

Shalom Dear Donors and Friends of the Olim Fund of the Land of Israel,

Attached is our monthly report that, thanks to your loving outreach, reflects the \$7,077 we were able to distribute last evening to meet the emergency survival needs of twelve different new immigrant families scattered about this wonderful Land of our biblical inheritance.

I rejoice with them and with you for making this outreach a reality. I know that our Lord must be smiling as He beholds such diverse “miracles” (as they are often described by those receiving your gifts such as help for a struggling young couple with an infant that will enable them to complete their college training and enter the work force---a former drug addict, now a totally recovered responsible citizen, husband and father who, sadly, carries with him the legacy of Hepatitis C requiring expensive medications not included in the government “basket”---a 77 year old pensioner who requires delicate surgery but can’t meet her share of its costs---I could list all twelve of these needs here: they are all overviewed in the attached report. Please read it prayerfully and recognized that your hand and hearts have touched each of these dear ones in a very special, life sustain way. If you find your cheeks a bit moist as you read, never mind, you are not alone.

I have also attached a letter of thanks from a recent very grateful recipient who communicates in English. Most of our recipients do not. Her joy and your accomplishments in this matter are a great blessing to all of the Olim Fund family.

With love and may blessings,

Bob Fischer  
Founder and Managing Director

**Olim Fund of the Land of Israel**  
**Monthly distribution: December, 2010**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>Overview of Situation Funded</b>	<b>Gift</b>
8	Poriyya	\$780	This gift concludes the Fund’s protracted monthly assistance to help meet the most serious dental needs of this large family, most of whom have suffered life-long neglect due to financial constraints. This final gift will provide urgently needed care for the head of the family.	\$571

2	Haifa	\$1771	This 54 year old divorced mother who supports her unmployed adult son is between care-giver jobs and has been stricken with severe dental pain that is the product of long neglect. This gift will provide her most urgently needed treatment by our associated dental clinic in her city.	\$514
3	Kiryat Ata	\$971	This 44 year old divorced mother's support from the government leaves no excess after basic living expenses to provide dental care for her two young sons or herself. This gift provides very low cost by our associated clinic for the mother's most urgently needed care	\$514
8	Kiryat Ata	\$1408	The 45 year old head of this large family suffered a severe back injury which has restricted him to working only part time, hence the family income has been dramatically reduced and the family is committed to satisfy commitments made on the basis of their earlier income. This gift will establish them at their new reduced baseline, thus giving them an escape from an otherwise long term pressing situation.	\$600
4	Ashdod	\$1245	The 31 year old head of this family has chronic Hepatitis C, the treatment of which is not totally paid for by his government insurance. He requires medications that cost a large part of his modest salary, but without which he could not continue to work full time. Hence, they are barely surviving. This gift will provide assistance to relieve this situation for two months while his wife continues to look for a better paying job for herself as a more permanent solution.	\$500

2	Ashdod	\$1327	The wife of this pensioner couple in their late 70's requires a delicate surgery that can only be performed by a specialist in a private hospital. While their insurance will cover the bulk of this treatment, some of the burden will fall to them which they are unable to cover from their survival level pension. This gift will satisfy this need	\$514
4	Ashdod	\$1473	The 36 year old head of this young family required surgery for a serious condition that will restrict him from performing hard physical labor. Hence, he has now retrained and has just been employed part time as a trial by a major company to see if he is able to successfully work in his newly acquired skills. This gift will help fund the last payment of his re-training and help to provide for the family's basic needs during this interim period.	\$943

3	Ashdod	\$843	This couple in their 20's have a 9 month old daughter. They are both now completing their final semester of college that will lead them to technical degrees and good jobs. While both of their families are struggling to help them survive until they graduate, all concerned are strained to near breaking. This gift will help alleviate this situation and bring two new well educated new immigrants into the workforce.	\$857
3	Ashkelon	\$1203	This divorced mother of two young teens recently lost the contribution of her mother who moved into her own apartment. Consequently, she is now hard pressed to provided more than very basic support for her sons and is unable to pay for their current school expenses which she is being pressured to remit. This gift will satisfy this requirement.	\$493
8	Jerusalem	\$2251	This 56 year old divorced mother of seven live at home children, works long hours as a care-giver, gets help from her fellowship, and assistance from the government, all of which provided survival level support for her large family. She is, however, in urgent need of extensive dental care that she cannot afford and that this gift will help to provide	\$571
5	Akko	\$1100	This 66 year old pensioner, his 27 year old wife and their three very young children are entirely supported by the government. They have jut been given a very low rent government apartment that has no stove or washing machine we they urgently require. This gift will provide the stove, and we are looking to another sister fund to fund a washing machine.	\$486
1	Migdal Ha Emik	\$429	This 46 year old single man has been unemployed since 2007 when the factory where he worked closed. He has been barely surviving on a marginal government stipend but his winter clothing is now in rags and he urgently requires a warm winter coat and new shoes which will be provided by this gift.	\$514
			Total Distributions	\$7,077

