

2020 REPORT ON IMPACT

Blessing Israel & the Jewish People



Letter from the President

Your generosity has always made the work of the *International Fellowship of Christians and Jews* (*The Fellowship*) possible. And your unwavering support and love for Israel and her people proved even more important during this last year of unprecedented challenges.

No one could have anticipated how the reality on the ground in Israel and the former Soviet Union – and the entire world – would change in 2020. As the coronavirus and its far-reaching and unforeseen effects mounted, so too did the desperate calls for *The Fellowship's* help.



Despite Israel's early efforts to stop the spread of the virus, cases steadily increased, leading to further lockdowns. Even before the pandemic, Israel's hospitals were dangerously low on staff, beds, and medical supplies, and this new virus pushed them to their limit. Meanwhile, the economic impact of lockdowns plunged people who were already struggling into poverty. Suddenly, they found themselves unable to feed their families or afford any of the essentials of day-to-day life.

That is where you stepped in to fill the void. Thanks to you, *The Fellowship* was able to provide more food, more medicine, and more essential supplies to the neediest. Following the words of the prophet to "*Do right*" and "*defend the oppressed*" (Isaiah 1:17), we did more good and helped more of God's most vulnerable children than ever before.

This document is a roster of all *The Fellowship's* lifesaving works in 2020. I hope that as you read it you will feel the same gratitude to God as I do for all we were able to accomplish together last year. Thank you, my friend.

With blessings from the Holy Land,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Yael Eckstein".

Yael Eckstein
President and CEO



Blessing Israel & the Jewish People Through LIFESAVING PROJECTS

In 2020 our donors helped over 2 million people in need

That assistance – fighting poverty, providing security, and facilitating *aliyah* (immigration to Israel) – was given through *The Fellowship's* hundreds of lifesaving projects in Israel and around the world.

You are holding the Report On Impact of those projects.

SINCE OUR FOUNDING

2.1 million people in the U.S. and around the world

have supported Israel and the Jewish people
through *The Fellowship*

\$2 billion has been raised

to help Israel and the Jewish people

IN RECENT YEARS

Over \$134 million

has been donated annually

More than 1.7 million people in need

are helped each year by *The Fellowship*



Today, *The Fellowship*
is the largest provider
of humanitarian aid
in Israel.



covid-19 Meeting the increasing needs of vulnerable Jewish people as the coronavirus pandemic spread around the world

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You Help God's Precious Elderly Survive

Esther turned to her faith when the pandemic began. She told us that she believes the virus is a message from God that we need to think less about ourselves and more about others.

Today, Esther's life is sustained by those who are committed to helping through *The Fellowship*. We are so grateful for your care to elderly like 83-year-old Esther who live alone and depend on the kindness of others to make it through this uncertain time.

"I want to bless you for caring about me and bringing me this food when I cannot go out," said Esther when she received a Passover food box you provided. She has all she needs to stay safe at home because of your caring heart for God's people in need.

Your commitment to helping Esther, and many others like her, during the pandemic is a life-saving blessing.



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*"I don't know how
I would survive
without you!"*

— Esther

Poverty-specific Responses to Coronavirus

ELDERLY AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Budget: \$6,125,000 Beneficiaries: 96,361

With Dignity and Fellowship	Emergency response care packages with food and sanitation supplies in response to the coronavirus crisis
"Giving in Fellowship" IFCJ-Latet Joint Initiative	Emergency response care packages with food and sanitation supplies in response to the coronavirus crisis
13 soup kitchens – Passover	Additional financial support to 13 soup kitchens so they could provide Passover food packages during the coronavirus crisis
13 soup kitchens – Rosh Hashanah	Additional financial support to 13 soup kitchens so they could provide <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> food packages during the coronavirus crisis
Soup kitchens – 6 vehicles	Purchase of 6 vehicles for soup kitchens to deliver food to the homes of the elderly who cannot leave their homes due to the coronavirus crisis
Leket Israel	Purchase of 4 vehicles to transport fresh produce and food from local farms
Rosh Hashanah "Sweetening with Fellowship"	Distribution of honey to elderly in Israel
Yad LaKashish	Located in Jerusalem, the "Lifeline for the Old" center for the elderly offers creative work opportunities in artistic workshops and assistance with basic needs
Golden Shield	A joint program with the Ministry of Welfare providing food and basic necessities to the elderly population in 256 local authorities
Chamah	Cover additional expenses to have food, medicine, and personal protective equipment delivered to homes of the elderly in Moscow
Chamah – Rosh Hashanah	Food boxes to elderly in Moscow for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS	Food and medicine to elderly for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> in the former Soviet Union (FSU)
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	Personal protective equipment and supplemental food and medicine for elderly in the FSU
Tikva Odessa	Hot meals for elderly in Ukraine
Shema Yisrael	Food and medicine for elderly in Ukraine

