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**JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH  
CELEBRATES THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT  
YOM HA'ATZMAUT**

PITTSBURGH, PA –The state of Israel is turning 70, and Pittsburgh is invited to the party. The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is hosting a community-wide celebration for Yom Ha'atzmaut, the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Israel, on April 19.

It's from 4-8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Squirrel Hill. All events will be outdoors, weather permitting. Admission is free, and food will be Kosher.

The public is invited to sing, dance, play, eat and celebrate Israel. Visitors can listen to Israeli hits, watch a live dance performance from Pittsburgh's Partnership2Gether regions of Karmiel and Misgav in Israel and help to paint a community mural, designed by artist Daniel Cascardo.

The celebration includes games for the kids like GAGA, Karmiel Caterpillar Catch, Cookie Decorating and PJ Library Story Walk.

Murray Avenue will close at 9a.m. between Forbes and Darlington Avenues and will reopen at 11p.m. There will be partial access to the streets for Darlington residents and St. Edmund's Academy parents and students. All Darlington exit traffic will be directed onto Forbes via the St. Edmund's Academy driveway.

**Schedule:**

4:00pm Open Activities: Israeli dancing, Community Mural, Table Games, Moon Bounce, Face-painting and more

5:00pm Israeli dancers perform

6:00pm ISRABAND, an Israeli cover band

7:30pm Teen Dance Party and Young Adult Trivia Contest

**About the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh**

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, one of 148 independent Federations associated with The Jewish Federations of North America, raises and allocates funds to build community locally, in Israel and around the world. With the vision of a thriving, vibrant and engaged Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh aims to carry out its work in the context of cooperation and inclusiveness. For more information, visit [www.jfedpgh.org](http://www.jfedpgh.org).

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