



## Margaret Shuckett

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Margaret Shuckett, a fourth-generation Canadian, is the great-granddaughter of one of the earliest Jewish families to settle in Winnipeg – a mid-Western Canadian city that eventually became an epicenter of North American Jewish life. Margaret’s commitment to Israel dates back to her great grandparents who first travelled to Israel in 1902, 20 years after immigrating to Winnipeg from Europe. Today, they are buried on the Mount of Olives.

Having earned a BA from the University of Manitoba and a subsequent teaching degree, Margaret embarked on a life-long career as a first grade teacher and school librarian both in Jewish day schools and the public school system. Many of her beloved students have a love of reading today as a result of her early influences upon them. As an educator, Margaret is committed to the Hebrew University’s mission to create an educational environment of excellence that encourages students and professors to attain incredible achievements in today’s world. She is currently President of the Winnipeg Chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, serves on the National Board, and is an Associate Governor of the

University. She plans and participates in the Canadian Friend’s program, “Live and Learn” – a mission to Europe and Israel, with a professor from the Hebrew University.

Margaret, like most other Jewish Winnipeggers, takes great pride in her city’s history and has contributed to Winnipeg’s civic success. She has served on the Executive Committee of her synagogue and acted as Chair of March of the Living. She has been a Board Member of the Winnipeg Jewish Child and Family Services and played an active role in supporting children of new immigrants in reaching their potential through the arts in Winnipeg. She has also been integral in program planning for the Winnipeg JCC.

Margaret and her husband Paul, a past President of the Winnipeg Chapter of Canadian Friends are generous supporters of the University, focusing on outreach programs that support students attending public schools in struggling neighborhoods in Israel.

They have two daughters, Nicole and Cara, who both attended the Rothberg International School. This year her family will also be inscribed on the University’s Wall of Life.