



Update . . .

September 2007

5768 Tishrei



Old Projects and New Beginnings

by Richard D. Weisskopf, chairman

Rosh HaShannah - The Jewish New Year. Everything ends at a new beginning in the Jewish cycle of life. Jewish communities around the world spend a lot of time this month evaluating our lives - seeking to deal with our shortcomings. It is a time to make peace with Heaven, improve ourselves on earth, make a positive impact on our communities and leave this world a little better place than we found it.

The Love for Israel Relief Fund has changed and improved a lot this year. Our greatest improvement was to make Beit Netanel our flagship project. The Israeli sector with the greatest need and weakest voice, is children in state custody. They no longer have parents to protect their best interests. Our flagship project seeks to advocate for their needs and expand Israel's continuum of child welfare

services. The goal is to help these children obtain the best quality of life possible.

Our other projects benefit those in this population while helping other Israelis with similar needs in the wider society. For example, the Love for Israel Relief Fund raises awareness that handicapped children need better educational resources. We advocate on behalf of handicapped children who have no parents, but our efforts more commonly benefit many other children with similar needs - even if they have parents to advocate on their behalf.

As I traveled the United States this summer, I was amazed how many friends, old and new, shared our vision to help these precious little ones. Our friends in the Knesset have really taken the needs of these children seriously. Knesset Member Elhanan Glazer felt so strongly about helping

handicapped children that he accompanied me to Chicago to speak out on their behalf. Knesset Member Lia Shemtov works very hard in Israel and globally advocating for special-needs children.

Upon my return to Israel, I will meet new friends - representatives from mayor's offices eager to cooperate on humanitarian projects this Fall. We will carry out old projects that help Israel's lone soldiers and school children below the poverty level. We are also excited about new projects that will help need the physical and social needs of Israel's most needy youth.

Looking back on this past year, the Love for Israel Relief Fund has certainly changed and improved a lot. Our USA address has even moved to Washington, DC - four blocks away from the White House to be exact. I believe our changes this year will improve our effectiveness to help at-risk youth in Israel next year. We welcome you to be our partners as we strive for a day when no child will grieve in Zion.

Our Address in the USA has changed. The new location is only four blocks away from the White House. Correspondences now go to:

Love for Israel Relief Fund
2020 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Suite 445
Washington, DC 20006

The majority of funds have come in to successfully launch *Beit Netanel*. We encourage you to consider giving on a monthly basis to this important project.

Every \$25 we receive sponsors an impoverished schoolchild. Nothing will warm your heart more than a "*todah*" from the child you helped.

Every \$100 we receive sponsors a young soldier with no family in Israel. We would like to take sponsors who are in Israel during one of these distributions along as our guest. Words cannot describe the feeling you will have by this experience.

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

Send checks to:
Love for Israel Relief Fund
2020 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Suite 445
Washington, DC 20006