



International Fellowship  
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# Annual Report | 2021

For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD;  
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

— Psalm 92:4





Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter — when you see the naked, to clothe them . . . ? — Isaiah 58:7

*Shalom,*

Together, we hit a milestone in 2021.

Supported by friends like you, The Fellowship helped even more people than we ever have in previous years, reaching more than 2 million Jewish people in need across the globe. As I look back, I am so inspired by the fact that we came together as Christians and Jews to build bridges, to bless Israel, and to create a strong global community of lifesaving support. Together, we played a key role as the boots on the ground in Israel, Ukraine, and throughout the countries of the former Soviet Union (FSU), delivering aid quickly and efficiently despite all challenges.

When code red sirens sounded in May 2021 and rockets rained down on the Holy Land, you were standing faithfully by the Jewish people and sending emergency funds to keep them safe and deliver food to them while they were trapped in bomb shelters. When winter storms made it difficult for elderly and Holocaust survivors to buy groceries or heat their homes, you stepped in to provide winter assistance, making sure no elderly person was forgotten. When impoverished families struggled in the wake of the economic crisis caused by the pandemic, you stood strong and supported these people in need. And you provided \$22 million in aid to Jewish communities in need in the FSU.

No matter what challenges came up this past year, you never fell short in your passionate support for Israel and her people. You are truly remarkable. I am so humbled to watch as The Fellowship fulfills its role as the largest provider of humanitarian aid in Israel, all because you continue to come together to answer God's call in Isaiah to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the poor.

I hope that as you read through these pages of our 2021 Annual Report, you are reminded of how special our mission is, how many miracles God performs through us, and how much you've blessed God's people in need.

With deep gratitude and blessings from the Holy Land,

*Yael Eckstein*

Yael Eckstein  
President and CEO



More than 2 Million People Helped by The Fellowship



**918,000** children and families given food, medicine, clothing, or financial assistance



Supporters engaged in monthly prayer services — **107,000**



**80,000** soldiers provided with basic needs, comfort, and care



**1 million** people provided with basic needs



Global offices – in Israel, U.S., Canada, and Korea



Prayer requests taken to the Western Wall — **54,000**



Program countries — **40**



**1.5 million** meals served in Israeli soup kitchens



More than **5,500 olim** (immigrants) made *aliyah* (immigrated to Israel)



**800,000** people in more than 10 countries given access to secure Jewish synagogues, schools, and communities through Fellowship-provided emergency equipment and mobile bomb shelters







During last year’s rocket fire, no citizen of Israel was safe. The Holy Land was under attack.

The May 2021 terrorist assault on Israel lasted two weeks, during which Israelis were barraged with more than 4,000 rockets. While people in southern Israel suffered the worst, there was nowhere to run. Rockets reached all the way into central Israel. Many of our aid recipients had no choice but to stay in their homes

or wait in bomb shelters as rockets fell, trapped for days with no access to basic needs like food.

Thanks to you, our faithful friends, The Fellowship was on the ground and able to immediately step in and deliver emergency support. Israeli leaders knew The Fellowship would come through for the people of Israel — because they know you consistently open your heart when Israel is in crisis.

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. — Isaiah 62:6





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The southern Israel city of Ashkelon is frequently targeted by terrorist attacks. But 94-year-old Frederika insists she's not afraid. Suffering is something she knows all too well. When she was a young girl, the Nazis overran Europe, and Frederika found herself separated from her parents and three brothers. Her entire family ended up in Auschwitz . . . and never returned. She is the only member of her family to survive the Holocaust.

It's not easy for Frederika when the rockets rain down. But she is so grateful to have The Fellowship to provide her with essentials. When we delivered a food box, Frederika wondered out loud, "Where does The Fellowship manage to find these angels?" She knows she has caring friends to bring her food, medicine, and company. And Frederika knows that, thanks to you, she will no longer suffer.

