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### **KEREN HAYESOD-UIA**

Dear Friends.

The year 2023 is etched into Israel's history and the hearts of the Jewish people as a year of tremendous joy as well as immense grief. Marking Israel's 75th anniversary, the celebrations were overshadowed by the most murderous pogrom on Jews since the Holocaust, which forever changed the landscape of our homeland. Immediately after October 7 and since, your magnanimous outpouring of support and solidarity brought light and hope to the people of Israel while enabling us at Keren Hayesod-UIA to immediately spring into action, channeling your contributions through our support pipeline to local projects and authorities to aid Israel's most vulnerable in their hour of need.

Although disaster overwhelmed us in 2023, Israel's resilient spirit persists. Keren Hayesod-UIA's work for the people of Israel continues like never before, with scores of impactful initiatives furthering Israel's national priorities—nurturing the country's disadvantaged populations, bringing Jews to their rightful homeland, helping them integrate into Israeli society, and strengthening the unshakable bond between Israel and worldwide Diaspora Jewry.

On behalf of all of us at Keren Hayesod-UIA, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your invaluable support as we now pave the road toward healing and revitalizing the people and the State of Israel. Your ongoing commitment is vital as we strive to sustain and expand our impactful work together with you. Now, more than ever, your support plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our nation.

Sincerely,

**Steven Lowy AM**Chairman, World Board of Trustees

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World Chairman

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### **2023: A SNAPSHOT**

24,731

Food Packages to Amigour Residents 337,845

Meals to War Evacuees 46,687

New Olim 2023

14,000

Youth Futures Participants

1,200

Youth Village Participants

2,062

**Neta Participants** 

11,571

Masa Participants **670** 

**Mechina Students** 

7,000+

**Amigour Residents** 

28

Mobile Bomb Shelters Donated

<sup>\*</sup>The above data are unaudited and subject to change.





#### 6:30 A.M.

On October 7, 2023, the terrorist group Hamas launched a horrifying terror attack against Israel of unparalleled scope in the annals of our country. Accompanied by thousands of rockets fired in just one morning, some 3,000 Gazan terrorists overran Israel's southern border, hellbent on taking and destroying as many Israeli lives as they could; to traumatize and instill fear in our nation. Why? Because we're Jews.

Men, women, children, elderly—even infants—were shot, stabbed, burned, maimed, and raped to death in the most murderous, barbaric terror event since the Holocaust. Leaving over 10,000 people injured, Hamas reduced homes, cars, businesses, and entire communities to rubble. Almost 250 of our loved ones were taken hostage into Hamas' tunnels of darkness in Gaza, and the State of Israel immediately responded with a declaration of war, with Swords of Iron. Israel now finds itself in a war for its existence, to secure its borders, destroy the terrorist organization Hamas, and bring our hostages home.

# ISRAEL AT WAR Brothers' Keeper Campaign

**11,000** 

Rockets from Gaza & Lebanon

1,415

Murdered

10,000

Wounded

244

Taken Hostage

200,000

**Evacuees** 

360,000

Reservists Mobilized

24,731

Food Baskets to Elderly 7,918

Stipends to Terror Victims 28

Mobile Bomb Shelters Donated

On October 7, Hamas seized control over several communities and military targets in southern Israel. As the IDF, the police, and Israeli security forces fought to retake the South, the survivors of the attacks needed prompt, direct aid. Amid the turmoil, Keren Hayesod-UIA instantly sprung into action and launched our Brothers' Keeper emergency campaign. Fueled by your swift response and heartwarming outpouring of support, we were able to immediately funnel aid where most needed: KH-supported projects, municipalities, hospitals, rescue services, and more. Thanks to your help, Israeli hospitals managed to accommodate the sudden, massive influx of hundreds of wounded survivors following the attacks.





# TOGETHER, WE ARE BRINGING OUR PEOPLE HOME.

Amid the turmoil of national trauma, we've seen over 2,400 new Olim make Israel their home just since October 7, and Keren Hayesod-UIA is as determined as ever to welcome them home and facilitate their integration to give them a fresh, prosperous start in Israel.

