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**BEIT HALOCHEM CANADA
AID TO DISABLED VETERANS OF ISRAEL**

NEW, EXCITING YOM HA'ATZMAUT MISSION AS ISRAEL TURNS 64

Join Beit Halochem on a unique journey to Israel, April 20-30, 2012. We will be participating in the Yom Hazikaron ceremonies held on Mt. Herzl as well as celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut at a special festive event.

Experience Israel as never before!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TRIP:

- Briefings and discussions with Israeli dignitaries, Members of Knesset and military experts
- Exclusive experiences with the Israeli Army and Navy
- Socialize with our Heroes at Beit Halochem
- Jerusalem Old and New, including Mabat 2000, Kotel Tunnels, Davidson Centre, Tower of David and Yad Vashem
- Other sites include: Ayalon Institute, Dead Sea, Independence Hall, Masada, Mitzpe Ramon, Palmach Museum, Red Sea and Timna

INCLUDED:

- 10 nights in 5-star accommodations: Inbal hotel in Jerusalem, Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel and Towers, Herods Palace in Eilat
- Daily breakfast and other meals per itinerary
- Sightseeing and all entrance fees
- All group transfers in Israel
- Expert government-licensed guide and luxury tour bus



Land portion only \$3,900!

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MONTREAL BEIT HALOCHEM CELEBRATES 26 GREAT YEARS

The Montreal Chapter of Beit Halochem Canada celebrated its 26th year of hosting Group Visits in September 2011 and its 10th annual "Celebration of Life" Concert in June 2011. In honor of these milestones, we are pleased to have been able to contribute to the new rehabilitation centre in Beer Sheva, Montreal's twin city in Israel.

Our success over the past quarter century would not have been possible without the vision of the lay leadership and devoted volunteers who have kept the Montreal chapter so vibrant.

It is remarkable that over the past 26 years, Montreal families have opened their homes and hearts to 260 veterans. The caring and friendship that develops between the host families and their guests is truly heartwarming and a wonderful experience for all involved.

One of our visiting veterans

said: "I feel that we are all one big family... a warm, hugging family that gives you the sense that you are never alone... That being a wounded soldier visiting abroad is like being a son/daughter in a Jewish family of people who stand beside you and support you."

A quote from a recent host best sums up the last day of the group visit: "As the day began it rained. I don't know about anyone else, but I felt the heavens were crying as

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"As the day began it rained. I don't know about anyone else, but I felt the heavens were crying as our Heroes were leaving. It was a privilege to have participated in this beautiful project."



DONOR OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR CENTRES

Beit Halochem Centres in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Nahariya, Jerusalem and Beer Sheva enable Israel's war disabled and victims of terror to return to society with the help of the rehabilitation equipment, specialized facilities and psychological support available to them and their families.

These Heroes are now facing a long and difficult battle, one which they have never fought before, the battle for their own rehabilitation.

Beit Halochem Canada has committed \$3,000,000 in 2011 to support the Centres — from state-of-the-art equipment to innovative programs and activities. Each Centre has its own needs.

Below are a few of the items that will be funded by Beit Halochem Canada this year:

- Scholarships for disabled veterans **\$1,800 (each)**
- Rehabilitative sport coaching (badminton, basketball, wheelchair tennis, swimming, hand bike racing, diving, volleyball, judo, goal ball for the blind, archery) **\$7,000-\$150,000**
- Cultural & therapeutic activities (painting, stained glass, ceramics, choir, wheelchair dancing, senior citizens activities, horseback riding, Jeep groups, children's programs) **\$8,000-\$50,000**

TEL AVIV

- Titanium wheelchairs for basketball - 2 units **\$5,400 (each)**
- Tables for wood working, sculpture and jewellery **\$7,500**
- Computers – 4 units **\$1,275 (each)**

HAIFA

- Hand bikes - 2 units **\$5,500 (each)**
- Specialized sport wheelchairs – 3 units **\$5,400 (each)**

JERUSALEM

- Unicycle for spinning **\$3,600**
- Table tennis **\$2,300**
- Archery equipment **\$5,200**

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(L-R) Donna Goldenberg, Barb Weinberg, champion blind golfer Zohar Sharon, Linda Kimelman and Marg Steed.