## Thanks to your generosity . . .

- Thousands of Fellowship-funded bomb shelters were used during the conflict, providing a safe haven for Israelis under fire.
- We placed 20 new bomb shelters in the areas hardest hit by attacks.
- We fortified a trauma center in Ashkelon.
- We provided 71 protective vests and other essential equipment for security teams in Ashkelon, Sderot, and other southern towns.
- We were on the ground providing hundreds of food cards, food packages, and cooked meals for vulnerable elderly and other citizens throughout southern Israel; and more than 2,000 meals to those sheltering in Ashkelon.
- We delivered activity kits, games, and snacks to children in public bomb shelters who were forced to take cover until the violence ended.
- The Fellowship IDF Vehicle brought soldiers food and drinks while they were working day and night to protect the people of Israel.
- Barzilai Medical Center staff were able to transfer newborn babies to the Fellowship-funded bombproof delivery room unit.
- We checked in with new *olim* (immigrants), many of whom had never experienced attacks like these. We checked on our elderly With Dignity and Fellowship recipients to assess their basic needs and offer support.



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**Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he,  
I am he who will sustain you. I have made  
you and I will carry you; I will sustain  
you and I will rescue you. — Isaiah 46:4**

When it comes to caring for Holocaust survivors, we must act now. So many have been cruelly forgotten in their final years, as they struggle to live off incomes that are insufficient to cover even their basic needs.

This is why our commitment to “never forget” remains stronger than ever as we find, rescue, and remember these precious survivors. When brutal winter storms hit in Israel, we are on the ground delivering essential aid. Together, we remind them they are not forgotten.

Shoshana's entire family died in the Holocaust. But Shoshana survived. And she's still a survivor today at age 100. This sweet elderly woman lives with her handicapped daughter. Until the pandemic, the two visited a Fellowship soup kitchen for their meals each day. Now, the soup kitchen delivers meals to their home. And when a storm in

Jerusalem caused temperatures to plummet, Fellowship President and CEO Yael Eckstein stopped by with food, a blanket, and a radiator to heat Shoshana's small apartment. She was so grateful to know people around the world love her and her daughter, and they haven't forgotten them.





When The Fellowship found Yuri in Ukraine, we learned he'd spent nearly eight decades living in horrific conditions. We found him in complete desperation and wasting away. Yuri survived the Vinnitsa Ghetto as a boy, only to be living in abject poverty in his old age today. But with the help of Fellowship friends around the world, Yuri now lives in a nursing home where he has found not only healthy food and the warm touch of others, but also the most precious gift of all — hope. He loves telling Fellowship staff about his favorite books and plays. After having spent so many years without experiencing love or care, this precious Holocaust survivor is now reminded every day how much God loves him — because of you.



**216,000** elderly and Holocaust survivors in Israel and the former Soviet Union were supplied with basic needs.



**7,800** Holocaust survivors received emergency call buttons.



A **\$4 million** winter assistance program provided scarves, blankets, radiators, and heating vouchers to about 25,000 households of elderly citizens and families.



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He brought us to this place and  
gave us this land, a land flowing  
with milk and honey.

