

# the day

- 8:50am** Greetings from Mayor Sam Katz
- 9am** Keynote Speakers:  
Amal Alh`jooj and Vivian Silver
- 10am** Break
- 10:30am** Breakout Session #1
- 11:15am** Breakout Session #2
- 12pm** Barbecue lunch for a loonie
- 1pm** Musical interlude with Ariel Posen and Alexis Dirks
- 1:30pm** Breakout Session #3
- 2:15pm** Panel Discussion:  
Amal Elsana Alh`jooj , Vivian Silver, Serge Kaptegaïne, and Minister Christine Melnick (moderator: Jonathan Kroft)
- 3pm** Debrief in classrooms

# thanks

For coming today. A special thanks goes to all the St. John's-Ravenscourt students who joined us.

Gaston Lopez Ficher, Yael Rudoy and all 50 of their student volunteers for their commitment.

Staff Committee for meeting during lunch hours to get the ball rolling.

Andrew Kaplan and his film class for capturing today's event for us.

Shelley Ross and her cooking class for preparing all the tasty desserts we're enjoying today.

To all of the speakers, performers and other participants today who reminded us that "if we will it, it is no longer a dream."

# the panel



**Amal Elsana Alh`jooj** is a Bedouin woman who is the founding director of AJECC, which works to reach social, political, and economic equality for the Arab community of Israel. At 17, she established the first Arab Bedouin women's organization to improve the situation of Bedouin women. Today, she is one of the key shapers of public opinion regarding the status of the Arab minority and the status of women in Israel. Her work has been recognized by numerous awards. Alh`jooj was a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize within the framework of the "One Thousand Women" submission in 2005.



**Vivian Silver** was born in Winnipeg and moved to Israel in 1974. She is currently the co-executive director of the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development. She was awarded the 2011 Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East. Silver is a founding member and co-chair of Shutafut-Sharaka, a forum of civil society organizations committed to the advancement of democratic values and the promotion of an equal and shared society for all Israeli citizens; Jews and Arab-Palestinians, alike.



**Christine Melnick** was elected as the MLA for Riel in June of 2003. Early that year she was appointed by Premier Gary Doer as Minister of Family Services and Housing. She has been serving as Minister of Water Stewardship since 2006. Melnick's work brings her in touch with the Aboriginal, Métis, Francophone and Anglophone communities. She has long been active in women's health, human rights, literacy and environmental issues.



**Serge Kaptegaïne** was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and came to Canada four years ago to flee civil war. Today, he works as a French teacher and lives in Winnipeg. Kaptegaïne is the founder of Hand in Hand for Peace, which raises awareness about the Democratic Republic of Congo by presenting in schools about human rights violations. He is also the founder of Refugee Stars, which helps refugees integrate into Canadian society. Kaptegaïne frequently speaks publicly about his first-hand refugee experience.



**Jonathan Kroft** is a prominent Winnipeg lawyer and businessman and has been president of both the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg and of Advocates in Defence of Freedom of Expression (the Canadian Media Lawyers Association). Jonathan received the UIA Federations Canada Leadership Award in 2000 and the Harry Silverberg Award for Community Leadership.

# the breakouts

**Judy Richichi** is a former subject of the child welfare system and the development director at Siloam Mission.

**Shimon Segal** is a law student at the University of Manitoba and founded the Youth Engagement Strategy.

**Yael Shrom** is a medical school student at the University of Manitoba, and lived in Ramogi village, Uganda for two months in 2010.

**Emma Fineblit** is the assistant director at West Broadway Youth Outreach and studied in Nkozi, Uganda, for a semester.

**David Rubinfeld** is a young entrepreneur who recently helped raise \$100,000 for Habitat for Humanity in the Cycle of Hope.

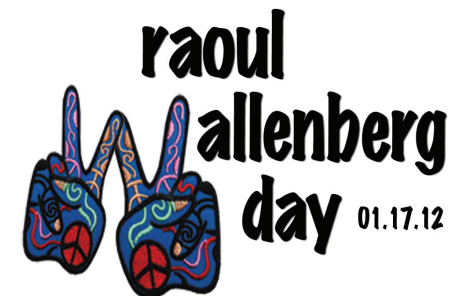
**Rabbi Shmuel Altein** is the director of the Jewish Learning Institute of Chabad Lubavitch.

## Children of the Earth High School:

**Justin Harper** is part of the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative and is developing a business plan to house northern students who are receiving an education in Winnipeg.

**Drake Perry** is a member of the Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative Program, which is assisting him in the development of a photography business.

**Beverly Pettit** is enrolled in the Medical Careers Exploration Program – a joint initiative between Children of the Earth and Pan Am Clinic.



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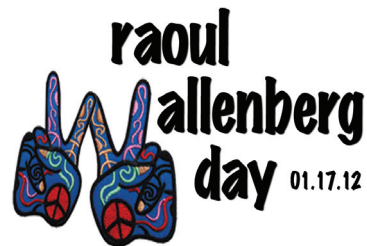
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**Raoul Wallenberg** was a Swedish diplomat stationed in Budapest, Hungary, in July 1944. He is credited with risking his life to rescue more than 100,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation to the death camps. On January 17, 1945, Wallenberg disappeared on his way to a meeting with Soviet officials. His exact fate is unknown and he is presumed to have been murdered or to have died in a Soviet prison.



In 1985, Canada declared Raoul Wallenberg its first honorary citizen, and in 2001 proclaimed January 17th as Raoul Wallenberg Day to honour his courage, character, and humanity.

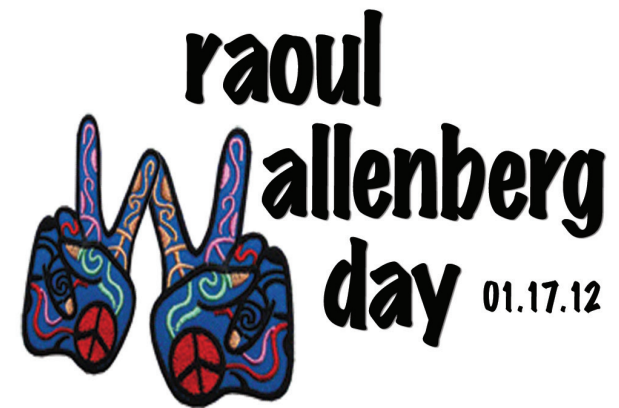
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