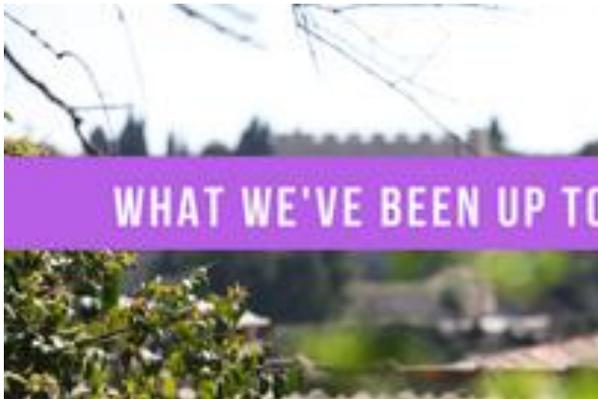


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Consulate General of Israel
TORONTO & WESTERN CANADA

SUMMER NEWSLETTER (July-Aug 2019)



Consulate Hosts B'nai Brith AGM



BAND'S VISIT

In early July, Deputy Consul General, Nissan Amdur hosted B'nai Brith Canada's CEO Michael Mostyn and his Board of Directors. At the event, Israel's Defence Attache to Canada, Col. Amos Nachmani, gave an excellent briefing on the security situation in the Middle East and the challenges facing the Israel Defense Forces and the nation.



Dr. Yali Nativ



DATES

September 17 to October 20, 2019

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Saturday 8pm

Wednesday 1:30pm

Saturday & Sunday 2pm

Ed Mirvish Theatre

244 Victoria Street, Toronto

Ontario, M5B 1V8

In this joyously offbeat story, set in a town that's way off the beaten path, a band of musicians arrive lost, out of the blue. Under the spell of the desert sky, and with beautiful music perfuming the air, the band brings the town to life in unexpected and tantalizing ways. Even the briefest visit can stay with you forever.

The cast of world-class performers is led by award-winning Israeli actor Sasson Gabay, star of the original film and the Broadway production, and Chilina Kennedy, known best for her historic run as Carole King in Broadway's Beautiful - The Carole King Musical.

In mid-July, the Consulate co-presented

an interactive lecture with the Prosserman JCC and the Schwartz/Reisman Centre. Israeli Ph.D. scholar, Yali Nativ discussed the contemporary Israeli dance scene through an intersectional perspective. Director of Cultural Affairs, Victor Vazquez brought greetings on behalf of the consulate. The lecture was followed by a reception where guests were able to speak with Dr. Nativ. We would like to thank Andrea Daian, Program Coordinator at Schwartz/Reisman Centre for making this event happen and Alissa Kaplan for her warm hospitality at her residence.

ISRAELI FILMS AT THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

This year, TIFF- one of the most attended film festivals in the world- selected 6 Israeli films to be screened!

Do not miss the opportunity to check them out:

Shalva National Children's Centre



ANNA



Dekel Berenson's masterfully wry drama follows a single mother as she tries to build a better life for herself and her daughter by attending a mixer for foreign men looking for love. There, her value as an aging woman comes into sharp focus.

Part of Short Cuts Programme 04

Dates and Location:

On Aug 8 the Consulate was glad to host the Canadian Friends of Shalva. Shalva

National Children's Center is the Israeli Association for Care and Inclusion of People with Disabilities.

Sat, Sep 07
Scotiabank Theatre
10:00pm

The incredible Shalva Band, which performed at the 2019 Eurovision Song Contest in Tel Aviv, will visit Toronto in December! Don't miss it!

Fri, Sep 13
Scotiabank Theatre
9:00pm

<https://www.tiff.net/events/short-cuts-2019-programme-4>

Canada-Israel Exchange Group



BUTTERFLIES



It's always an inspiration to see bright young Israeli and Canadian minds eager to learn about each others nations! On Aug 12, the Consulate hosted students from Dalhousie University and Tel Aviv University who are participating in a Canada/Israel exchange group. We would like to thank Program Coordinator and Dalhousie Professor Sergio Carvalho for organizing this briefing.