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— Deuteronomy 26:9

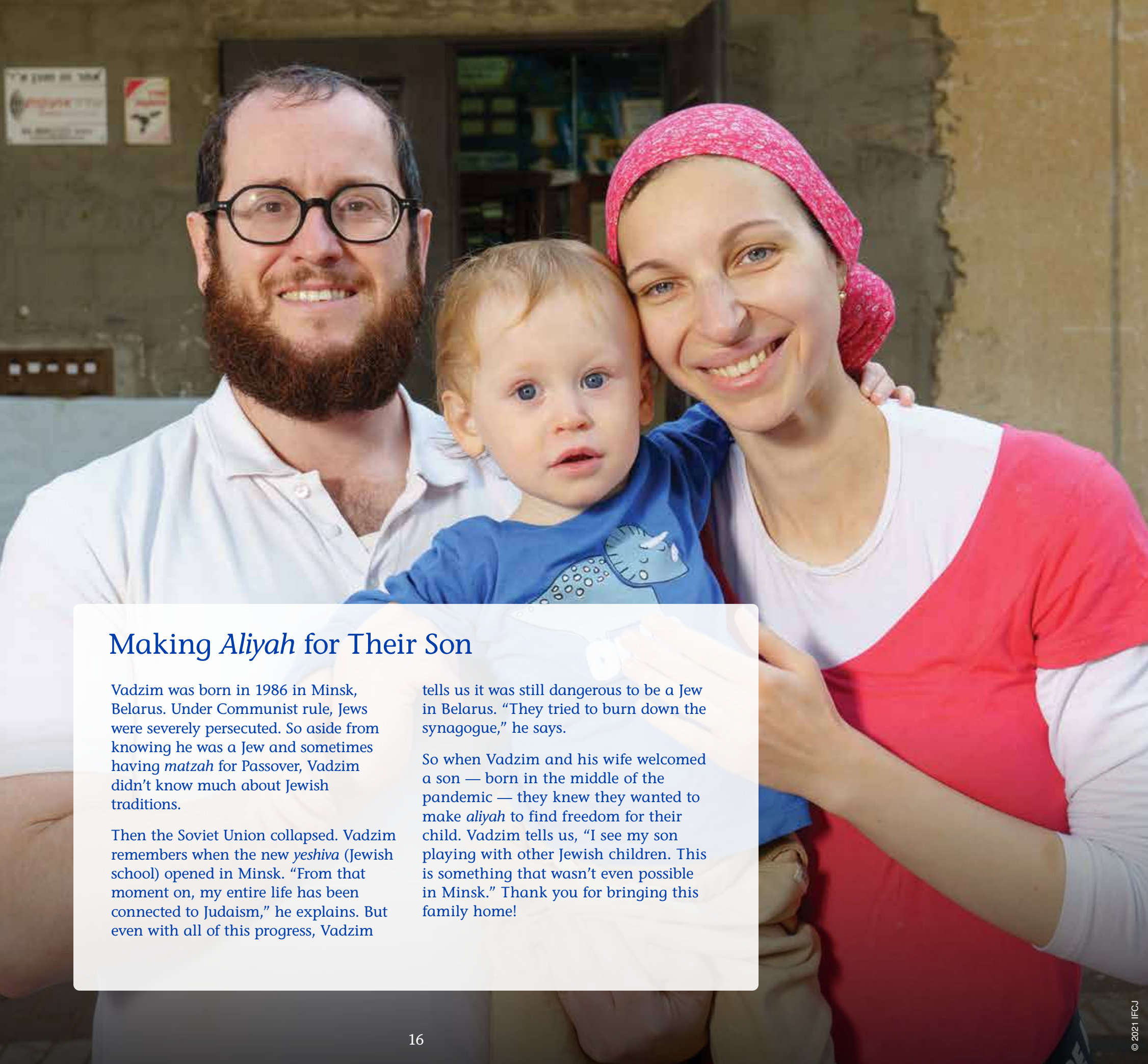
Since our founding, The Fellowship has helped more than 760,000 Jews from 50 countries make *aliyah* (immigrate to Israel). We are committed to giving them the chance to live freely in Israel. Too often, they've had to keep their Jewish identity a secret or have lost touch with Jewish traditions because of anti-Semitic oppression and violence. So whenever a Fellowship Freedom Flight touches down in the Holy Land, these people are allowed to reclaim their Jewish identities and find a new life of opportunity in Israel — an answer to their prayers!

With the rise of anti-Semitism in France, Celine and David knew moving to Israel would ensure their four children would be protected and able to live and worship as God intended: "I dream about the moment when our son will go to school and be able to wear his *kippah* and *tzitzit* (traditional Jewish skullcap and ritual fringes) in peace and quiet.

We plan to live happily and to live as Jews," says Celine. And, thanks to you, The Fellowship was with them during their *aliyah* every step of the way. "We'd like to thank The Fellowship for all the help they have given us with this life-changing move."







## Making *Aliyah* for Their Son

Vadzim was born in 1986 in Minsk, Belarus. Under Communist rule, Jews were severely persecuted. So aside from knowing he was a Jew and sometimes having *matzah* for Passover, Vadzim didn't know much about Jewish traditions.

Then the Soviet Union collapsed. Vadzim remembers when the new *yeshiva* (Jewish school) opened in Minsk. "From that moment on, my entire life has been connected to Judaism," he explains. But even with all of this progress, Vadzim

tells us it was still dangerous to be a Jew in Belarus. "They tried to burn down the synagogue," he says.

So when Vadzim and his wife welcomed a son — born in the middle of the pandemic — they knew they wanted to make *aliyah* to find freedom for their child. Vadzim tells us, "I see my son playing with other Jewish children. This is something that wasn't even possible in Minsk." Thank you for bringing this family home!

