuss the important issues of the day, including the results of the latest Israeli election.

Batsheva Dance Company



On May 9th at the Sony Centre in Toronto, world-famous Israeli dance company Batsheva delighted the crowd with their newest full-length production 'Venezuela'.

Created by Artistic Director, Ohad Naharin, the choreography in this production was

SYRINX Concert Toronto Presents Ishay Shaer

Ishay Shaer
piano

Beethoven
Debussy
Chopin
Coulthard

Thursday, June 6, 2019 7:30pm
tickets: 416.408.0208 General: \$32 /students:
Mazzoleni Hall 273 Bloor St W
A Syrnix Concerts Production syrnixconcerts.ca

"Shaer's playing is a revelation in velvet sonority....
an interpreter who stands in a class by himself."
Marie-Aude Roux, Le Monde, 2018

"Shaer is a vibrant, vital pianistic alchemist who injects ev
piece he plays with passion, soul and a puckish sense o
showmanship." Jamie Caddick, 365bristol, 2018

On Thursday June 6, 2019 Syrnix will welcome internationally acclaimed pianist Ishay Shaer for a special concert event at the Mazzoleni Hall. Shaer will present a thrilling repertoire including the works of Beethoven, Debussy, Chopin and Canadian .Composer Jean Coulthard

Ishay Shaer Having performed in numerous concerts throughout the world to great critical acclaim, Ishay Shaer is quickly becoming one of the leading pianists of his generation. His recent performances include, among others, recitals at the Tonhalle Zurich, Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Purcell Room, Nottingham Royal Concert Hall, UK; Warsaw Philharmonic Hall, Poland; deSingel, Belgium; Preston Bradley Hall in Chicago, USA; Sala

dark, powerful, energetic and poetic all at once. The Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada was proud to be a partner in this event, helping to bring the crew to Canada. Thank you to everyone who came out.

HIGHLIGHT EVENT: STATE VISIT OF ISRAELI PRESIDENT REUVEN RIVLIN TO CANADA



President of Israel Reuven Rivlin touched down in Canada for an official state visit on March 31st at Toronto Pearson International Airport. He was greeted warmly by Ambassador Nimrod Barkan, Consul General Galit Baram as well as Canadian

Sinfonica Pablo Casals in Puerto Rico, Sala Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Teatro .Solís, Uruguay

**When: June 6, 2019 Time: 7:30pm
Location: Mazzoleni Hall, Telus Centre, 273 Bloor St West, Toronto**

Tickets can also be purchased at the .door (cash or cheque only)
Tickets can be ordered online at www.syrinxconcerts.ca or reserved by phone at 416-654-0877

Intersections in Dance and Jewishness

the catalyst at

DANCE COLLECTION DANSE

Wednesday, July 3, 2019
5pm Lecture, Reception to follow
The Catalyst, Ryerson University, 80 Gould Street, Toronto
RSVP to events@dcd.ca, or call 416-365-3233 for more information

The Israeli Consulate, Dance Collection Danse and Ryerson University's School of Performance and The Catalyst are excited to present dance scholars *Amy Bowring* (Canada) and *Yali Nativ* (Israel) in a joint lecture that reveals the work of

Ambassador to Israel, Deborah Lyons who returned home for the occasion.



The first stop in the President's agenda today was a trip to the mighty Niagara Falls. This force of nature was a rare sight for someone who comes from a country that is 60% desert! After a short guided tour and meeting with the Chair of Niagara Parks, Sandie Bellows, President Rivlin signed the guest book leaving a lasting memory of his visit. He then returned to Toronto.

pioneering women in modern dance in Canada and Israel.

They will explore dance within the context of Zionism, Jewish national sentiments and the body, the influence of German Expressionism, and the impact of the Jewish Diaspora on Canadian dance history.

A Q&A will follow the lecture and guests are invited to join us for a reception courtesy of the Israeli Consulate.

About the Speakers

Amy Bowring is the Executive and Curatorial Director of Dance Collection Danse and teaches dance history at Ryerson University. She is one of Canada's foremost advocates for the preservation and dissemination of Canada's dancing stories. Her book *Navigating Home: Artists of the NL Dance Project* will be released in fall 2019.

Yael (yali) Nativ is a choreography teacher and dance scholar. She began her academic studies in dance in Israel and then completed her degrees in Paris (choreography) and San Francisco, where she received her Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Education of the Creative Arts.

