

CHW (Canadian Hadassah-WIZO) empowers women and children by supporting education, healthcare, and social services across Israel and Canada.

## CHW Announces Community Installation for Awareness of 242 Hostages Taken by Hamas

TORONTO, Nov 16, 2023 --- CHW (Canadian Hadassah-WIZO) is proud to partner with @BringThemHomeTO2023 to raise awareness of the 242 hostages taken by Hamas on October 7, 2023. This is a community event to show our solidarity and support for Israel.

On Friday, November 17 at 4 p.m. the community is invited for a Shabbat Dinner Table installation and candle lighting ceremony at The Warehouse event venue, located at 35 Carl Hall Rd, Unit #2, Downsview.

Torontonian Aharon Brodutch will be in attendance to share his own harrowing personal story of the disappearance of his brother's family, kidnapped into Gaza by Hamas terrorists. Aharon's brother's wife Hagar (40), and their three children, Ofri (10), Yuval (8) and Uriah (4.5) were in their home in Kfar Aza, in southern Israel on the morning of October 7, 2023, when the Hamas attack started. They hid in their safe room, joined by their neighbours' daughter Abigail (4), who ran from the terrorists after they killed her mom and dad. There has been no communication between Hagar and the four kids since then.

According to Lisa Colt-Kotler, CHW CEO, "We share in the grief of those who have lost loved ones, and we pray for the safety of Israel, its citizens, and the safe and unharmed return of the hundreds of hostages being held in Gaza. CHW stands in solidarity with Israel now and always."

CHW's Emergency Appeal is supporting Israeli partners, Hadassah Hospital, Shamir Medical Center, and WIZO, who are focused on providing emergency treatment to the critically ill and psychological support for traumatized women, children, and displaced families. 100% of donations are being transferred to Israel. To date over \$2.3 million has been transferred of the over \$2.4 million raised since the massacre on October 7.

To register for this event, <u>click here</u>. If you can't attend, please donate toward the CHW Emergency Appeal: <u>www.chw.ca/israel</u> For more information, please contact <u>info@chw.ca</u> or call 1 (855) 477-5964. This community installation would not be possible without the generous partners of Encore Catering, Chairman Mills Corp and MagenBoys.

To schedule a media interview with Aharon Brodutch please contact Cherie Cohen at 416-710-6070 or <u>cjocoh@outlook.com</u>

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