Your faithful support brought more than 5,500 *olim* to the Holy Land from more than 30 countries:



Argentina  
Azerbaijan  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Brazil  
Bulgaria  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Dominican Republic  
France  
Georgia  
Germany  
Guatemala  
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Peru  
Poland  
Portugal  
Russia  
Spain  
Tajikistan  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Ukraine  
Uruguay  
Uzbekistan  
Venezuela



# You Are Her Miracle

Nona, an 82-year-old Holocaust survivor, lives in a small apartment on the third floor of a rundown building in the Holy Land. It's very difficult for Nona to walk down the stairs as she grows weaker and slowly loses her vision. Most days, she's confined to her home. However, when we visited Nona for *Hanukkah*, we saw the joy on this sweet Holocaust survivor's face as she lit the *menorah* candles: "Thank you so much for remembering me and bringing light to my house. This is a holiday of miracles. Your being here is a miracle for me." Today, Nona is comforted by visits from her Fellowship friends. They bring her food and assistance, and make sure she isn't forgotten. "Your visits brighten up my day," she says with a smile.

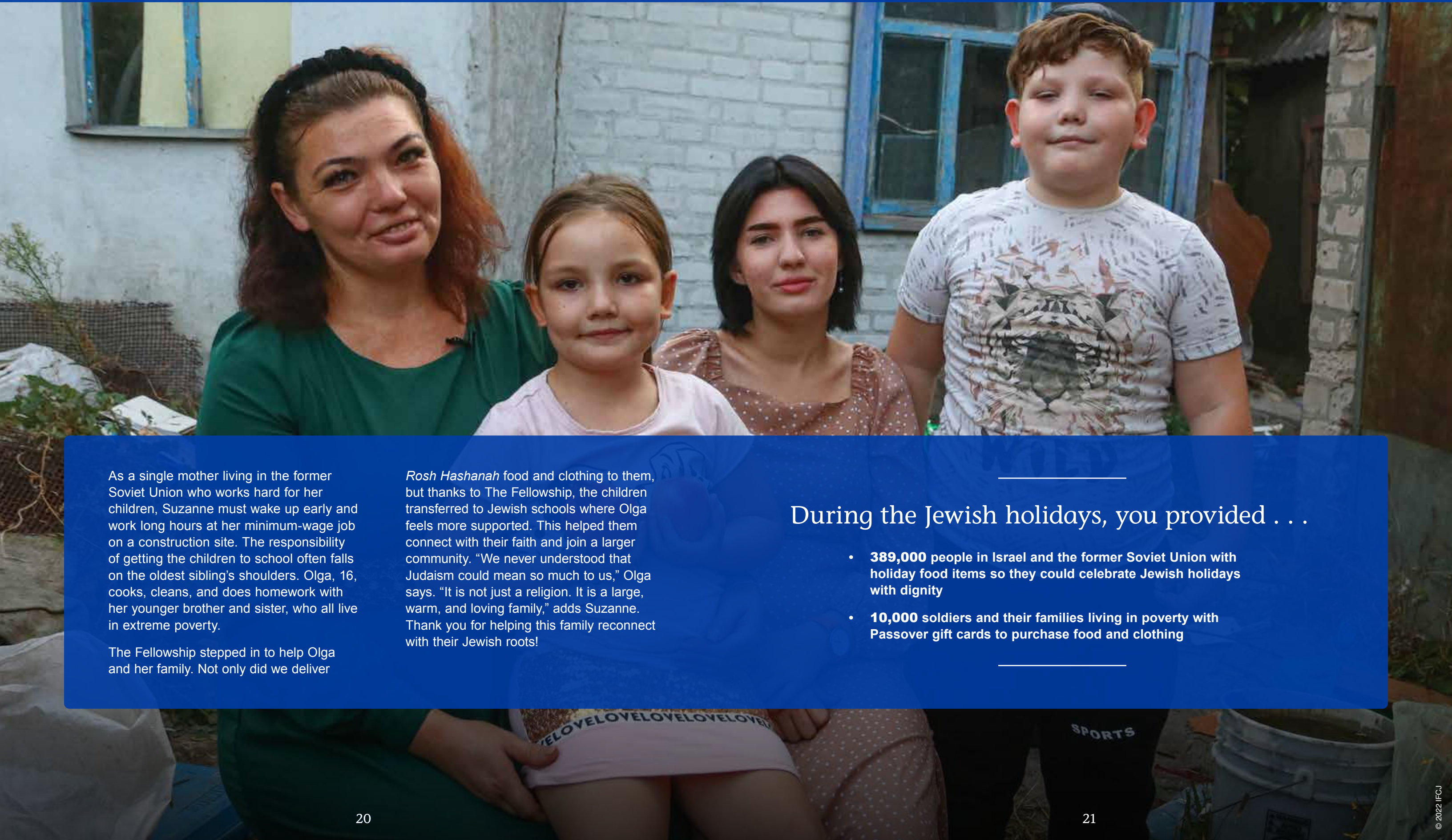
Clap your hands,  
all you nations;  
shout to God with  
cries of joy.

