

The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada

The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada was established in 1970 to assist in and support the relief of poverty and distress in Jerusalem for all residents of the city, from all communities and cultures. The Foundation supports projects which are exclusively charitable.



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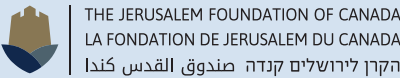
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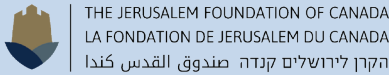
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Making a difference in Jerusalem

Touching the lives of all communities, in all neighbourhoods



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Jerusalem is more than a city—it’s a living, breathing tapestry of culture, history, and community. The Jerusalem Foundation ensures it remains vibrant, inclusive, and thriving for generations to come.

The Jerusalem Foundation was established in 1966 by the legendary Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek. Over the last six decades, and through more than 5,000 initiatives, the Foundation has touched the lives of all of Jerusalem’s 1 million residents from all population groups. The Jerusalem Foundation is the leading non-governmental organization committed to strengthening Jerusalem’s social fabric, cultural life, and future leadership. We develop, fund, and oversee initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all of the city’s diverse residents.

The Jerusalem Foundation is committed to building philanthropic partnerships and works hand in hand with Mayor Moshe Lion and the Jerusalem Municipality, cooperating with the city’s major organizations to preserve the city’s past, ensure its resilience and lay the groundwork for a dynamic future.



Communal Strength

The social fabric of the city is continuously being tested and challenged, and the need for communal strength is more pressing than ever.



Creative Culture

Creative initiatives breathe new life into the city, enhancing its vibrancy and openness, and ensuring that it continues to be a source of inspiration around the world.



Future Leadership

By promoting young civil leadership with a long-term commitment to the city and guaranteeing that all diverse communities have access to opportunities to excel, we safeguard the future.

Examples of Priority Programs

Shaping future leaders:

The Shai Doron Leadership Fellows

Recent crises like COVID-19 and the October 7 war have highlighted the critical role of civil society, especially young leaders, in addressing urgent challenges. This initiative aims to strengthen leadership skills, build personal and organizational capacity, and enhance the third sector. The Foundation identifies exceptional young leaders already leading impactful projects in Jerusalem, offering them a framework to further develop their leadership and social initiatives. Fellows will receive mentorship and training in community leadership, and networking, and receive annual grants for five years to support their work, ensuring long-term community impact.

A hub for vulnerable populations and the Morasha community at large: Canada House

Since 2013, Canada House has had a significant impact on the Morasha community as well as Jerusalem as a whole. Dedicated by the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada, it serves as a vibrant hub for diverse populations. Canada House supports the elderly and children and youth from various backgrounds as well as being home to the Koschitzky Young Adult Centre serving the entire city.



Resilience in Jerusalem: treating post-trauma

More than 500,000 people in Israel are expected to experience psychological distress, particularly post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), linked to the Oct. 7 attacks and the subsequent war. In response, the Jerusalem Foundation has created a network of support for those most in need. We launched the Jerusalem Resilience Center in partnership with Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, to offer an integrative approach to trauma care. It offers a variety of therapies, including ketamine-assisted psychotherapy (KAP) and other innovative treatments. They work alongside the Ein Yael – Yaelim Nature Therapy Centre providing nature-based treatment for those impacted by the war as well as at-risk youth, children and families.

A rooftop oasis for art and healing in the heart of Jerusalem: Muslala

Muslala transforms underutilized public spaces into eco-friendly, art-driven hubs promoting sustainability and community engagement, including mental health initiatives. The first rooftop project, supported by

Canadian donors, was launched in 2016 with the establishment of the Carol and Larry z”l Ryder Terrace. Since then, Muslala has expanded its vision, turning urban rooftops throughout Jerusalem into centers of art, innovation, mental health support and ecological sustainability.

Shared society initiatives in Jerusalem: The Tolerance Coalition and JICC

Since October 7, rebuilding trust between the diverse communities of Jerusalem has become even more critical and complex. The Jerusalem Foundation supports a network of more than 80 organizations working in the field of cross-communal engagement to advance programs that support shared society. Many programs had to rebuild their connections after October 7 and the Jerusalem Inter-Cultural Center (JICC) led the way by providing a pragmatic guide to reconnecting. JICC was founded by the Foundation in 1999, to contribute to an inclusive, tolerant, and vibrant Jerusalem. It holds unique legitimacy across major groups—Ultra-Orthodox, Modern Orthodox, Secular Jews, and Palestinian Christians and Muslims—and is trusted by key communal, municipal, and public agencies.

