*Dear Friends:*

*Please accept our sincere appreciation for helping to make this Negev Dinner such a success. We are honoured to have been asked by the Jewish National Fund to receive this wonderful tribute and are absolutely thrilled with your outstanding support of the project which will be dedicated in our name in Israel – The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Reservoir at Lachish.*

*To those who gave of their time and talent to serve on the various Campaign Committees and as Canvassers, please accept our heartfelt thanks.*

*Of course, we extend our sincere appreciation to the wonderful staff of JNF Toronto. Their diligent efforts have helped to make this event so successful.*

*We have known of the work of the Jewish National Fund in helping to build a strong and beautiful Israel since we were kids. It is a thrill to be associated with such a fine organization and to help in our own way with the development of such a project as the reservoir, which will serve the residents of the Lachish area. Indeed, it is a project of great importance to the agricultural economy of the various moshavim and kibbutzim in that part of the northern Negev. We hope that you will have an opportunity to visit the area and the project when you are next in Israel.*

*Please enjoy the evening. We look forward to celebrating many happy occasions together with all of you. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful support of the JNF and the tribute you pay to us this evening.*

*Sincerely,*

Joe Lebovic

*Joe*

*Willy*

# The Tribute

**In recognition of excellence in communal leadership and dedication to Israel is accorded to**

# Joseph and Wolf Lebovic

## November 27, 2005

The Sheraton Centre Hotel
123 Queen Street, West, Toronto
Grand Ballroom

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
LA GOUVERNEURE GÉNÉRALE

RIDEAU HALL
OTTAWA

The accomplishments of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic have gained them the admiration and respect of their colleagues. Tonight, they are being honoured for those accomplishments by the Jewish National Fund of Toronto at its annual Negev Dinner.

Canada is a nation which prides itself on its giving nature. The commitment shown by the Lebovic brothers to their community and their country is truly admirable. Their contributions and dedication to improving lives within Canada and around the world have helped confirm Joseph and Wolf as leaders and as excellent examples of our Canadian spirit.

Tonight all of those present have gathered to pay tribute to two brothers who have been instrumental to improving the world around them. I wish to congratulate them on this joyful occasion, and I wish everyone an enjoyable evening.

Michaëlle Jean

Michaëlle Jean

November 2005

PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

*It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Jewish National Fund of Toronto's 57th annual Negev Dinner.*

*Tonight's event provides you with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strong and vibrant history of your community, and the significant ties that exist between Canada and Israel.*

*This evening, you have gathered to pay tribute to* ***Joseph*** *and* ***Wolf Lebovic****. Their professional success, together with their outstanding philanthropic efforts and their remarkable community involvement, make them most deserving of this very special recognition. I would like to join with you in commending Joseph and Wolf Lebovic for their unbounded generosity over the years.*

*Please accept my best wishes for a memorable evening, as well as every success as you raise funds in support of The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir project which will help bring new life to a desert region of Israel.*

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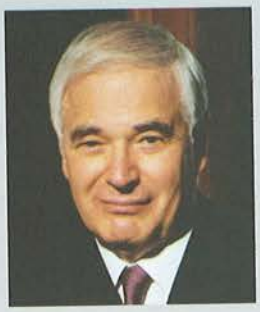

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO
LE LIEUTENANT GOUVERNEUR DE L'ONTARIO

27 November 2005

I am happy to congratulate Joseph and Wolf Lebovic, the distinguished honourees of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto's 57th Annual Negev Dinner.

For over 100 years, the Jewish National Fund has worked to raise money for important public works, especially those relating to agriculture and irrigation. Funds raised at this dinner will provide for the construction of The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir in Israel's Negev Desert.

Since arriving in Canada nearly 60 years ago, in the post World War II immigration boom, the Lebovic brothers have made a lasting contribution to Toronto's Jewish Community. Both Joseph and Wolf quickly became successful businessmen and soon after established The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Charitable Foundation. Their philanthropy has benefited a range of prominent organizations, most notably Toronto's Mt. Sinai Hospital.

On behalf of Her Majesty, The Queen of Canada, I wish everyone attending the Negev Dinner 2005 a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

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Premier of Ontario – Premier ministre de l'Ontario

November 27, 2005

## A Personal Message from the Premier

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the 2005 Negev Dinner Tribute hosted by the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Toronto.

Tonight's Negev Dinner recognizes the outstanding contributions and philanthropy of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic, while also raising funds for the construction of a water reservoir in Israel named in their honour. Thanks to this evening's distinguished honourees — and to everyone in attendance — The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir is one step closer to becoming a reality.

I welcome this opportunity to extend my hearty congratulations to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic. Your contributions are immeasurable but deeply ingrained within the Jewish community — and in Ontario as a whole. I join with your admirers in thanking you for your community leadership, generosity of spirit and your unconditional commitment to the needs of others. I applaud the tremendous strides you both have made — and continue to make — in enriching your community and our province. The depth of your goodwill serves as an inspiration for all Ontarians.

I would also like to thank everyone here this evening. Your presence attests to the respect and admiration you hold for the Lebovic brothers and all that they have accomplished. I extend my appreciation to the organizers and volunteers with the JNF of Toronto for staging this tribute. It is because of your hard work and dedication that the 57th Annual Negev Dinner will be an event to remember.

