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Over a Thousand Turn out to Support Israel at Federation's Israel Walk and Festival

On Sunday, June 5, over 1000 members of the local Jewish community turned out to show their support for Israel at the Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado's Fourth Annual Israel Walk and Festival. The event, presented by Rose Medical Center was attended by many local dignitaries including: Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, State Senator Ken Gordon, State Issues Council for Senator Ken Salazar; David Hiller, State Representatives Joel Judd and Alice Borodkin and Denver City Councilwoman Carol Boigon.

"The Walk proved again that the Jewish community of Denver and Boulder is standing with Israel," said Shaul Amir, Federation's Israel and Overseas Director. "We showed that enjoying Israel is just as important as supporting it with our charity and activism."

In addition to the two-mile walk, the Festival boasted 33 booths representing everything from Jewish agencies, art, jewelry and kosher food. There was also a kid's carnival featuring a giant slide, games and pony rides.

The Walk was led by the newly graduated Rocky Mountain Hebrew Academy (RMHA) seniors who had come directly from their graduation ceremony.

"We were honored that so many of our political figures joined us in supporting the state of Israel," said Doug Seserman, Federation's President and CEO. "We are also proud that the RMHA seniors made such a great effort to show their support on such a tight schedule. Overall it was a great program and Federation was happy to bring it to our community."

The Walk and Festival was Chaired by Rich and Rochelle Sokol. Sponsors of the Walk and Festival include: Rose Medical Center, Nefesh B'Nefesh, Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center and Accredited Mortgage.

Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado is the umbrella fundraising, information and social organization for Colorado's Jewish community. The Federation's mission is to raise money and people to build and sustain Jewish life in Colorado, Israel and around the world.

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