Dr. Nativ received her PhD from the department of Sociology of Education, School of Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where she teaches today. In her research and writing she explores social issues looking at the linkage between body, movement, knowledge, ethics, gender and creativity.

To close out his first day in Canada, the President addressed a full crowd from Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel (CMDAI). He praised the organization for all of their hard work and contribution towards strengthening the Israel-Canada relationship.

Magen David Adom is a wonderful organization which actively raises funds to support Israel's team of trained volunteer and professional medical responders.





The next day, the President proceeded to Ottawa, where he was given an official greeting by members of the Canadian military and Governor General of

Canada, Julie Payette at Rideau Hall. That afternoon he met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the historic Wilson House Estate where the two spoke about important issues in the Israel-Canada relationship.

Afterwards, the pair participated in an official luncheon where Prime Minister Trudeau re-affirmed his stance on the BDS movement and anti-Semitism stating, "our government will keep on speaking against the BDS movement and the singling-out of Israel." From there they visited the Canadian National Holocaust Monument where they laid a wreath together in memory of those who were so viciously murdered during WWII.

The morning after his return to Toronto (May 2) President Rivlin had the opportunity to sit down with Premier Doug Ford to discuss Israel-Ontario ties. He then spent the remainder of his final day of the state visit in Toronto. In the morning he opened the Canada-Israel Business Forum hosted by the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada and the Toronto Region Board of Trade. In front of a fully-packed event hall, the President praised Israel and Canada's shared values and mutual goals. President of the Toronto Region Board of Trade, Janet De Silva, Minister of Democratic Institutions Karina Gould, head of the Israeli Manufacturing Association, Shraga Brosh as well as Adiv Baruch, Head of the Israel Export Institute all gave remarks at the event. We appreciate all of our presenters as well as Canadian and Israeli businesses who participated in the business to business sessions. We are sure you made lasting friendships and new partnerships!





After the morning Canada-Israel Business Forum, the President visited Toronto General Hospital, part of University Health Network. Ranked as one of the 10 best hospitals in the world, they are currently using Israeli technology to produce the world's first 3D holographic image to be used during heart procedures. Unfortunately, the state visit of President Rivlin had to be cut short due to concerns over his wife's medical condition

The events continues however that evening. First a wonderful dinner hosted by UJA Federation of Greater Toronto and Israel Bonds Canada, followed by a Koolulam sing-along performance of Matisyahu's song "One Day". Mayor John Tory and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau were among the singers, side by side with 1600 friends and Jewish Community members.



The business delegation that accompanied President Rivlin on his visit to Canada spent its last day (May 3) in Toronto on a study tour. They started with a visit to MaRS Discovery District, a world-renowned innovation hub in Toronto. MaRS supports ventures in the health, energy & environment, finance & commerce, and work & learning sectors. Salim Teja, President of Venture Services and Rafi Hofstein, President and CEO of MaRS Innovation, gave two excellent presentations.

They continued to the Toronto Stock Exchange, where we were greeted by Loui Anastasopoulos, President of Capital Formation. Dani Lipkin, Head of the Technology and Innovation Sector, spoke about the activity of TMX Group in helping foster growth in their client companies, the advantages of doing business in Canada. The day finished with a spectacular view of Toronto at the offices of DLA Piper Canada LLP, they heard from Noam Goodman and Derek Sigel about legal aspects of foreign

business in Canada.





An Israeli Pain Technology Could Ebb Opioid Addiction Post-Surgery

Story from 'No Camels'
April 22, 2019

Ramon International Airport Opens in Southern Israel

Story and Photo from 'Israel21C'
May 2, 2019



Tens of millions of inpatient surgical procedures are performed in the US every year, according to a report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading national public health institute of the United States. Millions of these patients become addicted to opioid medications prescribed to them following surgery.

And with the opioid crisis where it is, already named the worst drug epidemic in US history and claiming around 150 lives a day in the US, health officials are desperately seeking measures to halt it from growing even more. It could be wise for them to look to Ramat Gan, a city in the Tel Aviv District of Israel, home to one of the world's major diamond exchanges and high-tech companies. Here, in this city of 156,277 residents, sits Medasense Biometrics, a company that has developed a patented technology platform to objectively assess the physiological response to pain (nociception), and which could ebb opioid addiction post-surgery.



The long-awaited Ilan and Asaf Ramon International Airport is now fully open for business in Timna, 11 miles (18 kilometers) outside the Red Sea resort city of Eilat.