As you gather to pay tribute to the many achievements of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic, please accept my sincere best wishes for a successful and enjoyable evening.

**Dalton McGuinty**
**Premier**

Ontario

**Monte Kwinter, M.P.P.**
York Centre

November 14, 2005

Mr. Joseph Lebovic and
Mr. Wolf Lebovic
Jewish National Fund of Toronto
2005 Negev Dinner Tribute
700 – 1000 Finch Avenue West
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Dear Joseph & Wolf:

Please accept my sincere congratulations as you are honoured at this year's Jewish National Fund, 2005 Negev Dinner Tribute for your years of contribution to your community.

Your work within the construction industry has been widely acclaimed and your generosity in assisting charitable endeavours is to be commended.

My sincere best wishes to you both in all your future endeavours.

Sincerely

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**David Caplan, M.P.P.**
Don Valley East
Ontario

November 27, 2005

Greetings:

On behalf of the residents of Ontario, I am honoured to offer greetings and congratulations to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic on the occasion of the Jewish National Fund, 2005 Negev Dinner Tribute on November 27th, 2005.

I am pleased to take the opportunity to offer my gratitude and appreciation, on this occasion, for the contributions of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic to the Province of Ontario through their strong leadership role in philanthropy.

It is my hope that the evening is a great success, and you raise the funds you require to begin construction of the Reservoir in Lachish. I would like to extend my warmest best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable evening.

Kindest regards,

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November 2005

## JEWISH NATIONAL FUND

## Negev Dinner Tribute - 2005

As Member of Parliament for Richmond Hill and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the Jewish National Fund on the occasion of the ***2005 Negev Dinner Tribute honoring Mr. Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.***

This evening celebrates the humanitarian and philanthropic efforts of both Joseph and Wolf Lebovic. Their contribution to the improvement of a number of communities in Southern Ontario includes charitable endeavors to enhance the quality of lives for so many is recognized not just locally but abroad as well.

Funds raised this evening will be applied to the construction of a Reservoir in the area of Lachish in Israel's Negev Desert. The Reservoir to be named the ***Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir*** will enhance and ensure the productivity of the surrounding agriculture communities and individual farming operations.

I commend this evening's honorees for all their charitable efforts, and would also like to thank the members and volunteers of the 2005 Negev Dinner Tribute for undertaking this important and worthwhile initiative.

My best wishes for a most successful fundraising event and a memorable evening to be enjoyed by all.

Sincerely,

Hon. Bryon Wilfert, P.C., M.P.
Richmond Hill

ראש הממשלה
Prime Minister

February 14, 2005
ה' אדר א', תשס"ה

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings from Jerusalem, the eternal and undivided capital of the State of Israel and the Jewish people on the occasion of the Jewish National Fund's Negev Dinners and Gala Evenings being held across Canada in 2005.

For decades, the JNF has played an important role in Israel's growth and development. The unwavering support of the Jewish communities in the Diaspora has helped Israel move forward even in times of turmoil.

The JNF has long been a partner to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Israel, and we appreciate your commitment and contribution.

Congratulations to the donors and honorees attending the 2005 Negev Dinners and Galas.

Sincerely,

Ariel Sharon

Ariel Sharon

Jewish National Fund
Canada

**AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL**

שגריר ישראל

*Jewish National Fund of Toronto*
*700 – 1000 Finch Ave. West*
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*November 27, 2005*

*Dear Friends,*

*It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to the Jewish National Fund of Toronto on its 2005 Negev Dinner and especially to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic on being this year's honourees.*

*From the last day of the Festival of Succoth until Passover the Jewish People pray for the rains to fall in a land in which water is scarce, in order to provide the State of Israel with enough water to satisfy all of our needs. In addition to our prayers and on a more realistic level, we have, for many years, negotiated with our neighbours, as part of the peace process, in order to ensure maximal and prudent utilization and sharing of the scarce amounts of water available to the area. However, as we have seen throughout Jewish history it sometimes requires additional actions for our prayers to be answered.*

*Today, the Jewish National Fund, the backbone of Israel's development, is leading this action. They have extended their focus to finding and creating new water sources to sustain the requirements of the Israeli population. The funds raised from this evening will be dedicated to developing a new reservoir system in the Northern Negev. This reservoir will provide a fresh water source to the agricultural communities and individual farming operations in the region.*

*It is with the continued support of Jewish communities throughout the world that the JNF, such a vital and central institution in Israel, will be able to continue to build projects that will have the ability to sustain the needs of the State of Israel well into the future.*

*Once again, on behalf of the Government of Israel I extend a hearty mazal tov to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic for being honoured this evening.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Alan Baker*
*Ambassador*

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טורונטו

November 27, 2005

Negev Dinner
Jewish National Fund of Toronto
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Dear Friends, Shalom!

On behalf of the State of Israel, it gives me great pleasure to extend cordial greetings to all in attendance at this 57th Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto. I want to extend a very special *mazel tov* to the 2005 Negev Dinner Honourees - Joseph and Wolf Lebovic - who have contributed greatly to the lives of many in southern Ontario and who have been so generous in their support of Israel and its people. Their generosity to projects in Israel and to undertakings within the local Jewish community, as well as the community at-large, are well-known and truly appreciated.

