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Nominate A Young Leader Now!

Harry Lebovic Jewish Young Leadership Award

Thanks to a generous gift from Harry Lebovic, ICRF Toronto is proud to introduce the inaugural Harry Lebovic Jewish Young Leadership Award. Presented at this year's Revolving Tables event on March 26, the new award honours an exceptional young Jewish leader who exemplifies innovation, service, and measurable impact in the community. Celebrating core values such as tzedakah and tikkun olam, it recognizes ethical, visionary leadership that inspires peers and strengthens the next generation of Jewish leaders. ICRF Toronto warmly thanks Harry Lebovic for funding the first two years, creating a lasting legacy of leadership and community impact.

Nominate Yourself!

Deadline to apply: March 19

Revolving Tables: Inspiring the Next Generation, Ages 25-39

Revolving Tables is ICRF's signature next-generation engagement event, bringing together emerging Jewish professionals and established leaders for an evening of meaningful conversation and mentorship. Through a dynamic rotating-table format, participants gain insight into leadership journeys, values, and career paths in an intimate, high-impact setting. This year's event takes place Thursday, March 26 at the Four Seasons Hotel. More than networking, Revolving Tables is an investment in the future of our community. In a time of rising antisemitism and anti-Israel sentiment, fostering confident, resilient Jewish leadership is more important than ever. The evening also supports the life-saving work of the Israel Cancer Research Fund, which since 1975 has funded groundbreaking cancer research in Israel that saves lives worldwide. Co-Chairs Shira (Laserson) Shor and Idaliah Snajdman were inspired to step into leadership after attending the event. "The experience was both inspiring and practical," says Shor. Snajdman adds, "We hope attendees leave feeling motivated to engage further with ICRF while helping raise significant funds for groundbreaking research." As 2025 Co-Chair Sammi Turack puts it: "Revolving Tables provides young people with an opportunity to meet incredible leaders while

also funding cancer research grants. When it comes to supporting the greater good, no other charity does it like ICRF.”

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, March 3. The early bird price is $99 (same as last year) for the first 50 tickets sold. After that, tickets will be $118.

Learn More about Revolving Tables

Alison Himel & Michael Albert

Lynn Albert Outstanding Volunteer Award

Michael Albert recalls how his parents, Lynn and Harvey z”l, helped establish ICRF Toronto in the 1970s, even hosting early meetings in their living room. “To see it grow from zero to what it is today over 50 years is incredible.” The Lynn Albert Outstanding Volunteer Award honours his mother’s legacy and commitment to science, Israeli research, and philanthropy. On January 27, Albert presented this year’s award to Alison Himel, President of ICRF Toronto, recognizing her leadership, integrity, and dedication to the organization’s mission and community. “For our family, this award is a meaningful way to carry forward our mother’s legacy,” Albert said, noting that it reminds them each year of her passion and belief that volunteers are the backbone of the organization.

Mazel Tov, Alison!

Jay Silverberg, Levi Silverberg and proud Bubbie, Judi Gottlieb

More Than Jewellery: Levi's Commitment to a Cure

At just 15, Levi Silverberg is finding creative ways to give back. After seeing his sister's expensive Hebrew-name necklace, he used his laser and 3-D printer to make custom jewelry himself. "I made a necklace for my sister, and it was featured on a Facebook group… I got hundreds of likes and 100 orders in one day," he says. Levi donates 18% of his sales to charity, raising $2,000 for Friends of JNF last year and this year he chose ICRF in honor of his grandmother, who lost her life to breast cancer. "Donating doesn't always mean giving money," he says. "It could be volunteering or finding creative ways to raise funds. No matter your age, you can make a difference." Order from Levi's business, Scriptly Kind, at ScriptlyKind.com, and email erin@erinsilver.ca if you know someone making a difference for ICRF.