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Budget: **\$4,500** Beneficiaries: **239**

PROTECTION AND CARE FOR CHILDREN:

Tikva Odessa

Meals to children from disadvantaged homes who normally rely on hot school meals

World ORT

Safe transportation for teachers, staff, and students

MINORITIES IN ISRAEL

Budget: **\$17,500** Beneficiaries: **270**

Aid to refugees and work migrants in Israel

Food cards for refugees and work migrants through the Center for International Migration and Integration (CIMI)

Zidane Saif Memorial Association

Financial assistance for Druze students from Israeli families in a difficult socio-economic situation



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IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES

Budget: **\$10,300,000** Beneficiaries: **1,023,989**

Food assistance for Rosh Hashanah in Israel	Food cards and packages for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> for impoverished families and elderly in Israel
Kupat Corona	Joint program with the Israeli Ministry of Welfare to provide food, furniture, appliances, clothing, medical needs, and housing assistance to families struggling financially due to the coronavirus crisis
Assisting in Fellowship	Emergency fund to help families in Israel who have been financially affected by the coronavirus crisis, and were not previous Ministry of Welfare clients (the "new poor")
Israel Solidarity Fund – Arvoot Hadadit	Prepaid cards to families in Israel who have been financially affected by the coronavirus crisis and were not previous Ministry of Welfare clients (the "new poor")
ESHEL - National Food Security Program	Monthly food assistance to needy families in Israel
Shuvu Achim – Pre-Army Leadership Program	Food packages for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> for elderly and families in Israel
Emergency food assistance	Food cards for Israeli families in El'ad required to quarantine at home
Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS	Food packages, financial assistance, personal protection equipment, and emergency funds to cover additional delivery expenses for families in Ukraine and Russia
Shema Yisrael	Food cards to families in the FSU for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
World ORT	Financial assistance to families in the FSU for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
Tikva Odessa - Rosh Hashanah	Food boxes with disinfecting supplies for families in Ukraine for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
COVID-19 test kits	850,000 COVID-19 test kits for people in Ukraine
Chabad Morocco	Food packages for families in Morocco

Security-specific Responses to Coronavirus

ASSISTANCE TO SOLDIERS IN ISRAEL

Budget: **\$584,400** Beneficiaries: **11,774**

ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY AND LONE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Food assistance for Rosh Hashanah	Food cards for families of soldiers that have been affected economically due to the coronavirus crisis
Food assistance for Rosh Hashanah to discharged lone soldiers	Food cards for lone soldiers who have been discharged from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and have been affected economically due to the coronavirus crisis
Food assistance to families of soldiers	Food cards for families of soldiers that have been affected by the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus

REHABILITATION OF SOLDIERS & CITIZENS

Budget: **\$3,452,000** Beneficiaries: **1,280**

VICTIMS OF TERROR AND TRAUMA

Food assistance for Passover	Food cards for Israeli families in El'ad required to quarantine at home
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RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING HOSPITALS

Ambulance to Assist Soldiers	Purchase of ambulance to transport Israeli soldiers suffering from the coronavirus
Medical equipment in Israel	Equipment to 23 hospitals and first-response organizations to support the medical treatment of COVID-19 patients including: respirators, patient monitors, oxygen kits, etc.
United Hatzalah	Purchase of trauma medical kits for new first-response volunteers in Israel
Yad Sarah	Medical equipment to support patients treated in their homes in Israel

Aliyah-specific Responses to Coronavirus

ALIYAH AND KLITAH

Budget: **\$163,000** Beneficiaries: **1,246**

Assistance to olim*
stranded in their
home country

Emergency aid to *olim* families unable to finish their *aliyah** process due to the coronavirus crisis

Emergency assistance
to recent olim in Israel

Food cards and other emergency needs for *olim* laid off their jobs or struggling to find employment and integrate into society as a result of the coronavirus crisis find employment and integrate into society as a result of the coronavirus crisis

Virtual klitah* seminars
and lectures

Converted informational seminars and lectures for *olim* to be broadcast virtually instead of in-person

*Definitions: *olim* (immigrants); *aliyah* (immigration to Israel); *klitah* (absorption)

EMPOWERING YOUTH AND ADULTS (FOCUSING ON ETHIOPIAN-ISRAELIS)

Budget: **\$10,000** Beneficiaries: **4,500**

SUPPORTING THE ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Tene Briut

Translation of public health announcements and guidance relating to COVID-19 in Israel



poverty

Providing food, clothing, shelter, heating, and medicine to the needy and activities to help the lonely and homebound

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‘God Bless You for Your Help!’