My wife and I are honoured to attend this year's Negev Dinner. I have always felt a special connection to the JNF as my grandfather was Director of the Lands Department for PICA, an organization created by Baron Edmond de Rothschild to buy land for Israel prior to the establishment of the State. Founded in 1901, the Jewish National Fund is now recognized as the leading environmental organization in Israel. The JNF has been active in Canada since 1908. Its work today in helping the Negev bloom is a continuation of its long record of achievement in developing the land of Israel. Whether in forestry or ecology, in water management or community development, in tourism or recreation - the JNF has been a leading instrument in developing these aspects of life in Israel.

We in Israel are appreciative of the fact that the funds raised during this Negev Dinner Campaign will help build a major reservoir in the area of Lachish. The farming operations within the communities of this area will be greatly enhanced as a result of the construction of the Lebovic Reservoir.

The Jewish National Fund has always upheld the values and goals of Zionism, our national movement, to the highest degree. Indeed, the JNF is a creation of an early Zionist Congress. The people of Israel are grateful for the work of the JNF and all recognize its symbol - the tree, a sign of rebirth and growth. As it is written in the Torah: *"and when you enter the land, you shall plant all manner of trees..."*

Sincerely yours,

Ya'acov Brosh
Consul General of Israel

Yehiel Leket


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**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
**OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Ezra Benyamini

Mr. Ron Hoffman
President JNF of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

November 2005
Cheshvan 5766

***Dear Ron,***

It is with great pride that we send you greetings on the occasion of the 2005 Toronto Negev Dinner. Throughout the history of the Jewish National Fund, the Jewish community of Toronto has always been a real partner in developing the State of Israel for the Jewish people and the betterment of the quality of life of its inhabitants. On behalf of the board of Directors of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation of your devoted support.

We are proud to pay tribute to such distinguished honourees as Joseph and Wolf Lebovic. Their development of the city of Toronto as well as their involvement in all aspects of the Jewish Community, from education and culture to hospitals and yeshivas, has over the years, contributed greatly to establishing Toronto as a vibrant and thriving metropolis. Their commitment to the State of Israel as well as their ongoing concern for it's citizens and especially the residents of the periphery, demonstrates a real dedication to the needs of the country.

It is especially heartening to see that the proceeds of the Negev Diner will be directed toward the Lachish Water Reservoir located in the Northern Negev. This special area was the first region developed to absorb the influx of Olim from all over the world in the early 1950's. The new reservoir will provide the means to allow the second and third generations of the region to continue to develop a thriving agricultural industry, that otherwise is beyond their reach.

May the Jewish National Fund of Toronto and the Jewish community continue its contribution and commitment to Israel.

"Yishar Ko-ach"!

Sincerely Yours,

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November 3, 2005

Mr. Ben Prossin, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Prossin,

***Re: 57th Annual Negev Dinner in Honor of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic***

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to Joseph and Wolf. They are both exemplary community figures and deserving recipients of this highly esteemed honor.

Joseph's and Wolf's generous endowments to Mt. Sinai Hospital and the Scarborough Centenary Hospital, as well as Toronto institutions such as The Toronto Symphony, the National Ballet, and The Canadian Opera Company have made them stalwarts in the community. Their vision and entrepreneurial spirit as developers substantially contributed to the rapid growth of the former City of Scarborough. They have quietly and consistently forged ahead without fanfare, and very few people recognize the extent and scope of their contributions.

I wish the Lebovics every success with their fundraising initiative. The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir will undoubtedly assist in enhancing the economic livelihood of the Negev region. Through the expanded cultivation of crops, settlers will be able to lead rich, self-sustaining, and fulfilling lives. The Lebovic's philanthropy is exceeded only by their extraordinary vision, commitment and dedication; and this project is an apt testimonial to both their sense of vision and largesse. Recognition—now--is well-deserved.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Feldman
Deputy Mayor & Councillor
York Centre, Ward 10

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November 27, 2005

***MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR***

On behalf of the Members of Council, the residents of the Town of Aurora, and myself, I would like to congratulate Joseph and Wolf Lebovic for receiving this major tribute dinner accorded by the Toronto Jewish community. This recognition is well-deserved, as these gentlemen have also played a significant role within our own community by their support of the Arts and Cultural Grants for the residents of Aurora for many years. Their generosity is very much appreciated!

I would also like to congratulate the many people involved in producing this tribute tonight. Thanks to your energy and vision, we are able to publicly recognize the personal philanthropy of both Joseph and Wolf by the many beneficiaries of their kindness.

To the guests who have come here tonight to pay tribute to the Lebovics, thank you not only for your recognition of their good works, but your help in the construction of the Reservoir in the area of Lachish in the northern region of Israel's Negev Desert. I hope that you all have a wonderful evening, and that Joseph and Wolf continue to enjoy every success in their future endeavours!

Sincerely,

Tim M. Jones
Mayor

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Roger W. Anderson
Regional Chair

November 2005

Dear Joseph and Wolf:

On behalf of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Durham, please accept our sincere congratulations as you are recognized by the Jewish National Fund and the greater Toronto community.