Director: Yona Rozenkier

A family from an Israeli kibbutz takes their ailing patriarch for a ride on a lazy Sunday in this warm and moving snapshot of their encounter with the ephemerality of the natural world.

Part of Short Cuts Programme 05

Dates and Location:

Sun, Sep 08
Scotiabank Theatre
6:30pm

CJPAC 'Women in Politics' Evening

Sat, Sep 14
Scotiabank Theatre



6:30pm

<https://www.tiff.net/events/short-cuts-2019-programme-5>

On Aug 14, CG Galit Baram was honoured to host the Women in Politics Mentorship Program of CJPAC for an evening of good food and good conversation.

Ido Bruno & the Israel Museum

INCITEMENT



Director: Yaron Zilberman

This rigorous psychological thriller by American-Israeli director Yaron Zilberman (A Late Quartet) depicts the lead-up to the 1995 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin through the worldview of his assassin, Yigal Amir.

Dates and Location:

Sat, Sep 07
Scotiabank Theatre
9:00pm

Mon, Sep 09
TIFF Bell Lightbox
11:00am

Following the second screening of Incitement, Ron Levi, George Ignatieff Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies and Director of Global Strategy at Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, will join director Yaron Zilberman for an onstage discussion about the film.



Sun, Sep 15
Scotiabank Theatre
1:15pm

<https://www.tiff.net/events/incitement>

SYNONYMS



Director: Nadav Lapid

In this unpredictable, emotional new film from Nadav Lapid (*The Kindergarten Teacher*), Israeli ex-soldier Yoav (Tom Mercier) moves to Paris hoping to escape his national identity, but struggles to assimilate fully into French society.

Dates and Location:

Mon, Sep 09
TIFF Bell Lightbox
9:45pm

Tue, Sep 10
TIFF Bell Lightbox
1:00pm

Sat, Sep 14
Scotiabank Theatre
5:45pm

<https://www.tiff.net/events/synonyms>

Late August was an important time for cultural exchange between Canada and Israel. The Consulate was pleased to host the Director the Israel Museum (one of the leading museums in the world), Professor Ido Bruno.

During his visit, Professor Bruno had successful meetings with some of the most influential cultural leaders in the city such as Henry Kim (Director and CEO of the Aga Khan Museum), Stephan Jost (Director and CEO of the Art Gallery of Ontario), Dr. Sara Diamond (President of OCAD University) and Rachel Hilton (Managing Director of MOCA Toronto). His schedule also included private meetings with Canadian artists, prominent art dealers and media interviews.

In addition, he was the guest of honour at the annual 'Pop Up Museum' reception organized by the Canadian Friends of the Israel Museum. Consul General Galit Baram and Deputy Consul General Nissan Amdur attended the event and enjoyed discussions with members of the national board of CFIM as well as Josh Basseches (Director and CEO of the Royal Ontario Museum) and Susan Horvath (President and CEO of the ROM Board of Governors).

RED FIELDS



Director: Keren Yedaya

After her husband is injured during military service, a woman from Southern Israel moves to Tel Aviv in the hope of a better life.

Dates/Locations:

Fri, Sep 06
Scotiabank Theatre
6:30pm

Sun, Sep 08
Scotiabank Theatre
3:00pm

Fri, Sep 13
Scotiabank Theatre
12:30pm

<https://www.tiff.net/events/red-fields>

AFRICA

'Rejoice For Israel' Day



On Aug 19, despite the heavy rain, there was an amazing atmosphere at the 19th annual 'Rejoice for Israel' celebrations at Earl Bales Park in Toronto. Director of Government Relations, Jordan Falkenstein brought greetings on behalf of the Consulate. Thank you to Pastor Teck Uy of 'Friends of Jesus Christ' and Donna Holbrook of International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ) for allowing us to be a part of this celebration. Very uplifting!



Director Oren Gerner ponders ageing and family in a time of transition in this quasi-factual feature about an elderly man seeking purpose and meaning as the years tick by.

