

VISIT OVERVIEW

President Chaim Herzog of Israel, accompanied by his wife, Aura, will make a state visit to Canada from June 26 to July 1, 1989. He will be welcomed at the Ottawa airport by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, prior to the formal ceremonial arrival at Rideau Hall.

While in Ottawa, President and Mrs. Herzog will be the guests of Her Excellency, the Governor General and Mr. Sauvé at Rideau Hall. On June 26, a state dinner in honour of President Herzog will be held. President Herzog will address a joint session of the House of Commons and the Senate on June 27. This will be followed by a luncheon hosted by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney at 24 Sussex Drive. Other events in Ottawa include calls by the Opposition leaders, a meeting with the Ottawa Jewish community and a visit to the National Gallery.

President Herzog will visit Montreal on June 28 and 29, escorted by the Honourable Gerry Weiner, Secretary of State and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship) and Mrs. Weiner. Events in Montreal will include a luncheon hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Weiner, a reception at City Hall, a call by Premier Robert Bourassa, a visit to a Montreal synagogue and a dinner hosted by the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, the Honourable Gilles Lamontagne.

From June 29 to July 1, President and Mrs. Herzog will visit Toronto, accompanied by the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Minister of Employment and Immigration. The President will receive a honorary degree from York University and be the guest of honour at a luncheon hosted by Mrs. McDougall. He will also meet with representatives of the Toronto Jewish community, attend a dinner hosted by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honourable Lincoln Alexander, receive Premier David Peterson and visit the Sky Dome.

The visit to Canada, the first by an Israeli president, will provide an important opportunity to renew the warm personal ties which are a prominent part of the bilateral relations between Canada and Israel.