— Psalm 47:1

Due to the ongoing pandemic and economic crisis, we ramped up our efforts to make sure we reached all those in need for the holiday season. In 2021, your support helped us launch an

\$11.2 million aid program to assist over 260,000 people in Israel and the former Soviet Union during *Rosh Hashanah* and the High Holy Days, more than double the support provided in 2020!





As a single mother living in the former Soviet Union who works hard for her children, Suzanne must wake up early and work long hours at her minimum-wage job on a construction site. The responsibility of getting the children to school often falls on the oldest sibling's shoulders. Olga, 16, cooks, cleans, and does homework with her younger brother and sister, who all live in extreme poverty.

The Fellowship stepped in to help Olga and her family. Not only did we deliver

*Rosh Hashanah* food and clothing to them, but thanks to The Fellowship, the children transferred to Jewish schools where Olga feels more supported. This helped them connect with their faith and join a larger community. “We never understood that Judaism could mean so much to us,” Olga says. “It is not just a religion. It is a large, warm, and loving family,” adds Suzanne. Thank you for helping this family reconnect with their Jewish roots!

During the Jewish holidays, you provided . . .

- **389,000** people in Israel and the former Soviet Union with holiday food items so they could celebrate Jewish holidays with dignity
- **10,000** soldiers and their families living in poverty with Passover gift cards to purchase food and clothing





Israel’s army is one of the strongest military forces in the world — it has to be, because Israel is surrounded by enemies on all sides. And just as these brave men and women of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are on the ground every day, fulfilling their commitment to protect their homeland, The Fellowship is on the ground supporting them, showing them that we appreciate their sacrifices for Israel.

Caring for a Lone Soldier

“With the death of my mother and grandmother, my whole world changed,” says Arnold. And just like that, Arnold was thrown into the life of a lone soldier in the IDF. When his mother died after a long battle with cancer, so many soldiers and friends came to comfort him. “The person I loved the most, who was always waiting for me and prepared the foods I love, was suddenly gone,” says Arnold.

But Arnold wasn’t completely alone. Not only did he have the support of the IDF, but he also had The Fellowship: “I received vouchers to buy food for Passover. This was a ray of light that allowed me and my sister to celebrate the holiday properly, just like when my mother was alive.” This support encourages Arnold, and today he is even more motivated to work hard and honor the memory of his mother and grandmother as a new college student.

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. — Isaiah 40:8

You protected the Jewish people by providing . . .

- 22,000 family members of soldiers with emergency funds for basic or household needs
- 5 IDF combat units with extra support and care for soldiers through our Adopt a Battalion program
- 56 mobile bomb shelters in southern Israel
- 170,000 vulnerable Israelis in areas under the highest threat with access to hospitals, trauma centers, and other emergency equipment



# Thank You

We feel so privileged to hear kind words of thanks from the people we help, and to hear how your compassionate support for Israel's people has strengthened them during challenging times. Here are just some of their expressions of gratitude:



## Staying Warm

“This winter blanket will keep me warm on cold nights. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this gift.”

— Ilia, 75, a recipient of our winter assistance in Israel

## Never Forget

“Our stories must live on so that our people never forget . . . thank you for taking the time to listen.”

— Asya, a Holocaust survivor

## Coming Home

“We came to Israel from Ukraine five years ago with the help of The Fellowship. The Fellowship helped us with our first steps in Israel, and we already feel completely Israeli!”

