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OF YAD ELIEZER

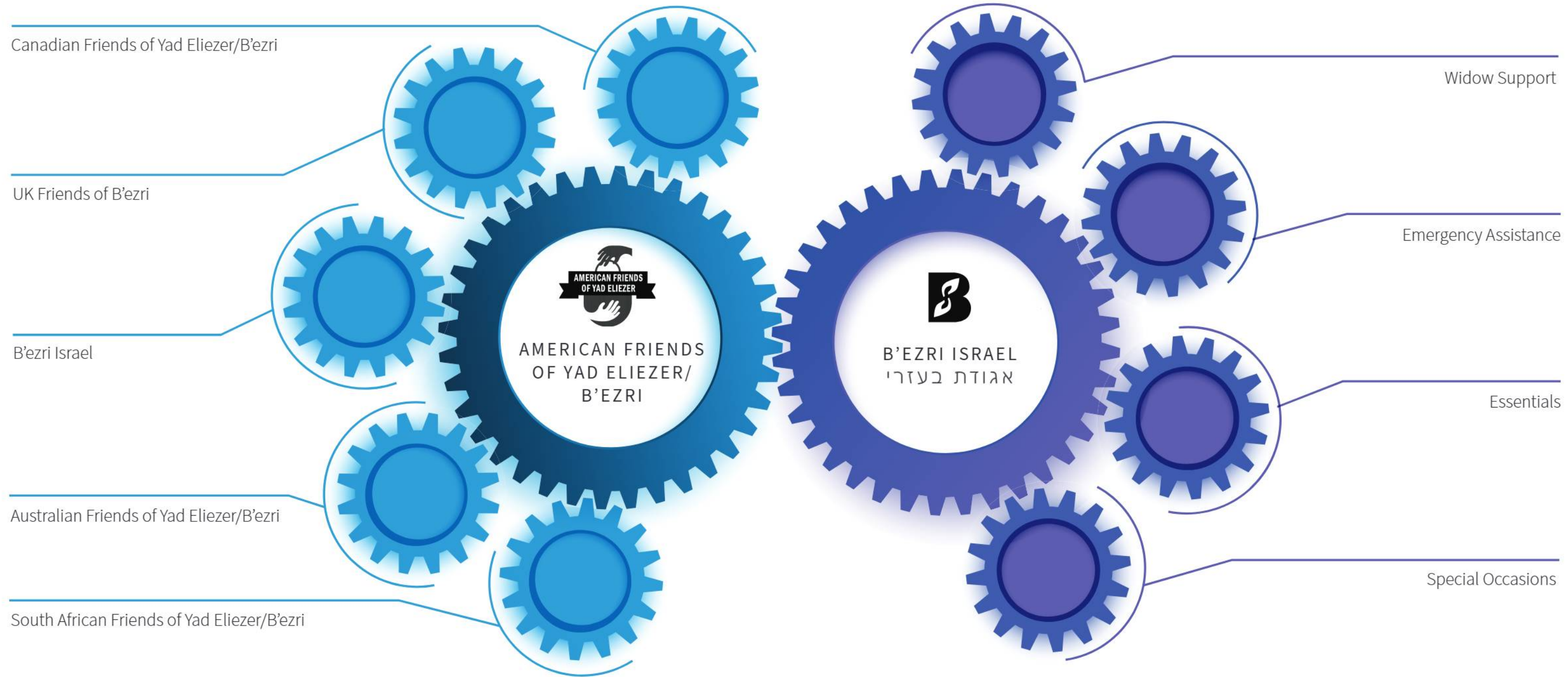
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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

# INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS OF YAD ELIEZER/B'EZRI A CYCLE OF GIVING



American Friends of Yad Eliezer, along with its international partners, is what powers the B'ezri Chesed Machine. This unprecedented machine drives our numerous chesed programs, enabling us to bring much needed relief to the most desperate amongst our brothers and sisters in Israel.

# LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

## DEAR FRIENDS,

Upon naming his second son, Moshe declares  
כי אלוקי אבי בעזרי — For G-d has been my salvation.

It has now been two full years since B'ezri's inception, and I can honestly attest that this time has been nothing short of a true miracle – a miracle that unquestionably has G-d's fingerprints plastered across it. I only wish that you – our extraordinary donors – get to see a glimpse of what I am blessed to see on an ongoing basis. It is not often that we get to witness G-d's salvation in vibrant living color, but seeing the loving partnership between those who have and those who are less fortunate, is something that can only be orchestrated from Above.

B'ezri is a relatively new vehicle created to enhance and streamline the process of distributing your charity in Israel. We could not be prouder of its efficiency and efficacy, allowing more of your dollars to reach their intended purpose. While raising money is always a challenge, ensuring that it is given out with the highest degree of purity is equally as challenging. The combination of American Friends of Yad Eliezer, our partners in Canada, the UK, South Africa and Australia, along with the B'ezri team in Israel, has proven to be an unparalleled chesed machine.