Truly, you have led remarkable lives, overcoming adversity and traumatic events at an early age that most Canadians can barely imagine. You epitomize a generation which arrived in this country in the post-war years with few resources but plenty of ingenuity and drive. The two of you recognized your individual strengths, seized opportunities and built an exceptionally successful business.

In the process, you have also helped build this part of Ontario, literally, by constructing homes, commercial and industrial premises. But your legacy goes far beyond these physical structures. You also have been outstanding builders of community and knowledge. Your generous support of hospitals, education, research, cultural, and recreational organizations and facilities in Canada, and in Israel, will continue to have an impact for generations.

It is fitting that the new reservoir to be constructed in your names in the area of Lachish will also bring lasting benefits to that community.

Congratulations on lives of great achievement thus far. I am certain that the Lebovic brothers will continue to impress us with generosity and creativity in the coming years. Best wishes as you continue the adventure.

Roger Anderson
Regional Chair

MARKHAM

W. Donald Cousens
Mayor

November 27, 2005

# *MESSAGE FROM MARKHAM*

On behalf of Council and the Town of Markham, I am pleased to extend our best wishes to all those attending the ***57th Annual Negev Dinner in honour of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic*** hosted by the Jewish National Fund.

Over the course of the last fifty years the Jewish National Fund has raised significant funds for various charities and organizations around the world. Your generosity and support this evening will help construct a Reservoir in the area of Lachish, located in the northern region of Israel's Negev Desert. This project will be known as The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir and will enhance the productivity of the surrounding agricultural communities and individual farming operations.

This annual fundraising event demonstrates the deep commitment to the public good that resides in our communities. When we strive together, we create a better future for everyone.

As Mayor, I am proud of your efforts and I am delighted to have this opportunity to extend my best wishes for a most enjoyable evening and thank you for your generous support.

Yours sincerely,

W. Donald Cousens
Mayor

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City of PICKERING

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 27, 2005

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Pickering and its Members of Council, I am pleased to send greetings to the organizers and guests of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto's 57th Annual Negev Dinner – A Tribute to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.

I am very pleased that this year's event will be honouring this dynamic duo, who have played an important role in helping Pickering develop into a vibrant and beautiful city. As you are aware, Joseph and Wolf Lebovic's contributions extend beyond the corporate realm. They are also considered to be outstanding community leaders, with respect to their involvement in many important community and charitable initiatives.

The funds raised from this event will go towards the construction of a reservoir to assist agricultural communities and individual farmers in the area of Lachish, Israel. It is a befitting honour that this project will be named *The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir* - a lasting and living testament to their dedication and commitment.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues on Council, congratulations to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic for receiving this wonderful tribute, and best wishes for a successful and memorable evening.

Yours truly

David Ryan, Mayor
City of Pickering

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November 27, 2005

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the members of Council of the Town of Richmond Hill, I am delighted to bring greetings to everyone attending this evening's 57th Annual Negev Tribute Dinner presented by the Jewish National Fund of Canada. The honourees this year are Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.

The Lebovic brothers are certainly deserving recipients of this high honour. Their development and construction activities throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) are quite well known and the lifestyle of many GTA citizens has been enhanced through living in communities the Lebovics have built. Less well known perhaps, largely because they go out of their way to underplay it, is the incomparable generosity of the brothers towards charitable endeavours.

Joe and Wolf are major donors to Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and to the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Community Campus in Vaughan which will be fully operative in 2008 offering a wide variety of educational, health, family, social service, fitness, sport and cultural programs. In addition, they also support the Scarborough Centenary Hospital, the Canadian Opera Company, the National Ballet, the Toronto Symphony, local theatre, the Ner Israel Yeshiva and several Israeli charities. While I don't think you will see it on any of the literature this evening, I am pleased to tell you that they are also major benefactors of York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill.

It is the Lebovic brothers wish that all proceeds from this Tribute Dinner be directed towards the construction of a much needed reservoir at Lachish in the northern part of Israel's Negev Desert. Fittingly, this new project will be known as the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir.

Thank you all for coming out to pay tribute to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic. Have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

William F. Bell
Mayor

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***Michael Di Biase,*** B.A., B.Ed.
***Mayor***

November 27, 2005

## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MICHAEL DI BIASE

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 57th Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund and to congratulate our honoured guests, Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.

The Jewish National Fund has served Israel for a century. They are the leading environmental stewards for that nation. By planting trees and more recently ensuring a supply of fresh water, this organization must be commended by all.

Not only have Joseph and Wolf Lebovic served Israel well, their work in our country is exemplary. These two men have contributed towards the growth of the City of Vaughan and for this we are truly grateful.

On behalf of the City of Vaughan and Members of Council, I would like to thank Joseph and Wolf Lebovic for their contributions.

My best wishes to all for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Michael Di Biase

Michael Di Biase
Mayor

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Joe and Wolf Lebovic are a living example of goodwill and generosity that extends beyond the touches of their family through to society as a whole.

The tribute dinner tonight in recognition of Joe and Wolf and their unselfish generosity in support of the construction of the Lebovic Reservoir is a perfect example of the benefits brought to a region. With the completion of this project, the irrigation quota available to farmers will increase to almost 2.1 million cubic metres allowing for water intensive crops to be cultivated including almonds, fruit groves, cut flowers and vegetables for export. The Reservoir will assist in tremendously broadening the wealth and social stability of the Jewish settlement in the Negev region.