Dates/Locations:

Sun, Sep 08
Scotiabank Theatre
4:30pm

Tues, Sep 10
Jackman Hall (AGO)
1:00pm

Sat, Sep 14
Scotiabank Theatre
6:45 pm

<https://tiff.net/events/africa>



6 Israeli Restaurants Win World Luxury Restaurant Awards

*Story and Photo from 'Israel 21C'
Aug 5, 2019*



Israeli restaurants Aria, Chloélys, Herbert Samuel, Hola, Milgo Milbar and Nomi received World Luxury Restaurant Awards for 2019 recently at a ceremony in The State Hermitage Museum Official Hotel, St. Petersburg, Russia.

Aria, a contemporary chef bistro in Tel

Israeli Technology Chosen to Ease Lake Chad Water Crisis

*Story and Photo from 'Israel 21c'
Aug 26, 2019*



An Israeli invention that pulls water from air will be deployed in Nigeria following a meeting at United Nations headquarters in New York regarding the freshwater crisis in the Chad Basin of Africa. Lake Chad is the main source of drinking water for millions of people in Chad, Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria.

The Watergen atmospheric water generator extracts water from the air and purifies it. The portable unit needs

Aviv offering a menu created by Chef Guy Gamzu, won in three categories: best luxury restaurant bar (global), fine dining cuisine (Middle East) and interior design (Middle East). Herbert Samuel, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Herzliya, won the global award for luxury kosher cuisine. The fine-dining establishment specializes in Mediterranean ingredients - primarily fish, meat, local fresh vegetables and olive oil.

Tel Aviv's Milgo Milbar won the award for best head chef in the Middle East in acknowledgement of head chef Moti Titman, who has created a modern Israeli menu that incorporates his unique interpretation of international cuisines. Milgo Milbar also won a regional award for best food styling/presentation.

Nomi, the fine-dining kosher restaurant at InterContinental David Tel Aviv, was voted as the top luxury hotel restaurant in the Middle East. Opened in January 2019 for lunch and dinner Sunday through Thursday, Nomi is the latest venture by acclaimed Israeli chef Yoram Nitzan and serves meat, poultry and fish.

Middle East awards also went to Chloélys in Tel Aviv for its kosher cuisine; and to Hola Restaurant & Bar as best luxury brasserie. Both are helmed by Chef Victor Gloger.

The World Luxury Restaurant Awards, now in their fourth year, are voted on by some 100,000 travelers and industry professionals.

Everyone Can Find What They're Looking For in Israel, Says IMOT's Hana

*Story and Photo from 'Travel Week'
Aug 23, 2019*

only a source of power (solar, diesel or electric) and at least 30 percent humidity in the ambient air - not a problem in the hot, humid Chad Basin. "Our company is ready, willing and able to assist to save lives wherever our technology can help," said Watergen USA President Yehuda Kaploun, noting that "30 million people are currently drinking toxic water in the Chad Basin, and the problem is getting worse."

Watergen units already have been installed by charitable organizations in South Africa and Sierra Leone, among other countries including Mexico, Chile and Panama.

"We are going to be moving into more and more African countries as a solution to the worsening water crisis," Kaploun tells ISRAEL21c. Watergen USA is an independent company manufacturing Watergen units in South Carolina using technology commercialized by Watergen in the Israeli city of Rishon LeZion.

"I'm a great fan of this technology and I think it has the potential to be deployed on a massive scale," says Miroslav Polzer, head of the International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (GloCha), an accredited organization to the UN Economic and Social Council that brings global financial resources and technology to solve problems in developing countries.

"Our first contact with Watergen was at a conference of the African Union Permanent Mission to the UN in New York last year on sustainable development in the Chad Basin region," Polzer tells ISRAEL21c.



Polzer has visited Watergen's US factory and hopes to set up a Watergen factory in Nigeria "to provide development support and provide jobs for many unemployed students in the region."

Charitable organizations will purchase one unit to test in the next few months, said Polzer. "We will do research with universities there on its economic feasibility, maintenance needs and income-generating possibilities."

After welcoming over four million Canadian visitors in 2018, the Israel Ministry of Tourism (IMOT) is ready to reach five million in 2019. Israel can be characterized by its 365 days of beautiful weather, broad spectrum of experiences and unlimited potential for travellers and travel agents.

The numbers continue to increase month to month and the tourism board is looking forward to welcoming more visitors.

