



World-Leading Hospital Hosts Bahraini Ambassador at Toronto Gala Celebrating Peace and Coexistence

Israel's Sheba Medical Center Advancing Medical Care and Research in Gulf Countries

Canadian Friends of Sheba Collaborating with Leading Canadian Healthcare Institutions

TORONTO – June 7, 2022 – [Canadian Friends of Sheba Medical Center](#), the Canadian fundraising arm of Israel's largest hospital, held its annual Sheba Under the Stars gala last week at the Avenue Banquet Hall in Toronto. The event highlighted the significance of the Abraham Accords, signed in August 2020 in support of peace in the Middle East and based on mutual understanding and coexistence. The guest of honor at the event was His Excellency Sheikh Abdulla bin Rashid bin Abdulla Al- Khalifa, the ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the U.S. and Canada.

"I really want to thank Sheba Medical Center," said Ambassador His Excellency Sheikh Abdulla bin Rashid bin Abdulla Al-Khalifa. "The lives you touch are being helped in the region and beyond." "Since the signing of the Abraham Accords, Israel and Bahrain have signed over 37 memorandums of understanding (MOUs), exchanged ambassadors, established embassies, and started direct flights between the two countries. We want to instill hope in the region and are looking for ways in which our two nations can prosper."

Since the signing of the Abraham Accords in August 2020, Sheba Medical Center has played an instrumental role in solidifying relations and collaboration with Gulf countries to advance medical care and research. Sheba has [partnered with two of Bahrain's largest hospitals](#) on research initiatives in addition to [signing an MoU with the Department of Health in Abu Dhabi](#) for developing improved healthcare services.

Sheba is additionally collaborating with major healthcare institutions in Ontario and Quebec such as The Ottawa Hospital, helping to strengthen the Canadian economy.

Other guest speakers included Yoel Har-Even, Director of Sheba Global, and head of the recent Sheba-operated field hospital in Mostyska, Ukraine that treated over 6,000 patients during Israel's "Shining Star" mission. Har-Even has additionally been at the forefront of Sheba's collaborations with Bahrain and the UAE.

"Medicine and healthcare can serve as a bridge between nations," said Har-Even. "Sheba has been working tirelessly with governmental organizations and hospitals in Bahrain, the UAE, Morocco, Egypt and Jordan to offer top-tier medical care to our neighbors. Tonight's Canadian Friends of Sheba gala underscores our commitment to fostering peace and prosperity in the Middle East, utilizing medicine to provide hope without boundaries."

The exclusive event attracted more than 200 participants and included entertainment by singer and author Limore Twena. The event was emceed by Canadian TV news personality Dana Levenson.

Video remarks were given at the event by His Excellency Ambassador Khaled Yousif AlJahma, the first Bahraini Ambassador to the State of Israel.

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About Canadian Friends of Sheba Medical Center:

The Toronto-based Canadian Friends of Sheba Medical Center raises awareness and philanthropic support across Canada, for Sheba Medical Center's compassionate clinical care, comprehensive educational training, cutting edge research and innovation for the advancement of medicine. The largest and most comprehensive medical center in the Middle East, Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer boasts an acute-care hospital, rehabilitation hospital, research and innovation hubs, medical simulation center and center for disaster response on one comprehensive campus in the center of Israel. A university teaching hospital affiliated with the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel-Aviv University, Sheba is shaping the future of healthcare, educating the next generation of care providers. Sheba serves as a true hospital without borders, welcoming patients and healthcare professionals from all over the world and consistently providing the highest-level medical care to all in need. Sheba has been ranked a top-ten hospital in the world by Newsweek four years in a row (2019, 2020, 2021,2022).

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