Absorption centers meet Olim's essential needs, easing their transition with Hebrew classes and preparatory academic and vocational programs to consolidate the newcomers' toolkit to help them integrate economically and culturally. Such programs include the Profession for Life retraining program and the Professional Licensing and Training Program.

**37,730** Former USSR

**2,807**North America

**2,345** Europe

**1,678** Ethiopia

1,423

South America

299

South Africa

**46,687**Total Olim
2023

**274** 

Other

131

Australia

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

35,635

21,817

28,601

76,261

46,687

Total Olim 2019-2023: 209,001



Youth in Israel's periphery are far removed from the economic and educational opportunities available in the country's center. Keren Hayesod-UIA supports diverse programs that trigger long-lasting change for Israeli adolescents.

- Closing Social Gaps: The devoted mentors of the Youth Futures program use positive social and
  educational enrichment to disadvantaged children, mainly from the periphery, to cultivate their talents and
  help them bridge significant educational and social gaps.
- Guidance for Adolescents: Four educational Youth Villages around Israel offer remedial education and
  emotional support in a warm atmosphere for disadvantaged teens. This rich extra-curricular program
  enhances potential school dropouts' sense of social responsibility and ensures they finish school and get
  tools for a productive future.
- Bridging the Digital Divide: The Net@ program is among Israel's most effective after-school tech programs
  for upward social mobility. Over 2,000 pupils in grades 5-12 hone their computer network design, math,
  and English skills, drastically improving their competitiveness in the job market. Net@ graduates become
  Cisco Systems-certified network technicians and gather valuable practical experience through community
  volunteering.

Youth Villages	Youth Futures		Net@	
1,200 At-risk Youth	14,000 At-risk Youth	49 Locations	<b>2,062</b> Students	<b>59</b> Instructors
<b>4</b> Youth Villages	<b>300</b> Mentors	202 Schools	41.1% Continue to University	13.2% Study Tech Degrees





A familiar name to Keren Hayesod-UIA supporters worldwide, Amigour vigorously addresses Israel's housing crisis, particularly its impact on the elderly population. In partnership with The Jewish Agency for Israel, Keren Hayesod-UIA is able to make a powerful impact and improve the lives of those who so graciously built our nation and now need our helping hand during their golden years.

Thanks to Amigour, some 7,000 low-income seniors enjoy independent living in a close-knit community with 24-hour access to a devoted staff who ensures all their needs are met. For as little as \$85 a month, they receive well-maintained apartments surrounded by lovely gardens and green spaces. The staff of dedicated professionals offers residents a wide gamut of enrichment activities—lectures, Hebrew lessons, classes, exercise groups, trips, and much more!

## **Amigour**

**57** 

**Facilities** 

\$85

**Average Monthly Rent** 



**Masa Israel Programs** 

Programs designed to build a lifetime of love for Israel and the Jewish people.



In 2023, we were fortunate to host 11,571 young adults between 18-30 years old from 61 different countries through **Masa Israel**, a household name for Jews worldwide and in Israel alike. **Masa Israel programs** help young Diaspora Jews fortify their connection with their homeland, and Keren Hayesod-UIA is proud to participate in building a whole new generation of youngsters whose bond to Israel will remain an unshakable part of their identity.

Through 243 programs, **Masa Israel** brings young adults to Israel for one semester or year-long educational and internship programs designed to create a lifetime of love for Israel and reinforce the ties to their Jewish heritage. Secular and religious programs, along with internship and volunteer arrangements, are tailored to the interests of the participants and in cooperation with universities, yeshivot, youth movements, and state institutions. Participants study Hebrew, meet with Israelis, and tour the country, growing personally and professionally as they deepen their knowledge about Judaism, the Land of Israel, and its bustling society.

