



Dear Friends:

This past year has seen the members of the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus lobby on Parliament Hill delivering messages of importance from Jewish Canadians to our government.

The CIC in its continued support of the pro-Israel advocacy community in Canada is proud of our recent initiative to create an on-line condolence book which has been signed by thousands of concerned Canadians and will be delivered to the Goldwasser and Regev families.

Over the last several months, CIC has taken a large number of Canadian politicians to Israel, including an all-party delegation of parliamentarians to celebrate Israel's 60th anniversary.

CIC's communications department worked with Canadian media to create exciting stories for Israel's 60th birthday celebrations. From CTV's *Canada AM* profile of Canadians who fought in the 1948 War of Independence to the *Globe and Mail* feature of Tel Aviv's club scene, newspapers across Canada reported on celebrations across the country. Most of the media coverage was positive, commending the tiny Jewish state for struggling against great odds to achieve a modern, thriving, democratic country.

This coming year, the Canadian Rabbinic Caucus and CIC will continue to sound the shofar of peace on behalf of Israel. Please join us in our efforts.

Shana Tova,

Rabbi Chaim Steinmetz and

Rabbi Reuven Poupko,

Co-Chairs, Canadian Rabbinic Caucus

Moshe Ronen,

Chair, Canada-Israel Committee



The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) is the official representative of the organized Canadian Jewish community on matters pertaining to Canada-Israel relations.

The CIC is devoted to the promotion of increased understanding between the peoples of Canada and Israel. It is a non-partisan, voluntary, non-profit organization that enjoys the support of Canadians from all walks of life. In seeking to enhance the Canada-Israel friendship, the CIC liaises with government, media, business and the academic sector, often submitting briefs and providing background analyses on matters of public policy.

The Canada-Israel Committee maintains offices in Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Israel, and is affiliated with the Quebec-Israel Committee.

The Canadian Rabbinic Caucus (CRC) is an informal group of rabbis from across Canada and from every stream of Judaism who, as important community and religious leaders, add something different and essential to our community's advocacy efforts in Canada.

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