

CITY OF PITTSBURGH



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

A Proclamation

*By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh,
I do hereby issue this proclamation honoring*

J'BURGH

October 26, 2011

WHEREAS, the Jewish-American population in the United States is significant and one with which Pittsburgh is honored to be partners. Pittsburgh has been sister cities with the Misgav-Karmiel region of Israel since 1995. Supporting Israel has always been important to our City. Through the partnership program, Pittsburgh residents get involved in the Jewish-American communities in both Pittsburgh and our sister cities by donating, collaborating and visiting. This partnership allows communities to form friendships and have lasting effects on each other; and

WHEREAS, J'Burgh is an initiative of the Hillel Jewish University Center of Pittsburgh with support from Shalom Pittsburgh and the Jewish Healthcare Foundation. It is designed to serve the needs of Pittsburgh's Jewish graduate students and young professionals while creating opportunities for them to build communities and networks together. J'Burgh's goal is to provide a gateway for Pittsburgh's young Jewish adult population to explore and develop their personal Jewish identity within our City; and

WHEREAS, J'Burgh recognizes Pittsburgh as a region that is enticing and inspiring to young adults as they begin college, as well as after they graduate and begin their careers. Thus, a group of Jewish graduate students and young professionals from Misgav-Karmiel are visiting Pittsburgh to volunteer and meet with key economic and social groups. Northern Israel suffers with job and social opportunities and struggles to retain its young adult population. Through this trip, this group aims to learn about Pittsburgh's job and economic growth while experiencing its social atmosphere and learning what Pittsburgh is doing to retain its young professionals. This visit will surely strengthen the bond between Pittsburgh and its sister cities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Luke Ravenstahl, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, welcome this group of Israeli visitors and encourage them to learn some of our best practices and strategies to improve retention and ongoing growth in their homeland. I do hereby declare October 26, 2011, "J'Burgh Day" here in our most livable City of Pittsburgh.



Luke Ravenstahl

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Mayor