



# Update . . .

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*Weisskopf's 2013 speech in the Knesset.*

## Long Term Impact on Lives

*by R. David Weisskopf, chairman*

Over the years the Love for Israel Relief Fund has enabled people from around the world to support projects in Israel including; baby showers in hospitals, visiting lone soldiers on army bases, bar mitzvahs in children's homes, holiday parties in schools for at-risk kids – just to name a few projects. We have sat in houses of mourning celebrated weddings with orphans, and other life events both sad and happy.

These important projects are intended to inspire people to bless the neediest children of Abraham. At the same time, the Love for Israel Relief Fund's

strategy is not just doing one-time projects, but to build ongoing relationships. One-time projects open the doors to inspire people to care about these precious lives in Israel on a long term basis.

Our top priority is to inspire Israeli leaders to overhaul the child welfare system. According to data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD), child poverty, child abuse, and governmental corruption are on the rise in Israel. These disturbing statistics are linked. We overcame the exact same problems

in Illinois before I emigrated to Israel and the solution is within our reach.

As is often the case, the solution is surprisingly simple. Illinois' welfare system nowadays takes concrete steps to ensure children the right to "most natural and least restrictive environment" as opposed to using vague euphemisms such as "the child's best interest" which had been be easily manipulated distorted in ways that actually harm children and benefit corrupt bureaucrats. Relatedly, welfare systems which emphasize accountability and transparency on their part always perform superior to those that are cloaked in secrecy where clients' rights are vague. Our task is to make this clear for our legislators in Israel.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund expects Israel's child welfare system to rank #1 in OECD – nothing less will do for us. Call us biased, but we believe Israeli families are the best in the world and our OECD child welfare track record must reflect that.

Our proposal to reform the Israeli child welfare system is not only in our children's best interest, but will save taxpayers and donors up to 90% during these economic hard times. May Israel rank #1 in the OECD next year – it is in our children's best interest!

**Our Holiest** work is advocating on behalf of at-risk Israeli children. This not only saves lives, it also saves over 90% on taxes and donations. A growing number of our national leaders from across the social and political spectrum are responding positively to our exhortations on behalf of these little treasures from Heaven. Your support empowers us to give a voice to children who cannot speak out for themselves.

**United Nations'** Department of Economic & Social Affairs (UNESA) has now added the Love for Israel Relief Fund as a local organization. Thanks to your support we continue advocating on behalf of Israel's neediest children.

**Special events**, like weddings and bar mitzvahs, happen year round for hundreds of at-risk kids and needy young adults in Israel. Donations designated "special events" will be set aside for such use.

**You can** donate online at:  
<http://love4israel.org/donate.html>

**On behalf** of the Israelis you help -  
Todah Robah!

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