

Jerusalem Day in Toronto Showcases Young Israeli Musicians



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To celebrate Jerusalem Day, the Jerusalem Foundation partnered with the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem (ICEJ), Canada for an evening of concert featuring three young Israeli musicians from the Jerusalem Conservatory of Music. It was held at the home of Julie Koschitzky.

“We’re helping to realize the dream of Mayor Nir Barkat, to revive the city’s centre with bring life and vitality,” said Koschitzky. “The lack of opportunities for educational and career development is causing many of the young people of Jerusalem to lose hop and leave.”

“The ICEJ, with a special focus on youth, saw a natural partnering with Jerusalem Foundation Canada to launch The Canada Club in the heart of Jerusalem,” Donna Holbrook of ICEJ told the invited guests. The Club opened its doors in May to teenagers and young adults of all backgrounds to act as a meeting ground for Jerusalem youth, “who seek help, friendship and cultural recreation while advancing opportunities in education and employment.”

The three enormously talented teenaged musicians – Tamar Greenstein, 16, violin, Elisha Zak Krawets, 16, piano, and Uriah Tutter, cello – are all students at the Jerusalem Conservatory Hassadna. In addition to their demanding studies, they each voluntarily teach a handicapped child music once a week.

“Jerusalem remains the poorest city in Israel,” wrote Koschitzky and Holbrook in a joint statement. “For the majority of the younger generation to feel lost and lacking hope for the future, is deplorable, especially considering they are the future of Jerusalem.” Both organizations are addressing this with core youth projects.