Spread across 1,250 acres in the Negev Desert, the airport is a game-changer for local and international tourism to Israel, Jordan and Egypt's Sinai Desert.

This new southern gateway to Israel is expected to host 2 million passengers per year, with a future expansion doubling that capacity. It handles domestic flights from Tel Aviv and Haifa as well as flights from Europe that previously used Eilat's Ovda Airport.

Commissioned by the Israel Airport Authority (IAA), Ramon Airport officially opened in January but daily international flights have been received only since April 2.

The building's minimalist futuristic design was overseen by Amir Mann-Ami Shinar Architects and Planners in partnership with Moshe Zur Architects working with more than 45 consulting firms.

This company has come up with a portable pain sensor that can tell doctors how much pain a patient is feeling and how much pain care they need. Using artificial intelligence algorithms and real-time data, the company's easy-to-use system is already changing precision medicine, allowing for personalized and optimized pain care to ensure that the patient doesn't get too many opioids.

"Unlike other aspects of anesthesia, there have not been good monitors of painful stimuli during surgery, and how patients react. It has thus been challenging for anesthesiologists to know how much medication is needed to blunt surgical pain in individual patients. The problem is that too much or too little pain medication (usually narcotics) can be harmful. A monitor that accurately measures how patients react to surgical pain might therefore help guide clinical care," Dr. Daniel Sessler, the founder and director of the Outcomes Research Consortium (the world's largest clinical anesthesia research group), tells NoCamels.

Indeed, the average rate of later opioid dependence and addiction among surgical patients hovers at 12 percent, according to a US national pain report.

FULL STORY: <https://bit.ly/2Jz2MLS>

Facebook Forms New AI Team in Israel R&D Centre

Story from 'No Camels'
April 24, 2019

FULL STORY: <http://bit.ly/2t1qE0u>

Jerusalem's Old City Now Accessible to People With Disabilities

Story and Photo from 'Israel 21C'
April 16, 2019

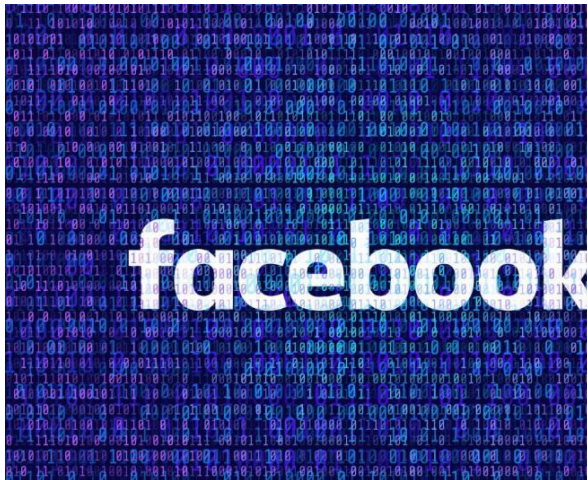


The Old City of Jerusalem and its walls are a UNESCO World Heritage site and the most visited place in the State of Israel, with some 10 million yearly visitors.

But navigating the narrow, crowded cobblestoned lanes and uneven stone stairs is hard or impossible for anyone with difficulty walking, let alone parents pushing strollers. Now, after a decade of work by seven government bodies, the historic district finally has greater accessibility to pedestrians, carriages, vehicles, children and tourists as well as to emergency vehicles and mobility aids.

All the Old City gates now are accessible and can be reached via the Free P&R Shuttle running from the First Station parking lot to the Dung Gate and back daily (including an hourly wheelchair-accessible shuttle).

FULL STORY: <https://bit.ly/2GncnRM>



Facebook has formed a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) research team that will work out of the company's R&D center in Tel Aviv, Haaretz reported this week.

The 10-person team, called Data.AI, "will focus on machine learning algorithms that can improve the company's internal interface and create new tools for data analysis, the company said in a statement cited by CTech by Calcalist. "The team will work to make Facebook's infrastructure smarter and capable of learning from previous experience in order to help engineers solve problems, predict future events and issues, and reach relevant data more quickly," according to the report. Facebook's R&D Center employs some 200 people and recently set up shop in a new office at Tel Aviv's Azrieli Sarona Tower. The company's Israeli operations are headquartered on Rothschild Boulevard. According to a recent report, AI is a major source of growth for the Israeli tech industry.

