

PRESS RELEASE

VISITING ISRAELI STUDENTS SHARE THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH WINNIPEG COMMUNITY

October 23, 2008 (WINNIPEG) – As part of its ongoing exchange program with Danciger School in Israel, the Winnipeg chapter of Partnership 2000 (P2K) welcomes its new visitors this Friday for their two-week stay.

This year's delegation includes eight high school students and three teachers who will participate in a number of programs both at their host schools (Gray Academy of Jewish Education and Brock Corydon School) and other communities in and around the city of Winnipeg.

During their visit, the Danciger students and teachers will be speaking to Winnipeggers about their life in Kiryat Shmonah (located on the confrontation line with Lebanon and close to Syria), delivering messages about shared values and showing that the lives of Winnipeg and Israeli teenagers are very similar.

The students will be hosted by volunteer families from the Winnipeg Jewish community while they spend the two weeks living as Canadians do.

Among the programs that have been established for the Danciger students and teachers during the visit are the following:

- Saturday, October 25, 8:00pm - Havdallah Service at Program at Faith Temple.
- Thursday, October 30, 9:30am – 12:30pm - Program at Thunderbird House with Grade 11 Students.
- Friday, October 31, 11:15am – 1:20pm - Visit to Selkirk Regional High School.

A full itinerary is available. All media are invited to attend these programs. We ask that all media confirm their attendance at programs in advance with the media contact below. Please note that due to privacy, some local students may not be photographed or filmed during media participation.

About Partnership 2000

Since 1997, the Canadian Coast to Coast communities have been matched with the five municipalities in Israel's Galilee Panhandle. The bridge between Winnipeg and Israel's Galilee Panhandle is regularly crossed as students from the Gray Academy of Jewish Education and Brock Corydon School maintain frequent contact with students in the Galil learning more about each other and each another's countries. Partnership 2000 reinforces and builds the concept of a world Jewish Family.

P2K involves a variety of Living Bridge programs developed to strengthen Jewish values, and foster a connection among elementary and high school students and teachers in the Galilee Panhandle and in Canada. Additionally, students in both Canada and Israel have gained valuable skills to become important leaders of their communities.

This is achieved through innovative educational projects, video conferencing and reciprocal visits. With the integration of the new Together program, regional development plans for the Galilee have been implemented to assist economic, cultural and social need in Israel. P2K targets its support towards the formal and informal educational needs of both children at risk and normative students.

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