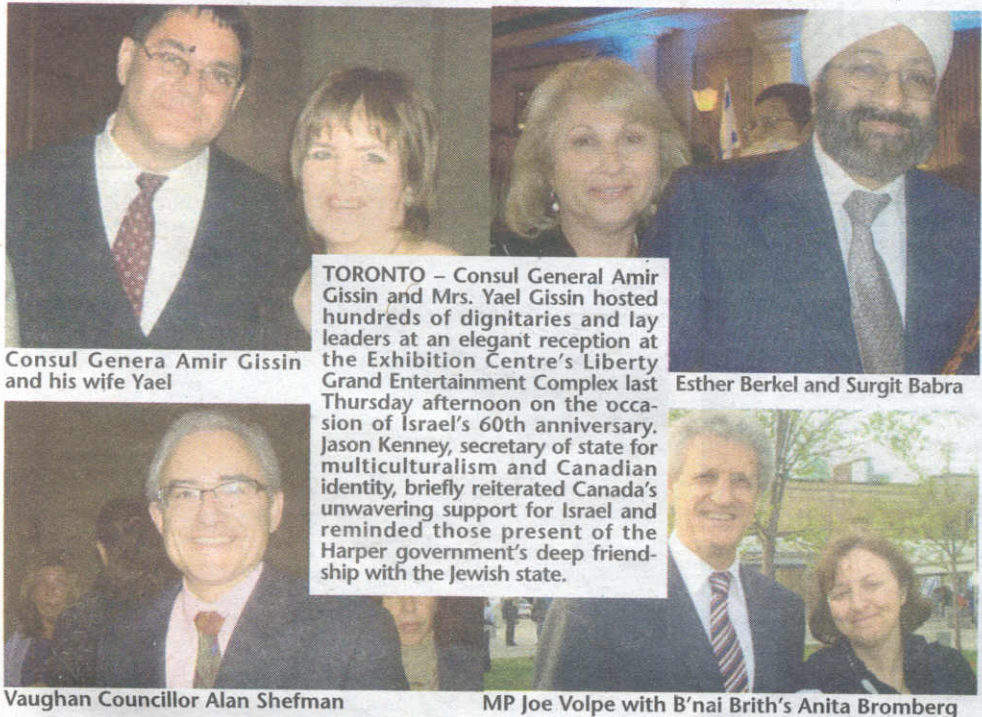


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Consul General celebrates Israel's anniversary



A well-deserved Mazel Tov

Adversity and challenge have never been in short supply for the descendants of Abraham. Yet even in the darkest of moments, Jews have found ways to regenerate and infuse their environment with values that build civilization.

Tolerance, liberty, rule of law, the pursuit of knowledge, scientific discovery, and democratic institutions are elements of that value system derived from the first monotheistic people. Against all odds, the small state of Israel stands as a beacon for all who ascribe to those values.

A hearty and warm Mazel Tov to all.

Eglinton-Lawrence MP Joe Volpe