Tzivya knows how it feels to be desperately lonely. She lost her husband six years ago and has been grieving ever since. Most nights, Tzivya is so anxious that she cannot fall asleep until 5 a.m. “I listen to prayers on the radio. It calms me down somewhat, but then I remain in complete silence.”

This silence drags on, and she waits for someone — anyone — to visit.

Her son lives nearby, but he is dealing with his own physical and mental health challenges, so he cannot visit often. Her granddaughter, Daniela, does visit, the one light in Tzivya’s life. She visits and cooks for Tzivya a few hours a day, while Tzivya looks after her granddaughter’s new baby.

These hours are precious, but pass too quickly, and then Tzivya — who is hard of hearing, nearly blind, and suffers from diabetes — is left alone for most of the day feeling forgotten. But because of you, *The Fellowship* stepped in with immediate help. Tzivya needs many medicines on a daily basis, but you help cover the additional costs not provided by the Israeli government. We also knew she’d benefit from calls by *Fellowship* volunteers to cheer her up. The first time we called, she teared up with emotion because of how much this extra attention means to her.

Tzivya isn’t forced to sit in silence anymore. She couldn’t stop repeating: “God bless you for your help!” And she means it with all her heart.



ELDERLY AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Budget: \$23,790,000 Beneficiaries: 162,873

With Dignity and Fellowship	Monthly food assistance in the form of prepared meals, food cards, or food packages for elderly in Israel; as well as medications, home visits, and emergency funds for basic needs
Community events for elderly	Various events and activities throughout the country during the year
34 soup kitchens	Warm meals for thousands of families and elderly within a community setting throughout Israel
Yad LaKashish	Located in Jerusalem, "Lifeline for the Old" Center for the elderly offers creative work opportunities in artistic workshops and assistance with basic needs
The Jaffa Institute	Distribution of food to elderly living in South Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel
Medical Hotline for Holocaust Survivors	In partnership with The Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel, emergency call buttons that connect to a support hotline providing an array of services including doctor home visits, ambulance, medical advice, emotional consultation, etc.
Winter Warmth	Financial assistance for the elderly in Israel during winter through the distribution of heating bill grants and blankets
Yad B'Yad blankets	Distribution of warm blankets to elderly in Israel during the winter
Vehicles for municipalities	Purchase of 5 vehicles for local municipalities to use to pick up elderly from their homes and take them to local community centers
Chamah	Aid to elderly in Moscow, including food for soup kitchens, meals delivered to homes, medicine, and hygiene products
Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS	Food and medicine for elderly in the FSU
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	Food, medical aid, homecare, and winter relief to elderly and Holocaust survivors in the FSU through Hesed community centers



IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES

Budget: **\$5,784,000** Beneficiaries: **282,161**

Yad B'Yad	Free secondhand furniture and distribution of basic needs for impoverished residents in Lod and neighboring cities
Food assistance for Passover	Food cards and packages for Passover for impoverished families and elderly in Israel
Food assistance for Rosh Hashanah	Food cards and packages for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> for impoverished families and elderly in Israel
ESHEL - National Food Security Program	Monthly food assistance to needy families in 35 cities in Israel
Winter Warmth	Financial assistance for needy families in Israel during winter through the distribution of heating bill grants
Canada House	Enrichment activities and services for elderly and youth, including health check-ups, workshops, lectures, excursions, and outings for the elderly, as well as after-school recreation and homework help for youth
Lev Chash	Purchase of a commercial vehicle to collect donations such as furniture, and appliances, and deliver them to the secondhand center in Haifa, Israel
Amitzim	Food cards for needy widows and orphans who have lost their spouse/parent in civilian circumstances
Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS	Financial assistance to families in the FSU, <i>matzah</i> for Passover and emergency funds for families in Ukraine
Chabad Morocco	Monthly food and emergency assistance to Jews and Muslims in Morocco, as well as food for Passover and <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>

ASSISTANCE FOR WOMEN IN DISTRESS AND CRISIS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Ruach Nashit ("Women's Spirit")	Mentorship program helping women victims of violence gain economic independence
"Yours in Fellowship"	Provides gift cards to be used at local stores by women after leaving shelters designed to support battered women
Bat Melech	Shelters for battered women from religious and Haredi communities in Israel
Small Gifts	Financial assistance to pregnant women and new mothers living in poverty in Israel and supplies for their children
Lotus Association	Purchase of equipment such as computers and chairs for the Lotus Association, which supports education and employment for women of the Druze community

'Thank You From the Bottom of my Heart'

Elena witnessed something special that she'll never forget — her children holding fresh fruit for the very first time. And it was all possible thanks to you!

