
YALDEINU ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2009 JEWISH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

TORONTO – June 17, 2008 – Yaldeinu, a charitable organization dedicated to providing formal and informal Jewish education to young Jewish people in Israel and the developing world recently announced its 2009 summer exchange programs.

The July-August programs include 12 participants ranging in ages from 13-21 in a total of 5 countries.

Yaldeinu's camping program will invite children from Sderot and young adults from Cuba. "We are delighted to once again bring a summer of peace and excitement to our children from Sderot, who suffer from living in a city that has continually been the target of terrorist rocket attacks from neighbouring Gaza and we thank our sponsor, the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, Canada for its continued support," said Michael Etedgui, Yaldeinu founder. "We are also sponsoring young adults from Cuba, who will be working as staff members at Camp Geshar in Ontario, our generous and dedicated camping partner," said Etedgui.

This July Yaldeinu will be sending 3 university participants to volunteer with the Jewish community of Bolivia in partnership with Hillel of Greater of Toronto. "The Jewish community of Bolivia, which consists of 150 people in Latin America's poorest country, is eager to accept our students in their homes," said Etedgui. These students will also be volunteering in Bolivian orphanages and completing daily Spanish language classes.

Yaldeinu will be including 3 young adults from El Salvador on a Birthright Israel mission organized by Canada Israel Experience. Like Bolivia and Cuba, El Salvador's Jewish community is tiny, numbering at about 120 members.

"We are pleased with this summer's exchange programs and certain they will inspire our participants to take active positions in their communities and learn from one another the importance of leading Jewish lives," concluded Michael Etedgui.

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About Yaldeinu

Yaldeinu (Our Children) is a grassroots charitable organization dedicated to preserving the traditions and ideals of Judaism by providing formal and informal education to a myriad of Jewish children in various parts of the world.

With a strong sense of Zionism fuelling Yaldeinu's mandate, the organization raises funds for distribution in the form of scholarships and camperships. www.yaldeinu.org

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