From Canada, the outlook is strong, particularly with newly appointed Consul, Director for Canada, Gal Hana. Yesterday at IMOT Canada's new offices at Yonge and Bloor in Toronto, Jerry Adler, Deputy Director, Director of PR and Communications, and Ellen Melman, Director Operations and Marketing, introduced Hana as part of a media briefing covering everything that's new with the destination. Hana joined IMOT two years ago, as Professional Advisor to the Director General.

With a marketing plan that focuses on

Texas Aerospace Firm 'Firefly' to Use SpacEL's Beresheet Lander Tech for NASA Moon Missions

*Story and Photo from 'No Camels'
July 11, 2019*



Israel's Beresheet spacecraft (Hebrew for "Genesis") may have crash-landed on the moon this April, but its innovative design and tech will serve as the basis for future lunar missions launched by Texas aerospace company Firefly Aerospace.

Firefly is set to build upon the Beresheet endeavor and create a new lunar lander based on the Israeli spacecraft's blueprints as part of a NASA program to deliver science payloads to the surface of the moon. Firefly was one of nine companies

Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, IMOT has seen success in branding Israel not only with faith-based tourism product, but also more cosmopolitan experiences in its biggest cities, plus the country's wonderful weather and adventure and leisure opportunities.

Newly opened is the Eilat-Ramon International Airport in southern Israel's Negev Desert. This gateway brought in 50 new routes in 2019 and services the area near and surrounding popular beach resort Eilat.

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

selected by NASA to participate in the Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS). NASA says the program is "one of the first steps toward long-term scientific study and human exploration of the Moon and eventually Mars."

Beresheet was initially conceived in 2011 as part of a dream by three young engineers - Yariv Bash, Kfir Damari and Yonatan Winetraub - to take part in the Google Lunar X Prize competition, an international contest that challenged the world's engineers to create and send the first private lander to the moon. The three founded SpacEL, a non-profit organization, which partnered with Israel's Aerospace Industries (IAI) to design and build the spacecraft. And although the contest ended on March 31, 2018 and the \$20 million prize went unclaimed, SpacEL decided to push forth and launch a lander that came to be known as Beresheet. This week, IAI announced that it signed an Intellectual Property and Engineering Support agreement with Firefly for technology based on its Beresheet lunar lander.

Firefly CEO Dr. Tom Markusic said the company was excited to partner with IAI in architecting a complete lunar science mission for NASA's CLPS initiative."

FULL STORY: <https://bit.ly/2lCtw3c>



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Dry lands cover over 40% of the world, and are home to 2.2 billion people. Given climate change, those numbers could grow. WATCH these revolutionary solutions, developed in Israel, to some of the world's greatest challenges: water scarcity, food security & clean energy.

[This Israeli satellite will improve Africa's digital connectivity](#)

On August 6, the Israeli satellite AMOS-17 was successfully launched into space. From up there, it will improve communication opportunities for millions of people across Africa & beyond. Watch the story of this latest achievement in

[bombing](#)

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Israel's space program:

[5 amazing recent archaeological discoveries in Israel](#)

With dozens of archaeological sites across the country and historical findings that go back more than 50,000 years, Israel is an incredible gateway to the past. Here are 5 recent amazing archaeological findings that Israeli archaeologists have uncovered since May.

[This Israeli vest is going to space!](#)

This Israeli vest is going to space! 50 years after the Apollo 11 mission landed on the moon, space exploration is reaching new heights thanks to Israeli companies like Stemrad. The Israeli company created a revolutionary life-saving vest which will protect NASA astronauts from penetrating rays during deep manned space missions. The vest will make its first debut on board the International Space Station and will be the first time that the Israeli flag will be featured on the space station.

[Israeli innovation helping implement the UN's Sustainable Developmental Goals](#)

Join Lucy on a journey across Israel, as she gets to know the amazing people, initiatives and projects which are promoting a cleaner environment, quality education, innovative health solutions and more. Israel has come a long way and will continue to work even harder to implement the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

[Israeli technologies tackling plastic pollution](#)

Plastic pollution is everywhere and it has negative consequences for the environment and for life on this planet. But there's hope. These Israeli technologies are helping tackle this serious problem in Israel and around the world.

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