When we discovered Elena's family, they felt totally alone in a remote area of Ukraine. The five children and parents lived in a house that was falling apart. Rent and endless repair expenses left little for food or new clothing for the children. Yet, when *The Fellowship* stepped in to help, they felt like they experienced a miracle. Just in time for *Rosh Hashanah* — the Jewish New Year and beginning of the High Holy Days, the most sacred time of year for the Jewish people — a *Fellowship* food box arrived at their door.

As Elena watched her children hold fresh fruit, their faces and smiles warmed her heart. Elena now knows that her children have love and security like they've never had before — all thanks to you! Elena is so grateful: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Budget: \$9,713,000 Beneficiaries: 62,230

PROTECTION AND CARE FOR CHILDREN

Clothing assistance for Passover	Vouchers to buy clothing for children in welfare residences in Israel
Clothing assistance for Rosh Hashanah	Vouchers to buy clothing for children in welfare residences in Israel
Yad B'Yad	Backpacks with school supplies for the new school year distributed in Israel around <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>
Renovation and equipment for welfare dormitories	Ongoing renovation projects of 7 welfare dormitories for children and youth in Israel
ELEM	Support of homeless shelters and counseling for at-risk youth in Israel
Nigunim	Hostel for ultra-Orthodox young girls in Israel
Chamah	Food and medicine for children in Moscow
Federation of Jewish Communities of the CIS	Hot meals for children in Or Avner schools, food packages, and clothing for children during Passover and <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> , and basic needs for orphanages
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)	Food, medical aid, clothing, winter relief, therapy, and socialization programs to children in the FSU
Shema Yisrael	Hot meals and transportation for students in the Shema Yisrael school network across the FSU, as well as support of summer camps
American Friends of Kiev Jewish Community	Funding for a family summer camp in Ukraine
Tikva Odessa	Meals, transportation, and basic needs for students and orphans at orphanage in Ukraine
World ORT	Hot meals and transportation for Jewish students in the FSU
Chabad Morocco	Hot meals for children at summer and winter camps, and clothing packages for children for <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

Afikim	After-school clubs for poor youth, providing hot meals and educational assistance
Birthday Gifts to Children	Distribution of birthday gift cards for children in welfare dormitories and shelters in Israel
Susan's House	Life skills and professional job training for at-risk youth in Israel

MINORITIES IN ISRAEL

Budget: **\$1,005,000** Beneficiaries: **98,007**

Food and clothing for minorities	Food and clothing assistance to Druze, Muslims, and Christians during their holidays
Academic scholarships for minority students	Academic scholarships for Druze, Bedouin, and Christian students
Hurfesh Orphanage	Extracurricular activities for children's home in Druze community of Hurfesh, Israel
HaNoar HaOved VeHalomed supporting Arab and Jewish Youth	Establishment of a branch of youth movement in Israel for Arab and Jewish Youth to improve their relationship
2 ambulances	Operation of 2 ambulances in the Bedouin community of Neve Midbar in Israel
Tzaad Kadima ("A Step Forward")	Vocational training for youth and young adults with severe physical disabilities
Aid to refugees and work migrants in Israel	Food cards for asylum-seeker families and children through partnership with 3 organizations: Mesilla, CIMI, and JAAC



REFUGEES LIVING IN JORDAN

Budget: \$310,000 Beneficiaries: 19,600

AID TO CHRISTIAN REFUGEES FROM IRAQ LIVING IN JORDAN

Medicines and Medical Center for Christian refugees

Medicine subsidies and funding for the operation of a medical clinic in Jordan for Iraqi Christian refugees

Food assistance for families of Christian refugees

Food cards to Iraqi Christian refugees living in Jordan

AID TO DRUZE REFUGEES FROM SYRIA LIVING IN JORDAN

Aid to Druze refugees in Jordan

Assistance to Druze refugee families who fled from Syria to Jordan, including food cards and purchase of school supplies





security

Supporting the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), providing for soldiers in need and victims of terror, and protecting Israel's citizens

As Rockets Fall, Mushka Has You

Eighty-four-year-old Mushka was in the shower when a code red siren went off, signaling an incoming rocket. She lives in Sderot, an Israeli town frequently exposed to rockets from Hamas, and panics every time she hears explosions.