The Negev project is but one example of the generosity of the Lebovic family. In the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, we have received support in the community as it relates to capital funding in support of our Leisure Centre, the annual Strawberry Festival and cultural grants. On a broader spectrum, the financial support of expansions and renovations at Mount Sinai Hospital and the funding of the Chair of Jewish Studies at the University of Waterloo will have implications across Ontario and indeed the world. Large and small, these gifts bring joy, hope and opportunity to those that have benefited.

The philanthropic gifts of Joe and Wolf Lebovic are a lasting legacy. Their goodwill and kind gestures are gifts that touch countless people, across the world.

The tribute tonight is a fitting "thank-you" for Joe & Wolf Lebovic. Thank you for your acts of kindness.

Best Regards,

S.R. Sherban

Sue Sherban,
Mayor

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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL CHAIR

On behalf of York Regional Council and the Regional Municipality of York, I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic for helping to define excellence in Canadian entrepreneurship and for a life-time of philanthropy which has touched the lives of so many.

Lebovic construction projects dot the skyline across the GTA – a true testament of the hard work and perseverance of two brothers who came to Canada in the late 1940s.

Joseph and Wolf have come to epitomize selflessness, a virtue that we should all aspire to, and made evident by their generous financial support and time committed to numerous hospitals and arts and cultural organizations.

Their support of Jewish scholarship here in Canada, and support of several Israeli charities, further demonstrates how the generosity of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic knows no bounds.

Please join me in paying tribute to two extraordinary individuals at tonight's Jewish National Fund: 2005 Negev Dinner in support of The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir.

Yours truly,

Bill Fisch

Bill Fisch
Regional Chair and CEO
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November 8, 2005

I am delighted to have this opportunity to join my voice to those lauding Joe and Willy Lebovic on this very special occasion.

I have known the Lebovic's for over a quarter of a century. From the perspectives of a City Councillor, Member of Parliament – and a friend – I can say with confidence that they are the quintessential Canadian "Dynamic Duo".

Building communities throughout the GTA; serving on a multiplicity of public and private boards; endowing University Chairs; establishing and running a very busy charitable Foundation; supporting a myriad of social, artistic and sporting organizations.... Where do they find the time and the energy?!

They have earned our respect and affection many times over. They have honoured us with the exemplary calibre of their lives. It is therefore fitting that – in return – we honour them this evening for lives lived long and well.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of Mount Sinai Hospital, I am delighted to extend greetings to everyone attending the 2005 Negev Dinner Tribute, and to offer our warmest congratulations to the honourees, Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.

It is fitting that the Jewish National Fund of Toronto, with its 57-year tradition of annually recognizing those who contribute to the Jewish community both here and in Israel, has selected the Lebovic brothers this year. The honourees are builders in every sense of the word, their belief in the future made visible by their many contributions. For Mount Sinai, the impressive Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Building and Research Centre, currently under construction, was made possible through their transformational gift. Their insights, magnanimous leadership, time and creativity have had a tremendous impact on our hospital, and our mission for excellence in patient care, teaching and research. What makes these contributions more remarkable is the brothers' goal not only to give, but to inspire others to do so; this is eloquent testament indeed to their genuine commitment to improving our community.

The philanthropic leadership demonstrated by Joseph and Wolf will now, through the Jewish National Fund, bring a similar legacy to Israel through their named Lachish Reservoir, helping ensure a productive life for Negev Desert residents. This appropriate and worthwhile match will have the immediate and lasting impact the Lebovics seek through their support.

We congratulate all those involved in tonight's wonderful event – it is a singular success, based on dedication and shared vision. Mount Sinai is honoured to join with many others in our community to pay tribute to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.

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November 27, 2005

It is a great honour for us, on behalf of the University of Waterloo, to extend our warmest greetings to the Jewish National Fund and congratulations to their honourees this year, Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.

Joseph and Wolf have distinguished themselves far beyond their brilliant business acumen. Their generosity, involvement in, and support for countless causes and projects that cut across the entire spectrum of both the Jewish community and the community at large reflects a profound social conscience that stands as a model for us all.

We would like to single out Joseph's and Wolf's contributions to the field of education and in particular to our own university. Their vision and support spearheaded the Jewish Studies programme at the University of Waterloo that, in a short period, has gained world renown and, more importantly, fostered an understanding of Judaism and its rich heritage among the many faith communities represented on our campus. They understand more than anyone that the most effective means of combating anti-Semitism and, indeed all forms of discrimination, is education.

According to the great Jewish sage, Shimon the Just, the world stands on three pillars - Torah, service and charitable deeds. Joseph and Wolf Lebovic continue to inspire us all to live in harmony with those ideals.

Mazel tov and yasher kochachem.