Golf Day 2011 raises more than \$60,000

Zohar Sharon, Israeli world-champion blind golfer, participated in the Annual Golf Day at Copper Creek Golf Club. Zohar lost his eyesight in a combat operation during his army service. He had never played golf prior to his injury. Golfers tried to “beat our Israeli pro” but found it difficult. The day was a huge success raising over \$60,000.



(L-R) Mark Dodick (Golf Day co-chair), Saul Feldberg (Tournament Sponsor) and Steve Goldenberg (Golf Day co-chair).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO BEIT HALOCHEM CANADA, AID TO DISABLED VETERANS OF ISRAEL OR IF YOU HAVE LEFT A BEQUEST TO OUR ORGANIZATION, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR LAWYER RECEIVES THIS NOTE.

BEIT HALOCHEM CANADA IS A REGISTERED CANADIAN CHARITY THAT SUPPORTS THE REHABILITATION OF DISABLED ISRAELI WAR VETERANS AND VICTIMS OF TERROR. FUNDS ARE RAISED TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND RUN PROGRAMS AT BEIT HALOCHEM CENTRES THROUGHOUT ISRAEL.

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La Primavera

77 Woodstream Blvd., Vaughan

Reserved Seating

No tickets at the door

\$118/person

Martini Bar, Hors D'Oeuvres, Sit-down Dinner

For more information

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NAHARIYA

Children's outdoor playground \$17,000

BEER SHEVA

Orthopaedic treatment bed \$2,700

Physiotherapy electrical stretching bed \$8,500

Equipment & coaching for the 2012 International Paralympics \$250,000

Through therapeutic, sport and cultural programs offered at our Centres, disabled veterans and their families are able to rehabilitate.

Please contact Lisa Levy at 905 695 0611 if you would like more information.



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Group visits continue to thrive, thanks to the support of our community. Congratulations to everyone involved in the Montreal Beit Halochem Chapter. (Successful

group visits also took place this year in Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary.)

THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers and families who enriched the lives of our Heroes.

If you would like to be a part of this special experience, please call 905-695-0611 or 1-800-355-1648.



Calgary hosted a group of Israeli disabled veterans for the first time this year. Valerie Sobel, Calgary Chair, along with her committee, organized an outstanding and memorable trip.

2011's Volunteer of the Year

Our volunteer of the year for 2011 is **Joni Kwinter**.

Joni is a high energy, task driven and devoted volunteer. An avid cyclist, she has played an integral part in developing our Courage in Motion bike ride. Joni puts her heart into constantly improving this event.

As a dedicated board member, Joni happily takes on responsibility for any project when asked.

Joni became involved with Beit Halochem through our group visit program when she hosted a veteran in her home.

“Being a volunteer with Beit Halochem Canada is the best way I can support and thank the people of Israel for their daily sacrifices to preserve our homeland. Involvement with disabled veterans indicates to them the gratitude from abroad for their sacrifices. Beit Halochem is important to me because it assists the wounded in their daily battle to rehabilitate.”



Hannukah Party!
Festival of Lights
 7 p.m. December 1, 2011

or to purchase tickets, visit www.beithalochem.ca or call 905-695-0611



Sixty North American cyclists joined 55 disabled veterans on a 5-day magical adventure through Southern and Northern Israel. Meeting our Heroes, cycling, swimming in the Dead Sea, and exploring Tiberias and Rosh Hanikra were just a few of the amazing highlights. More than \$350,000 was raised for the cycling rehabilitative programs at our Centres. Thank you to all our sponsors and cyclists. Photos by Idan Peled; visit www.beithalochem.ca to see more.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded annually to enable the members of Beit Halochem to learn new trades and professions that will help them regain their independence and resume their lives as active and productive members of society. For many disabled veterans, injuries during their military service brought an end to their dreams and plans, forcing them to seek a new direction. Our scholarship program makes it possible for hundreds of disabled each year to reach their full potential and goals. Thank you to those who supported this initiative.

Our scholarship fund is ongoing. Please call the office if you would like more information or to arrange a personal scholarship fund.

2011-2012 BOARD MEMBERS

We welcome our newly elected Executive and Board and look forward to working with them this year.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Toby Feldberg – President
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 Sydney Muskat – Member at Large
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