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SIKKUY IN NORTH AMERICA

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 4

Dear Sikkuy Friends,

On behalf of Sikkuy's board and staff, Ali, Ron and Carl would like to thank all of our friends in the USA and Canada who attended the many events that we participated in on behalf of Sikkuy during the recent activity-filled visit to North America, and who renewed and expanded their support for Sikkuy for 2011 and 2012.

This trip was an opportunity to meet with:

- Individual supporters
- Foundation supporters
- USAID officials
- New foundations
- New potential individual funders
- Jewish community groups
- UJA Federation New York
- NIF staff - Washington D.C.
- New Israel Fund Canada
- JDC
- UJA Toronto
- JCRC Boston
- Academic groups

- Canadian government officials
- Inter-Agency Task Force
- Baltimore Associated
- Harvard Middle East Seminar

In addition, Ali and Ron spoke in Toronto at the largest New Israel Fund of Canada symposium ever held - an event that signals the growing strength of NIF in Canada.

We are honored to have appeared with partner organizations such as Tsofen, Merchavim and the Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development as well as alongside the President of The New Israel Fund, Professor Naomi Chazan, the CEO of the Kahanoff Foundation, Shira Herzog, Director of Jewish and Israel Initiatives for the Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds, Rafi Rone, Brenda Bodenheimer - Zlatin of the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, Jessica Balaban, executive-director of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues, Rabbi James Morgan, director of the Boston Jewish Community Relations Council and Professor Herbert Kelman, Sara Roy and Professor Lenore Martin, co-chairs of the Harvard Middle East Seminar.

We believe that this and future trips fulfill two purposes.

- Increase awareness in the Jewish and general community about the importance of equality in Israel
- Maintain and expand the vital financial support for Sikkuy in North America

We are beginning to think about the next trip to North America in 2012 - either spring or fall - and hope to make it to the west coast as well.

We invite all of our friends to suggest meetings and venues where our presence could have an impact.

Sincerely,

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THE MAIN EVENTS

Baltimore

Wednesday, October 26 - Presentation by Sikkuy and Tsofen, sponsored by the Joseph & Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds and the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation at the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore



New York

Thursday, October 27 - Presentation by Sikkuy and other top civil society organizations from Israel at the Inter-Agency Task Force on Arab Israeli Issues (<http://www.iataskforce.org>)





Toronto

Sunday, October 30 - New Israel Fund of Canada Symposium attended by more than 400 people - See event description here:

http://www.nif.org/canada/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1235:israel-from-within-photos-and-videos&catid=11:general



Monday, October 31 - UJA Federation of Greater Toronto - leadership, staff and community members invited to breakfast meeting with Sikkuy



Ottawa

Tuesday, November 1 - Meetings at the International Development Research Center (IDRC) and the Canadian Foreign Ministry



Boston

Wednesday, November 2 - Breakfast meeting with Sikkuy sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston

Cambridge

Thursday, November 3 - Harvard Middle East Seminar - Can Jewish and Arab Citizens of Israel Live as Equals? Presentation by Ron Gerlitz and Ali Haider of Sikkuy



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