Most Israelis panic. But Mushka is a Holocaust survivor, so she's doubly traumatized by these attacks — the loud noises bring her right back to WWII in a flash. This time, the blaring sound knocked her off her feet, and she was unable to get up as water kept flowing out of the shower head. She immediately called her *Fellowship* volunteer, Tonya, for help. "Thank God Mushka brought her phone into the bathroom," Tonya says.

This support wouldn't be possible without you. *The Fellowship* has so many volunteers willing to support our elderly in times of crisis. "We need to reach out to them, to help them, to care for them," Tonya says, "and I am eternally grateful to be a part of such an amazing organization, *The Fellowship*."

After Mushka's call, Tonya called an ambulance and went with Mushka to the hospital where she stayed with her until 3 a.m. This is the kind of care all Holocaust survivors deserve. We are so happy to not only provide them with bomb shelters, but with caring volunteers who check up on them when they need it most. And you make it all possible!

SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Budget: **\$795,000** Beneficiaries: **844,667**

Security drones	Funding for surveillance drones for security in Sdot Negev
Protective Vests	Flak jackets for first-response volunteers in communities surrounding the Gaza Strip
Bomb shelters and fortification renovations	Purchase of 24 mobile bomb shelters in Israel
Equipment for bomb shelters and community centers in Israel	150 mattresses for public bomb shelters, and 7 air conditioners for bomb shelters and community centers in Moshav Avivim
Fire Extinguishing Equipment	Including clothing kits, emergency lights, and mobile fire extinguishing kits
Security of Jewish schools, synagogues, and community centers	Funding for security infrastructure at Jewish schools, synagogues, and community centers in Israel, Bulgaria, Netherlands, Germany, Laos, Colombia, South America, France
World ORT	Support of security measures in a Jewish school in Ukraine as well as a Jewish school in Kyrgyzstan
Chabad Morocco	Full-time private security guard at the local Chabad center for daily security, as well as additional security for large gatherings

REHABILITATION OF SOLDIERS & CITIZENS

Budget: **\$450,000** Beneficiaries: **520**

VICTIMS OF TERROR AND TRAUMA

Etgarim	Rehabilitation program for wounded soldiers and those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) through sailing and sports
Israel Center on Addiction	Support training of IDF commanders and mental health officers who help soldiers suffering from substance abuse and addictions

A Completely Different World

When Tomer and his family moved to southern Israel, they looked forward to living a simpler life. But they found it was harder than they had imagined.

Tomer supports the family by working nights cleaning out water tanks at a factory. And instead of being surrounded by the IDF soldiers and border police who protect Israelis in places like Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, Tomer and his family live just two miles from Gaza, where terrorists launch rockets and balloons carrying explosive devices at Israel.

When sirens sound, his family drags “mattresses into a public shelter that is a 20-second run from our house.”

Twenty seconds.

That seems like a brief period of time but for scared children scurrying in the dead of night, fearing a missile could crash down on them at any time, it’s an eternity.

That’s why the bomb shelters that you provide are so important! They mean Tomer’s children will live in safety and security, not fear.

Thank you!



ASSISTANCE TO SOLDIERS IN ISRAEL

Budget: **\$3,360,000** Beneficiaries: **102,378**

ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY AND LONE SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Kupat Yedidut	Emergency funds for basic personal or household needs (furniture and appliances) for soldiers and their families in Israel
Food assistance for Passover	Food cards for Passover for needy soldiers and their families in Israel
6 Fellowship Hospitality Vehicles	Operation of six vehicles to distribute free drinks, light meals, and computer access for IDF soldiers across Israel who are at training bases, serving in outlying posts, or at the home front
Adopt A Battalion	Adoption of six IDF combat units, supporting activities for the wellbeing of the unit, comradery and pride of the soldiers, mutual responsibility, and volunteering in the community
Netzach Yehuda	Housing assistance for Haredi soldiers from the Netzach Yehuda unit living in Jerusalem apartments
Care Packages for Hospitalized Soldiers	Care packages containing hygiene products, drinks, snacks, and reading and audio materials for wounded soldiers recovering in Israeli hospitals





aliyah

Helping Jews immigrate to their biblical homeland, Israel (*aliyah*), and assisting them with their resettlement needs (*klitah*)

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‘Thank You a Million Times for Your Support!’