David Johnston,
President

Jim Diamond,
Chairholder of Joseph and Wolf Lebovic
Chair in Jewish Studies

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The Emergency and Critical Care Centre Campaign for The Scarborough Hospital

October 27, 2005

Mr. Ben Prossin
Executive Director
Jewish National Fund
Suite 700 –1000 Finch Avenue West
Toronto, ON M3J 2V5

Dear Mr. Prossin,

On behalf of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation, it is my pleasure to bring greetings on the auspicious occasion of the 57th Annual Negev Dinner to honour Joseph and Wolf Lebovic in recognition of their commitment to excellence in communal leadership and their dedication to Israel.

Joseph Lebovic served as a valued board member of the Scarborough Hospital Foundation from 2000-2004, and he has been recognized for his great generosity to the Campaign for the new Emergency and Critical Care Centre. The Lebovic gift has helped push the $20-million ECCC fundraising campaign to more than 80 per cent of its target, and the project is expected to break ground in the spring of 2006.

In referencing his farsightedness for The Scarborough Hospital, Joseph remarked "If you ask me what vision I have of this new Emergency and Critical Care Centre, I would hope to see a cutting edge ER, flourishing in every regard, strengthened by state of the art programs and services offered there," said Joseph. "I see it as a warm, welcoming place to treat our global community's most culturally diverse population, a place where Scarborough families can turn to in their most stressful times."

One of the most important expansion projects undertaken in the hospital's history, the urgently-needed $58 million ECCC allows an urban community hospital to thrive through constant improvement, investment in people, and in the most state-of-the-art technology and facilities. The new ECCC, slated for completion in 2007, serves close to one million people, or close to one quarter of the GTA population.

With best regards to Joseph and Wolf.

Sincerely,

Stanley Kwan
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November 2, 2005

Messrs. Joseph and Wolf Lebovic
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Dear Joe and Wolf:

I was delighted to learn that the JNF is honoring both of you at its annual Negev Tribute Dinner on November 27th.

I congratulate you and say "yeshar koach". I regret that I will not be able to join you on this special occasion due to a prior commitment.

The JNF, a venerable and legendary organization, does well to honor you for you are, indeed, two of Israel's most generous and devoted leaders in the North American Jewish Community. Both JNF and Israel Bonds are charged with helping to fulfill the highest aims of Zionism by developing and nurturing Eretz Yisrael. Your contributions to the strength and prosperity of the Land of Israel are achievements worthy of singular recognition.

My best wishes for a festive and successful evening.

With cordial regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Joshua Matza

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November 27, 2005

Dear Joe and Willy,

For most, the story of life is one whereby people are moulded by the times in which they live.

In rare cases, it is the times that are moulded by a few extraordinary people, whose achievements resonate through the ages and about whom the legends are already being written.

It is a delight for us to offer our sincere congratulations to the chorus of friends, family, colleagues and leaders who are paying tribute to you this evening at the JNF Negev Dinner.

Part of what makes this honour so meaningful to you, and so very satisfying for those of us who know you, is that this tribute is a true celebration of the values we as Jews have cherished over the generations. The JNF Negev Dinner tribute, too, transcends its time. There is much glamour tonight, but deeper values prevail to remind us that glamour alone is not greatness. There is applause, but the realization that applause alone is not fame. There is esteem and prominence, but tempered by the recognition that prominence alone is not eminence.

Joe and Willy, what makes this tribute so special is that the men being honoured are not only the "men of the hour," but truly men for the ages, whose tangible good works will resonate and reach out to embrace future generations like a protective veil. As someone once said, the test of greatness is the page of history – and what a page you are writing!

On behalf of the Israel Bonds organization in Canada, we wish you a heartfelt yasher koach. Enjoy this spectacular evening, for we who know you so well are rejoicing in it!

With warmest regards,

Edward Sonshine, Q.C.
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**GREETINGS FROM UJA FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO AND THE JEWISH FOUNDATION OF GREATER TORONTO**

Dear Joe and Wolf:

It is a privilege for UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to congratulate both of you for being named the Jewish National Fund 2005 Negev Dinner Honourees.

To say that you are deserving is to understate the significance of this tribute to your acclaimed commitment. You are exceptional visionaries who combine outstanding business acumen with compassion, community-mindedness and generosity. Your philanthropy has become legendary.

Your dedication to Jewish people in need, here in Toronto, in Canada and especially in Israel is to be admired. Whether it is your leadership role in UJA Federation's Tomorrow Campaign, with the development of the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, or your impressive devotion to so many other worthy causes and organizations, you are always there making a difference in so many lives.

UJA Federation also extends, on your behalf, an open invitation to all the guests joining you at this important dinner to join you again in the near future on the historic day when we mark the official opening of the Lebovic Jewish Community Campus.