Israel is home to over 1,000 companies, academic research centers, and multinational R&D centers specializing in AI, including those that develop core AI technologies, as well as those that utilize AI technologies for their vertical-related

Passover, Easter Visitors Flock to Historic Jordan River

Story and Photo from "Israel 21C"
April 18, 2019



The Jordan River baptismal site of Qasr al-Yahud was much more crowded than usual on Monday, April 15, less than a week before Passover and Easter.

To find out why both Christians and Jews were gathering here on this day - the 10th of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar - ISRAEL21c joined a fascinating tour sponsored by the Government Press Office. Tour guide Katriel Ben David explained that every day of the week, all year long, Christian pilgrims come to the riverbank to immerse their bodies and fill bottles with water to take home from the very spot believed to be where John the Baptist baptized Jesus. No doubt John and Jesus chose this location because it is believed to be where the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land on the 10th of Nisan 3,440 years ago (some calculate it as 3,293), following their liberation from Egyptian slavery and four decades of desert wanderings. Three centuries later, the book of Kings 2 records, the prophet Elijah crossed the Jordan right here in the opposite direction and was taken to heaven in a miraculous fiery chariot.

products such as in healthcare, cybersecurity, automotive, and manufacturing among others, according to the Start-Up Nation Central report.

Israeli companies specializing in artificial intelligence raised nearly 40 percent of the total venture capital funds raised by the Israeli tech ecosystem for 2018, despite accounting for just 17 percent of the total number of technology companies in the country, the report noted.

FULL STORY: <https://bit.ly/2X5FEIc>

Significant though this location is religiously and historically, geographically it now straddles the Israeli-Jordanian border. That has made the situation sticky at times.

FULL STORY: <https://bit.ly/2KROFCW>

Strong Start: Israeli Companies Raise \$1.55 Billion in First Quarter of 2019

Story from 'No Camels'
April 16, 2019



Israeli high-tech startups and companies raised \$1.55 billion in 128 deals in the first quarter (Q1) of 2019, marking a 28 percent increase in capital amounts and a 15 percent increase in the number of deals compared to last year's first quarter, according to a report released Tuesday by the IVC Research Center and law firm ZAG S&W Zysman, Aharoni, Gayer & Co.

This past quarter was marked by two large deals of over \$100 million - that of Innoviz Technologies which raised \$132 million in

Series C funding late last month, and that of telecoms tech startup DriveNets, which emerged from stealth mode in February to announce a \$110M Series A funding round led by Bessemer Venture Partners and Pitango Growth. The two deals make up 16 percent of the total quarterly capital. There were also three deals of \$50 million or more this past quarter, with cybersecurity startup Cato Networks raising \$55 million in January, cloud technology startup Redis Labs raising \$60 million, and Lightbits raising \$50 million. In Q1 2019, according to the report, deals higher than \$20 million were responsible for 64 percent of the total amount invested, while seed and smaller rounds in the \$0m-\$5m range accounted for less than seven percent, continuing a downward trend observed since late 2015

FULL STORY: <https://bit.ly/2ZhtEoo>



[President Rivlin hosts the diplomatic corps at a reception in honor of Israel's 71st Independence Day](#)

[PM Netanyahu addresses the Memorial Day opening ceremony](#)

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[President Rivlin opens Israel-Canada Business Forum](#)

[Eurovision 2019 in Israel](#)

The Eurovision Song Contest took place in Tel Aviv City this year. Meet the fans and the performers and hear what they have to say about this wonderful experience in Israel!

[Israeli scientists unveil world's first 3D-printed heart](#)

Israeli scientists revealed the world's first 3D-printed heart, which was created using a patient's own cells! This medical breakthrough provides great hope and opens future possibilities for patients around the world who suffer from heart-disease.

[Israeli High-Tech Professionals Support Social Change Through Volunteering](#)

Israel's Society Labs brings high tech professionals together where they support social change and give back to the community by volunteering their knowledge & technology.

[President Rivlin meets with Premier of Ontario Doug Ford](#)

[President Rivlin meets with Canadian PM Justin Trudeau in Ottawa](#)

[President Rivlin received at official welcome ceremony by Canadian Governor General](#)

[President Rivlin lays wreath at the National Holocaust Monument in Ottawa](#)

[Israel's Election Process - A Celebration of Democracy](#)

April 9th was a special day for Israeli democracy, as Israelis cast their votes to elect the parties that will be represented in the 21st Knesset, Israel's parliament. Watch this video to get the facts about the Israeli election process: