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Community milestones ... Roadburg Foundation supports Tikva Housing, Community Garden & more

Tikva Housing Society is thrilled to share that the **Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation** has provided a grant of \$255,000 to support Tikva's mission to offer affordable housing solutions to the Jewish community.

"A gift of this magnitude provides help and hope at a time when economic uncertainty is definitely impacting housing insecurity," said Anat Gogo, executive director of Tikva Housing Society. "The Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation's tremendous generosity means that we will have the financial resources to build capacity on an operational level. Tikva is on an unprecedented growth trajectory and this gift is critical to support our growing housing portfolio, allowing us to say 'yes' to a number of new opportunities on the horizon."

The need for affordable housing continues to be first and foremost on the minds of many in the Jewish community. This gift will be put to work, empowering individuals and families by providing affordable housing – allowing them to build long-term change in their lives and beyond.

Tikva Housing Society is grateful to the Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation for its partnership in addressing the issue of housing insecurity. Tikva appreciates the foundation's focus on strengthening the capacity of the community's organizations and its commitment to *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

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Vancouver Talmud Torah, Congregation Beth Israel and **Jewish Family Services** are elated to share with the community that a gift of \$100,000 has been received from the **Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation** to support the Vancouver Jewish Community Garden. This gift enables the building of the garden to begin in earnest and it is anticipated that construction will begin this fall. Thanks to the **Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver's** Transformation Grant and the **Diamond Foundation**, the garden will be located and built above the shared BI and VTT parkade.

The garden aspires to positively impact many members of the local Jewish community and to be a hub for celebrating and honouring nature, imparting Jewish teachings and values, promoting col-

laboration, and enhancing the community's well-being. Studies show that spending time outdoors in nature has been directly linked with lessened anxiety and depression for adults and children alike and helps people better manage stress.

“It is exciting and encouraging to see several important communal institutions come together collaboratively to advance such a positive new opportunity. The Vancouver Jewish Community Garden will be an opportunity to teach community members of all ages about agriculture and the importance of a healthy earth, to enable volunteers to contribute to our community and to help feed those in need. The Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation is pleased to help advance the project towards completion,” noted Bernard Pinsky, Roadburg board chair.

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Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver is delighted to welcome two new members of its team: **Gayle Morris** and **Alisa Farina**.

Morris is the new director of the Federation annual campaign, the community's central fundraising initiative. Building relationships is central to this role, and Morris brings an incredible depth of experience in that area, and so much more. She is an accomplished and multifaceted sales, marketing and business development leader who has extensive experience in both innovative startups and not-for-profit organizations. She is also an active member of the community with extensive volunteer involvement.

Farina has been hired as the child, youth and young adult mental health worker, and Federation is grateful to the **Mel and Gerri Davis Charitable Trust** for the support to enable the creation of the new position.

Farina holds a bachelor's in child and youth care and comes to the job from a 25-year career with the Burnaby School District, the last 10 of which she focused on working with high-risk, vulnerable youth and their families. Farina is currently completing her master's degree in clinical counseling. She grew up in the Lower Mainland and was involved with BBYO and Camp Miriam.

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