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Dear Olim Fund,

I do not know where the time went since we received your financial assistance this past Summer, but believe me the help has never been forgotten. Making a major move from the Jerusalem area to the north had its many challenges and adjustments and now I am finally taking care of little projects and “to-do’s” one being to express our appreciation in a letter form. Though putting into writing how much The Olim Fund helped us is not an easy thing to do. How does one express such great appreciation and extreme gratitude? Is merely a sincere thank you really enough? In our circumstance I think a little more is certainly due.

Tamara Silverman, (an Olim Fund Board Member) and a friend of my mother, learned early last summer of the incredible difficulties that I and my family had been going through for quite some time. As many new Olim, our Aliyah had its many challenges and setbacks, yet all the while we still felt this was our Jewish homeland and literally, our home. Yet after many, many months of no income (due to my husband, being laid off from his prior job) and family illnesses (he suffered a heart attack; also, around the same time frame our daughter, had surgery/recovery after many months of a medical condition) we began to ponder if our destiny of living here had become just too difficult and perhaps was not God’s will for us after all. Our backs were so *against the wall* we were discussing whether to return to the United States wherein perhaps finding employment may have been easier. Though we surely wanted to remain in Israel rest assured. At the time in fact my husband was looking for work in the United States, at least to generate income while I searched effortlessly for another rental, something more affordable. I was quite stressed to say the least as we had some basic needs to take care of, yet not enough money to pay for them. Turning to family or friends for help was really not a possibility. So, dealing with

feeling very alone, embarrassed and concerned was a daily battle for me. I knew God was in control yet my faith was being challenged no doubt.

Therefore, I was most surprised and humbled when Tamara suggested I send an email to her describing some of our circumstances, which then she would present to the Olim Fund. I never expected to receive any monetary gift actually, but knowing someone or some group cared enough to examine our needs was uplifting somehow. I understood that those involved with the Olim Fund were committed to helping and being a source of encouragement to struggling Olim; hopefully to help Olim stay in Israel. Just knowing this gave me a sense of hope and assurance. Particularly concern coming from literally strangers to us was such an amazing feeling and truly a bright light in a dark time in my life. In fact, composing my email to Tamara was not easy because I really had to humble and not judge myself for unseen things that occurred in our lives. You see, never before had I been in such circumstances as years prior I had a “successful” career and was quite fiscally responsible and sound. Before living in Israel, we were OK financially, not well off, but we paid our bills and saved; we were self-sufficient in this regard. Prior to this rough season I had never sought help from anyone else. (I write in the first person because it was I who interacted with Tamara.) So to admit to others of our problems, was difficult to say the least.

I do not recall the exact details or time frame but do remember it did not take long at all to learn that the Olim Fund was awarding us a financial gift to help take care of our most important bills. We were amazed and truly touched by this incredible blessing, you just have no idea! Not only did this money help us take care of these important obligations, but it really lightened my worry level and strengthened my faith, our faith. It was a testimony to us that our heavenly Father truly cared about us and indeed was beginning to answer our heartfelt prayers in such a miraculous way. For this we were blessed two-fold.

Then later in the summer when it became apparent that the Lord was leading us to relocate to the north, wherein a job offer awaited my husband, we were extremely challenged with managing our existing bills and added potential relocation costs, specifically to move our household belongings. Quite frankly we just did not know how we would handle this major expense. And yet, once again, we re-connected with The Olim Fund as a possible resource for financial assistance, specifically for our move. We surely did not expect more help since we had been so blessed not too long before that, yet

we applied nonetheless. How, once again, amazed were we to discover the The Olim Fund was not only going to help us, but actually their financial gift paid for our movers in full. This truly was yet another confirmation of God's perfect will for us to relocate, not just from monetary help but also the encouragement and affirmation to make it work here and not leave the Land, was most inspiring and meaningful.

You made such a positive impact during these times of such difficulty by lightening our "load" financially and helping to brighten our marriage, as such stressors are never friendly to any marriage. Our minds and spirits were lifted and to this day we are ever so grateful. We will always fondly recall how your helping hand was extended to us in this way. It is similar to when His strong arm and outstretched hand, led our ancestors through the wilderness. It is reassuring to know that these principles still apply today and forever more. Thank you, thank you again and again, Olim Fund.

May His blessings and shalom always be with you.

Earnestly,

(Name withheld in the interest of confidentiality)