### Masa

11,571

**Participants** 

**243** 

**Programs** 

61

**Countries of Origin** 

**Graduates** 

**300%** 

more likely to stay involved in Jewish life

20%

Graduates Make Aliyah

200,000

Alumni since 2004







Many disadvantaged youth face the debilitating challenge of lacking skills and connections needed that can catapult them into a successful career.

Mechinot are, post-high school academies geared to underprivileged youth, new Olim, Haredim, Druze, and others, offering powerful programming for upward social mobility that incorporates leadership training and volunteering programs. The year-long Mechina programs are designed to help participants to strengthen their personal identity and navigate their way into the next phases of their life. Our programs help these young immigrants take the next step in making Israel their forever home.

### Mechinot

670

Attendees Programs

80



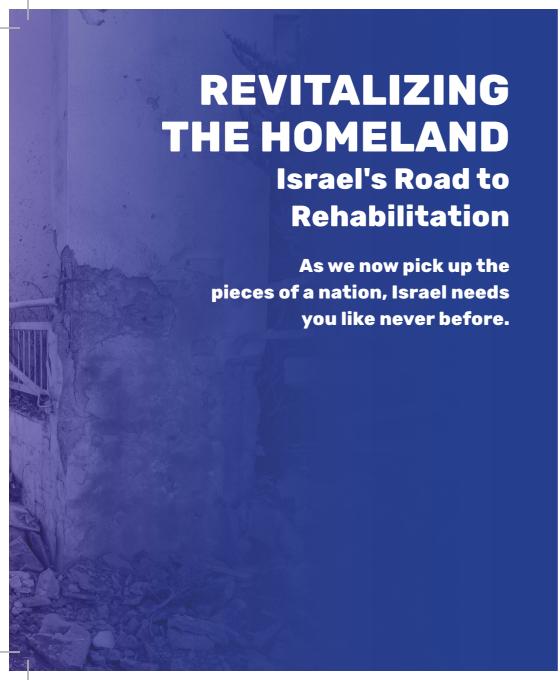


The Jewish Agency's **Fund for Victims of Terror** received US\$24.5 million in direct support dedicated to the short-term needs of the survivors of the October 7 massacres. Within a few days of the attacks, the Fund had distributed more grants than in its 21 years of existence—combined—and has provided over 7,800 grants to date.

Municipalities received a vital injection of US\$7.3 million; hospitals and rescue services were fortified with US\$8.5 million. Thanks to your invaluable help, an impressive 337,845 meals were supplied to evacuees, exemplifying the power of our collective compassion!

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In the face of adversity, the principle of mutual responsibility-"kol Israel arevim ze laze"resonates as strongly as ever through the fabric of Israeli society and the Jewish people as a whole. Israel still has a long road to go, and your generous, ongoing support is essential to help us get Israel back on its feet and find the path to healing. The devoted support of the worldwide Keren Hayesod-UIA family has been instrumental, helping us mobilize within record time and raise unprecedented donations to provide shelter, rehabilitation, and a lifeline of hope for the countless lives shattered by the war.

We need your gracious support more than ever before to recover what's been lost and rebuild our nation and the resilience of the affected communities. Together, we can navigate these challenging times and build a brighter future for the State and people of Israel.



### Hatikva

The Israeli National Anthem

Kol od ba'le'vav p'nima, Nefesh yehudi ho'miyah. U'lefaatei mizrach kadimah, Ayin le'Tziyyon tzofiyah.

Od lo avda tikvateinu, Ha'tikvah bat sh'not alpayim Lih-yot am chofshi b'ar tzeinu Eretz Tziyyon v'Yerushalayim התקווה

כָּל עוֹד בַּלֵבְב פְּנִימָה נֶכֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה וּלְפַאֲמֵי מִזְרָח קָדִימָה עַיִן לִצִיוֹן צוֹפִיָּה

עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוָתֵנוּ הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אַלְפַיִם לִהְיוֹת עַם חָפְשִׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם



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