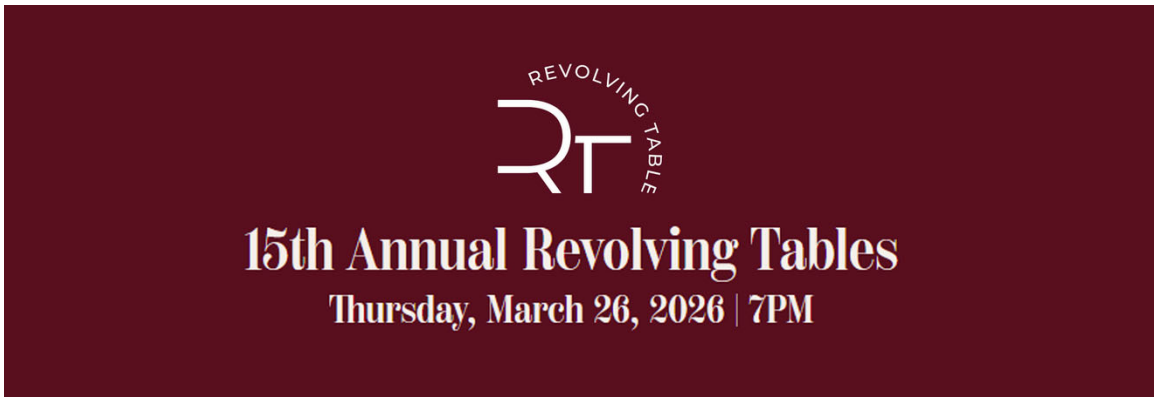
Support ICRF and buy jewellery

Researcher Spotlight: Childhood Cancer Day

On February 15, we marked International Childhood Cancer Day, a moment to honour the extraordinary courage of children facing cancer and the strength of their families. Today, we are proud to spotlight **Eran Elinav,** an ICRF-supported scientist at the Weizmann Institute of Science and a leader in childhood leukemia research. Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common childhood cancer, now has significantly improved survival rates thanks to decades of scientific progress. Yet too many children still endure devastating side effects from chemotherapy. Dr. Elinav and his team are harnessing the power of the microbiome and advanced computational tools to predict which children are most at risk for these complications, opening the door to safer, more personalized treatments. Their groundbreaking work moves us closer to a future where curing cancer does not come at the cost of a child's quality of life, and where every child has the chance not just to survive, but to thrive.

Learn More about Prof. Eran Elinav

UPCOMING ICRF EVENTS:



15th Annual Revolving Tables Event
Date/Time: Thursday, March 26@ 6:30pm

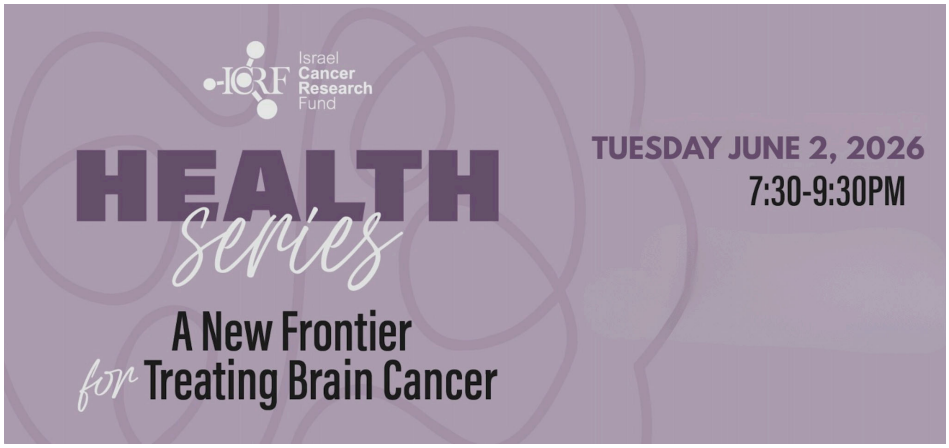
Location: Four Seasons. Hotel, 60 Yorkville Ave, Toronto

Find out more: https://revolvingtables.crowdchange.net/

Sponsorship Opportunities: https://icrf.crowdchange.ca/127946/add/sponsor

24th Annual Women of Action Celebration
Date/Time: Sunday, May 3 @ 11am (Tickets go on sale on March 19 at 10am)

Location: Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto

Find out more:: https://womenofaction.crowdchange.net/

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