— Olga, a new *olim* and mother

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. — Psalm 106:1



## Grateful to You

“I look at my brother and sister, and I thank God for their health and happiness. As their oldest sibling, I feel responsible for their well-being. I am deeply grateful to The Fellowship for taking us in and giving us a warm and loving home.”

— Yuri, 18, an orphan at the Fellowship-supported Tikva Children's Home

## Bringing Joy

“I love the days that the Fellowship representative comes to visit. It brings me so much joy. The food and medication have made my life so much easier. Thank you for coming into my life and treating me with kindness and companionship in my old age.”

— Maya, 85, a recipient of our *Rosh Hashanah* assistance



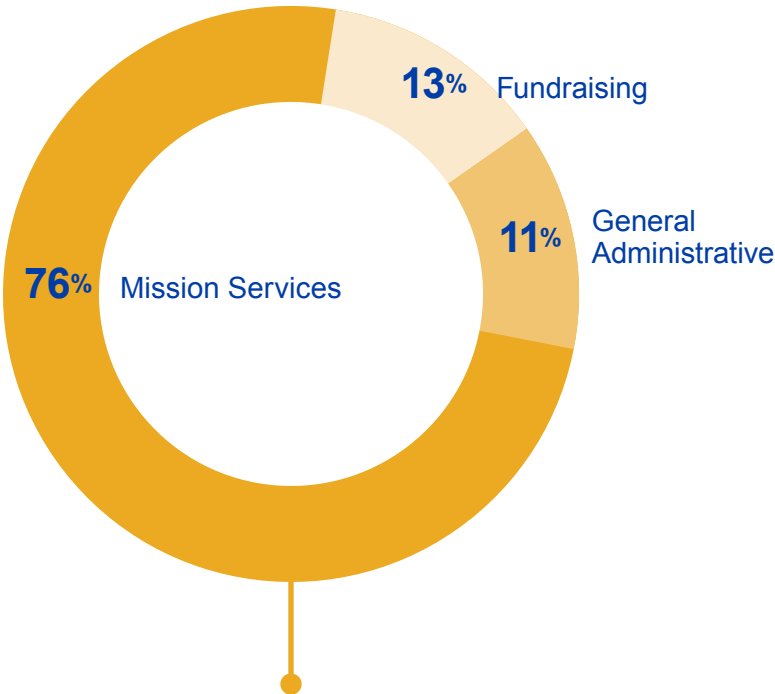
# Financial Statement for Year 2021

REVENUE		2021 (in thousands)
Contributions		\$224,045
Net Investment Income		\$5,327
Contributions from the Israel Ministry of Welfare		\$4,943
Other Income		\$300
TOTAL REVENUE		\$234,615
ALLOCATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS		2021 (in thousands)
Mission Services		
The Fellowship		\$18,057
Guardians of Israel		\$80,211
Isaiah 58		\$30,076
On Wings of Eagles		\$14,065
Stand for Israel		\$576
Other		\$236
Subtotal, Mission Services		\$143,221
Support Services		
General and Administrative		\$20,649
Fundraising		\$24,712
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$188,582
Other Items		\$251
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS		\$46,284
NET ASSETS		2021 (in thousands)
Beginning of Year		\$78,768
End of Year		\$125,052



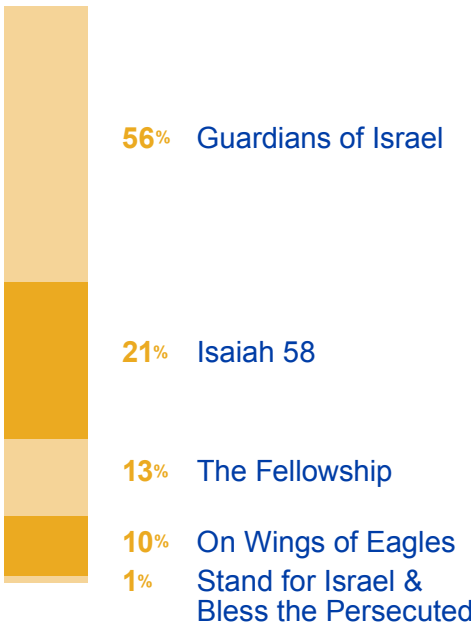
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Total Expense Breakdown



Mission Services Expense Breakdown:

Worldwide programs to support relief, outreach, and solidarity with Israel and her people



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