

# JSAy... ■ ■ ■

## The Jewish Students' Association of Winnipeg Newsletter

### Interfaith Shabbat

On Friday, February 26th, students of all faiths will unite for the annual JSA/Hillel Interfaith Shabbat. The Shabbat will begin with a tour of the Etz Chayim Synagogue, followed by a student-led service. The evening will culminate with a good ole Shabbos dinner. The tour begins at 4:45 p.m. and the service is at 5:20 p.m.

Of course, the event is more than a chicken-chow-down. Shabbat is a time to set aside our daily concerns and pursue higher causes. Especially in these times of Middle Eastern turmoil, Shabbat is an important opportunity to forgo our daily bickers and break bread with friends; regardless of faith.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from  
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*Check it out on Facebook by searching JSA Interfaith Shabbat.*



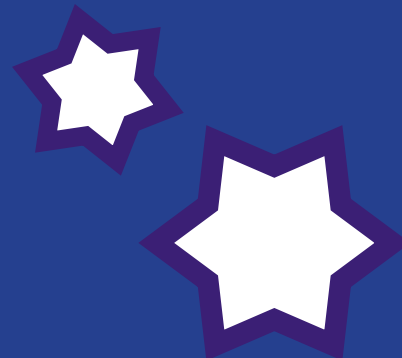
### The Bathtub Project

On February 23rd-27th, JSA/Hillel will be collecting new and gently-used toiletries for Osbourne House, a shelter for battered women. The sanitary supplies will be gathered in a bathtub at UofM and UofW.

The Bathtub Project originated in 2006 when student groups got together and placed bathtubs at three Canadian universities.

Osborne House empowers women and their children who are experiencing domestic abuse by providing them with a safe and supportive environment through residential and non-residential programs and services.

The physical bathtub is on loan from Habitat for Humanity.



# Voices of Victims... Generations of Genocide

From <http://www.jewishwinnipeg.org/page.aspx?id=192132>

A sell-out crowd descended upon the Berney Theatre inside the Asper Campus on January 8th for "Voices of Victims...Generations of Genocide", which was co-hosted by JSA/Hillel.

The keynote address of the evening was by Eloge Christian Butera, who spoke about his personal account of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide and held a question and answer session.

Also part of the night's program was a performance by Zane Zallis and Prodigy, who sang two songs from the upcoming world premiere of *I Believe*, and a short clip from the film "Sometimes in April".

Voices of Victims was a collaborative program from JSA/Hillel, the Indo-Canadian Students Association, Little Travellers, The Miles McDonnell Student Council, SHOUT (Students Helping Others Understand Tolerance), Stand Canada, The University of Manitoba African Students' Association and Walk4 Darfur.



# What You Can Do Today to Help Israel

From <http://www.cjpac.ca/news/read/65>

On December 27th, following more than a week of Hamas's unceasing rocket and mortar fire attacks onto Israel's southern communities, Israel was forced to undertake a major defensive operation to put an end to the rocket attacks from Gaza. This year alone, the men, women and children of southern Israel have endured nearly 3,000 missile strikes launched by Hamas terrorists. Every country has the right and obligation to protect its citizens. Israel is doing no less than Canada would do under similar circumstances.

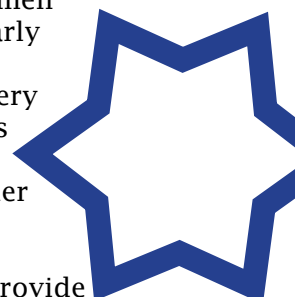
At the same time, Israel continues its efforts to provide humanitarian relief, on a daily basis, through border crossings between Gaza and Israel despite Hamas' repeated bombings of those crossings. For more details, the Israeli Embassy in London is blogging international aid to Gaza.

The international community, including Canada, must continue to signal its solidarity with Israel and those committed to real movement towards peace, while condemning the Hamas and its radical allies for forcing the current confrontation. Read statements from Minister of Foreign Affairs Lawrence Cannon, Liberal Party Leader Michael Ignatieff, Bloc Québécois Foreign Affairs Critic Paul Crête, and the New Democratic Party of Canada.

**There are many things you can do to help:**  
Write letters to Minister Lawrence Cannon, Michael Ignatieff, Jack Layton and Paul Crête in response to their statements. Write a letter to your own Member of Parliament expressing your support for Israel.

Educate yourself. The CIC Scene Blog is tracking developments. The Israel Defense Forces have a YouTube Channel. Read more at the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Israeli Defense Forces. Qassam Count has been tracking missiles from Gaza. For a more personal view, follow the Voices from Sderot blog.

Call in to radio or television talk shows, write letters to the editor of newspapers, comment on blogs and vote in online polls.  
Visit [www.helpuswin.org](http://www.helpuswin.org) for even more ways to help!



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