Joe and Wolf, may you be granted many more years of good health and happiness and may you go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,

David Engel
Chair of the Board

Ted Sokolsky
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***November 4, 2005***

***It is a distinct honour and a pleasure for me to convey on behalf of the Roshei HaYeshiva, co-presidents Abraham Bleeman and Sandy Hofstedter, officers and Board of Directors of Ner Israel Yeshiva of Toronto our warmest and sincerest best wishes on the occasion of the well deserved tribute being bestowed this evening at the Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner upon our dear friends Joseph and Wolf Lebovic.***

***The distinguished honourees are among those few who possess wisdom and commitment and graciously give of their time, energies and resources.***

***We at Ner Israel are indebted to Wolf and Joe for their continued generosity. For many years, Joe was the secretary-treasurer of the Yeshiva and served as a member of the Executive from the time the Yeshiva was founded in 1959. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors.***

***The Toronto community is fortunate to have the Lebovics among its lay leadership as they have devoted themselves to furthering the levels of tzedakah, chesed and Jewish education in Toronto, throughout Canada and especially in Israel.***

***We wish them continued good health and success in all of their endeavours.***

***Sincerely yours,***

***Rabbi Moshe Friedman***
***Executive Vice-President***


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November 27, 2005

Dear Joe and Wolf,

It is with great pleasure that I bring you a warm mazel tov from myself, the Board of Directors, the Board of Governors, the staff, faculty and students of Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. We know firsthand how deep your commitment to education is
and the role it plays in Jewish continuity. We share your passionate conviction that we Jews should be "a light unto the nations" by understanding and respecting our Jewish heritage. We are proud to be associated with you and your love of Jewish learning and Jewish life.

We salute the Jewish National Fund not only for their wonderful work, but also for the tremendous honour bestowed upon you both. The funds raised from this event for the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir will so greatly enrich life in Israel. As you well know, the Torah is compared to water, and from water flows all life. What a perfect way to meld your Jewish values with the practical needs of the Jewish homeland!

Please accept our heartfelt congratulations on this special occasion, and may you go from strength to strength.

Elyse Goldstein

Sincerely,

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October 20, 2005

Jewish National Fund
2005 Negev Dinner Tribute
700 – 1000 Finch Avenue West
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Dear Joe and Willy:

On behalf of the Canadian Technion Society it gives us great pleasure to extend to you Mazel Tov on being the honourees for the Jewish National Fund 2005 Negev Dinner.

The Jewish National Fund could not have honoured more deserving people than the two of you. Your commitment to the State of Israel, to the Jewish community of Toronto and to mankind are more than commendable.

The Reservoir, which you are building, will enhance the Negev and will help in populating the area for our future generations.

Please accept our best wishes for a successful evening.

May you continue to succeed in all your endeavours to help Israel and the Jewish people.

Yasher Koach.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold Recht
National President
Canadian Technion Society

Doreen Green
National Chairman
Canadian Technion Society

**La Société Canadienne Technion**
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Dear Joseph and Wolf,

On behalf of the Canadian Technion Society we are delighted to add our wishes of congratulations to you for your most deserving Tribute as Honourees of the 57th Annual Negev Dinner. Your dedication to helping communities, both locally and in Israel is commendable. The Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Reservoir is going to ensure a productive and worthwhile lifestyle for many families in Israel. Your commitment to the cause will have lasting effects for generations to come. Yasher Koach!

With best wishes,

Pearl Sperber Gameroff Philip Magder

Pearl Sperber Gameroff and Phil Magder
Co Presidents, Montreal Chapter
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November 27, 2005

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, it is my great pleasure to extend our warmest congratulations to Joseph and Wolf Lebovic, this year's honorees at the Jewish National Fund's 57th Annual Negev Dinner.

For many years, the Lebovic brothers have demonstrated their deep commitment to Jews and Jewish communities in Ontario, in Israel and around the world. Their overwhelming generosity has enhanced thousands of lives, making the difference for so many, through the support of numerous charitable endeavours.

The work of the Jewish National Fund is pivotal to the growth and development of the State of Israel. As a result of this successful Negev Dinner, the *Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Lachish Resevoir* will be established in the northern Negev Desert, helping to ensure the supply of vital water resources, much needed for local farming communities. Again, the desert blooms with the help of the JNF.

Joe and Wolf, we salute you on this wonderful occasion. May you go from strength to strength.

Ronald Appleby
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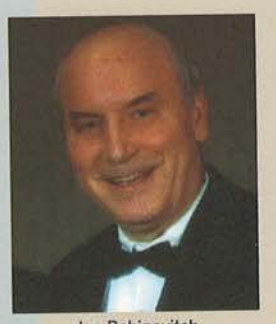

Joe Rabinovitch

NOVEMBER 2005

GREETINGS FROM THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA

It is not too often that the Jewish National Fund of Canada can take pride in extending congratulations to two (2) outstanding individuals, Joseph & Wolf Lebovic, on being the 2005 Toronto Negev Dinner Honourees.

Toronto is doubly blessed in having two visionaries to honour this year. Their dedication, commitment and zeal in supporting Israel serves as a beacon to others in the community.

Not only do they take action when required, but these deeds are based on seeing the future benefits of their gift to the ordinary Israeli.

Water will be a determining factor in the politics of the Middle East. By ensuring that Israel and future generations of Israelis will have a secure source of water through the construction of the Lachish Reservoir, Wolf and Joe are making a firm statement on this issue. Through their action, Israel will continue to grow and strengthen.

We congratulate the Toronto community in their choice of honourees and all who have worked so hard to ensure the success of the 2005 Negev Dinner.

Todah Rabah.

