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Mother and daughter seek help at a Jewish Community Center.

Shine a Light of Hope at Chanukah.

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Chanukah - festival of lights. A time of dreidels, candy, and warm celebrations. Children play games in comfortable homes with loving parents. When women and children are homeless this festival of lights flickers cold for them.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund sponsors a Chanukah celebration at the Jerusalem Shelter for Battered Women. This is the start of a new relationship for us and the shelter. The Jerusalem Shelter for Battered Women was founded in 1982 as a refuge for women from all over Israel who are referred to it by the police, hospitals and welfare authorities.

The women and their children, of all ages, background and religion often arrive penniless, fearful, confused, depressed, insecure and severely lacking

in self confidence. The main goal of the shelter is to assist battered women and their children to permanently escape from a vicious circle of domestic violence and rebuild their future. The Love for Israel Relief Fund will help support the shelter to restore light and hope into the lives of these precious women and children. Our first project is a Chanukah party at the shelter next week.

The shelter provides immediate practical aid and therapeutic counseling in a caring and supportive environment. Women receive professional guidance regarding their future options with the aim of enabling them to regain control of their lives so they will be able to support themselves and their children in an independent and violence free life.

We also support the shelter's long-term program to assimilate these women back into their communities. The half way house program provides more long-term practical assistance and training for women who leave the shelter as they begin new lives. Our goal is to come alongside these people and maximize their chances of success.

The shelter runs a Children's Center as a service to the children in the programs. It is attended year round by children of all ages living in the shelter and during holidays by children living in the half way house apartments. The Children's Center will host our Chanukah party next week.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund wishes to work alongside these programs that strive to restore hope into the lives of wounded women and children. We pray that our modest contribution will help ease their pain. May the light of hope shine for these children and their mothers this Chanukah.

Michal Cafrey is a long-time member of the Likud party and has served as senior advisor to the minister of telecommunications and education. At the ministry of telecommunications, Ms. Cafrey pushed for a special toll-free number that women and children in crisis could dial from any phone in Israel. As a result, this special phone number has helped many women and children get help during severe crisis. She currently helps defend civil rights of clients who often cannot afford to pay legal fees. Additionally, she helps the Love for Israel Relief Fund expand our relationships in the Israeli Knesset and society.

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