Twenty-year-old Gabriel is the perfect example of a young immigrant who has so much potential and opportunity to bless Israel. He comes from a small city in Peru, but one with a vibrant Jewish community where “we have synagogues, a youth movement, a community center, and a Jewish school,” Gabriel says.

When Gabriel learned that he’d be making *aliyah* (immigrating to Israel) with the help of faithful *Fellowship* friends – even amid a global pandemic – he was thrilled. “I really like the fact that I’m going to be living in Israel, the true home of the Jewish people,” says Gabriel. “I love everything in Israel.”

Gabriel immediately made plans to learn Hebrew, and then enlist in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), which he says is “literally the fulfillment of a dream for me.” Like many 20-year-olds, he’s unsure of what career path he will take, but he’s definitely sure of one thing – he wants to advance in his new home, his true home. Gabriel wants you to know how much this help means: “Thank you a million times for your support!” Thank you for fulfilling biblical prophecy and making sure young people like him have the opportunity to shine!

ALIYAH AND KLITAH

Budget: \$6,017,000 Beneficiaries: 4,622

Aliyah (immigration to Israel)

Aliyah flights bringing *olim* to Israel from 31 countries including: Ukraine, France, Brazil, Belarus, Ethiopia, Argentina, Georgia, Uruguay, Moldova, Turkey, Peru, Uzbekistan, Chile, Colombia, Panama, Azerbaijan, Portugal, Venezuela, Spain, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Germany, Czech Republic, Latvia, Belgium, Guatemala, Russia, Bulgaria

Klitah (absorption) assistance in Israel

Assistance in arranging housing upon arrival, financial grants to start their lives, festive welcome in airport, aid fund for *olim* in need or distress, and absorption seminars (providing information about employment, housing, education, and other issues)

ASSISTANCE FOR YOUTH STUDYING IN ISRAEL WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS

Kfar Sitrin Village

Assistance for boys studying in Israel after making *aliyah* from the FSU

Beit Ulpana

Assistance for girls studying in Israel after making *aliyah* from the FSU

EMPOWERING YOUTH AND ADULTS (FOCUSING ON ETHIOPIAN-ISRAELIS)

Budget: \$453,300 Beneficiaries: 154,923

PREPARATION FOR IDF SERVICE

Acharai

Preparation for service in the IDF, including support of group activities

POST-ARMY SERVICE

Tech Career

Scholarships given to young adults in Israel from the Ethiopian community for technical occupational training

Nishmat-Maayan Program

Job and life-skills training for Ethiopian women in Israel

Hadassah Medical Organization

Scholarships for Ethiopian students in the dental hygienist and dental assistant programs

SUPPORTING THE ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Tene Briut

Promotion of health awareness in the Ethiopian community, including operation of an informational program

The Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews

Lobbying and advocacy for Ethiopian Israelis

Going the Distance

Certified electrician professional training program for Ethiopians

'The Fellowship Simply Saved Us!'

Yury and Maryia, a married couple from Belarus in the FSU, never anticipated the *aliyah* process would halt and flights would be canceled due to a global pandemic.

In 2019, they began the immigration process. They remember the excitement they felt on New Year's Eve when they held their new passports and learned their immigration documents had been approved. Most of Yury's family suffered terribly in the Holocaust, so being able to raise his children and worship freely in the Jewish homeland felt like a long-awaited answer to his prayers.

"We talked about Israel," Yury explains. "We made plans." They quit their jobs. They told their three children about the move. Then the pandemic hit, and everything was stalled.

Jobless and worried, the family had no way of receiving aid from the Belarusian government after giving up their regular passports. Even more troubling was the fact that Maryia needed medicine and continued medical care after surviving a battle with cancer five years ago. "We were helpless" she remembers.

That's when you stepped in. The family learned about the special *Fellowship* assistance you made possible that helped *olim* (immigrants) who were forced to wait to make *aliyah*. While still in Belarus, the family received monetary assistance from *The Fellowship* that helped them survive. "The Fellowship simply saved us!" says Yury.



poverty

Providing impoverished Jews with food, medical care, clothing, housing and other necessities.

security

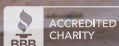
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aliyah

Empowering Jews around the world to complete a successful immigration to Israel.

*"I will bless those who bless you...
and all people on earth will be
blessed through you."*

— Genesis 12:1-3



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