S Marcovitz

Sharon Marcovitz Hart
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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**
**JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF TORONTO**

Dear Friends, Shalom:

As I write this message I have been back from Israel for only two days. I was a participant on JNF's Mission, along with eighty-five others from Toronto and across the country. It was a great trip and a wonderful tour but, more importantly, it was an opportunity for my wife Heather and I to once again "connect" with Israel – the land and the people. It was a marvellous experience and I returned with batteries recharged to do the work that must be done to build our homeland. Keep in mind, Israel is still a young country and we at the JNF have much to do – in particular, in the Negev!

It is truly a joy to honour Joe and Willy Lebovic at this year's Negev Dinner. Their success in business is well known. Now, their wonderful generosity as benefactors is becoming widely recognized in our community and in Israel. They have made remarkable gifts to this community and will always be remembered for their outstanding spirit of giving to causes which need their help.

I want to extend a warm greeting to everyone attending this year's Negev Dinner. May I say ***"thank you"*** for your generosity and also express my appreciation to the many who have assisted in our Campaign but who could not be with us at the event itself.

***"Todah Rabah"*** to the many volunteers who have contributed to the success of both the Campaign and the Negev Dinner. Without their involvement, we certainly would not have achieved the level of accomplishment that we can now report. I also want to thank my Executive and Board of Directors for their outstanding efforts in the operation of JNF Toronto.

As well, I would be remiss if I didn't extend a tremendous note of appreciation to our outstanding staff that, on a daily basis, keeps the wheels of JNF Toronto turning smoothly. My best wishes to Ben, Lil, Sheila, Toby, Debbie, Rose, Yosepha, Shawn, Lia and Esther.

I trust that everyone will enjoy the Negev Dinner and the celebration of the work of JNF as we gather to honour Joe and Willy Lebovic. Have a great evening!

Thank you.

R. Hoffman

Ron Hoffman
President, JNF Toronto

## MESSAGE FROM THE DINNER CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends:

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to everyone attending this year's Negev Dinner. As well, a very heartfelt **"thank you"** to all those who have contributed to the success of the Campaign. Your support and generosity have helped to ensure an outstanding Campaign and a wonderful evening of celebration.

The work of the Jewish National Fund is important to the growth and development of Israel. This has been true for over a century and no less so today. Indeed, the challenge of developing the Negev, a desert area comprising almost sixty percent of Israel's landmass, is the great undertaking of the future. JNF has dedicated itself to help ensure that future. Your support of this tribute to Joe and Willy and of the project they have undertaken at Lachish – the reservoir – is a major step in helping to develop the northern Negev region.

The success of this year's Negev Dinner fundraising effort is surely due to a wonderful team of volunteers. Our Committees and Canvassers, and a great JNF staff, have really made it all possible. Of course, the enthusiastic support of Joe and Willy was a source of great inspiration during the Campaign. We want to extend our appreciation to all who have helped to make this event such a wonderful community "happening". **Todah Rabah!**

So, to a wonderful team of volunteers and to an amazing community of donors and contributors – our sincere thanks on behalf of the Jewish National Fund and, of course, Joe and Willy.

Enjoy dinner and have lots of fun this evening!

Toby Feldberg | Edward Sonshine, Q.C. | Frank A. Wilson

**MESSAGE FROM THE EXEUCTIVE DIRECTOR**
**JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF TORONTO**

Dear Friends of JNF and Guests at the 2005 Negev Dinner, Shalom:

I am indeed pleased to welcome you to the 57th Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto. This is a wonderful milestone to celebrate – so many years of continuity in our community supporting the important work of Keren Kayemeth in helping to build a truly strong, secure, beautiful and environmentally friendly Israel.

The proceeds of this Dinner in honour of Joe and Willy Lebovic will support the development of a truly important project. The Reservoir at Lachish, in Israel's northern Negev, will benefit an entire area of kibbutzim, moshavim and small communities. In fact, the reservoir will enable agricultural output to double. So, many thanks for helping to make this possible.

The Jewish National Fund has a long and distinguished history. Known as the "people's fund", the JNF has helped to turn dreams into reality and is now literally making "the desert bloom". However, all of the achievements of JNF would not be possible without the ongoing involvement, support and generosity of its friends around the world. We are fortunate that the Toronto community, in particular, has been so stalwart in its encouragement of our activities. We have often heard our community described as "the jewel in the crown" of the Jewish National Fund. We can all be proud of this.

On a personal basis, I feel honoured to play a role in the work of JNF in Toronto. I would like extend my sincere appreciation to the wonderful lay leadership I have the privilege of working with on a regular basis. They are a great group to work with. Ron Hoffman follows in the great tradition of Presidents in our organization. I am delighted to work with him and feel it is an honour to have him as our President. He is dedicated and committed to the cause of our organization and to the wonderful work it does. Just as important, Ron has ideas to enhance the organization and to help ensure its future success. I am happy to join him in this effort.

To a very fine staff at JNF Toronto, may I say "thank you" and, "thank you again" for all your efforts to help ensure the success of our work. In particular, ***todah rabah*** to my right hand, Lil Jacobson, for the important work she does on a daily basis. It is a pleasure to work with such a fine and dedicated staff.

In conclusion, I want to offer a sincere note of appreciation to all the donors and supporters of our work in Israel. Quite simply, it would not happen without you! May I express the hope that all in attendance enjoy this evening and I look forward to your continuing support in order to meet the challenges which face us in the years ahead.

Chazak V'Ematz, Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director