As you flip through the pages of this annual report, there is one favor that I ask. Please do not let the breadth of our programs and the numbers that we have achieved together become mere statistics. Understand that behind each and every number in this report lies a real-life story, a fellow Jew whose life you have changed. Whether it is a widow with seven children who receives a monthly stipend from our Keren Almanos, a new mother who is in desperate need of baby formula for her twin children or an IDF soldier whose wife and

children sit home in poverty while he serves on our behalf, we are there for them!

This year has been the most difficult in many of our lifetimes. All of us have seen and heard of the unbearable horror perpetuated upon Acheinu Bnei Yisrael. We, along with countless other organizations, groups and individuals, have stepped up to help in a way that no other nation can replicate. Our DNA simply does not allow us to sit idly by while our brothers and sisters need our help. The war has helped us and the world see who we truly are.

I've been blessed for over 40 years with a front row seat to this extraordinary chesed. To see the care and concern that we have for our extended family is something that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world.

Please take pride in what you have been a part of and recognize that your help and assistance are what make us us such a special and unique people.

Thank you for caring and giving, thus enabling us to facilitate this chesed.

**Sori Tropper** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
AMERICAN FRIENDS OF YAD ELIEZER

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## DEAR PARTNER,

We are pleased to share with you, our trusted partners in chesed, our mission statement, as well as the scope of services and assistance that we provide to Israel's most needy.

Within any society, there are a myriad of challenges that the poor and needy deal with on a daily basis. While we would certainly like to claim that we help everyone with everything, our resources simply do not allow for that. Thankfully, there are other complimentary organizations that help with a diverse range of targeted needs, allowing us to focus on what we feel are our core competencies and ensure that your donations are making their biggest impact.

Our mission is simple: To help prevent human suffering from metastasizing, and to alleviate suffering when it does occur, in an efficient and effective way.

For over forty years our team has orchestrated dozens of projects, each with its own specific set of goals. As times change, needs change and it is incumbent upon us to ensure that we are focused on maximizing our chesed footprint. The recent partnership between B'ezri, American Friends of Yad Eliezer and our other global partners has given us the opportunity to reflect back, and look to the future to help identify where we should be focused.

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We currently operate four basic funds:

- ☀️ ESSENTIALS FUND
- ☀️ WIDOW SUPPORT FUND
- ☀️ EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND
- ☀️ SPECIAL OCCASIONS FUND

Running a \$40 million budget is the most rewarding gift we could ask for, yet it can also be fraught with challenges. Our steadfast commitment is one of unequivocal transparency. We welcome each and every donor to come visit our office in Yerushalayim, and see how donations are being spent. We get to witness the impact that every dollar makes on our brothers and sisters on a daily basis, and we invite you to join us so you can see for yourselves.

Thank you very much for giving us this opportunity and thank you for your continued support.

**Yossi Adler** CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER  
**Kobi Yitzhaki** CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
**Chezki Hartman** DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT  
B'EZRI





## The Holiday Fund

Our Holiday Fund ensures that needy families can enjoy the Jewish holidays despite their continuous economic hardships. Celebration expenses are not easy for anyone and **the struggle of purchasing special festive foods and necessities is compounded by their ongoing poverty.** The Holiday Fund support guarantees that recipient families can buy foods that are enjoyed in their homes, and their holidays are made meaningful, joyous and memorable. This fund allocates financial support to thousands of families throughout the seasons and throughout the country.

## Holiday Vouchers for IDF Soldiers

The High Holidays/Succot and Passover are two of the most joyous times of the year. However, for needy IDF soldiers who can't afford basic foods for their holiday tables, they are times of extreme anxiety. Our annual \$1 million program alleviates stress for thousands of struggling soldiers including those from needy homes, others with families of their own, and lone soldiers. We provide them with supermarket gift cards for purchasing holiday groceries, something that would otherwise be unachievable. This year more than ever, the sacrifice of our dedicated IDF soldiers is as poignant as ever, and the needs of their families cannot be overlooked. Our support returns the joy to their homes, enabling them to celebrate the holidays with a sense of calm and simchat Yom Tov.

“This is the first time, in a long time, that we were able to bring in Yom Tov with calm, with happiness – not stress.” *Tzira*



## Food Support

A family's inability to put food on the table is one struggle that is often just the tip of the iceberg for households living in extreme poverty. With 27.8% of Israel's population in economic distress, battling the ever rising cost of living, it has become increasingly hard for families to cope.

Our Food Support program fills the basic need of providing these households with aid to purchase groceries. Using store credit, families can shop at their convenience to buy basic, healthy food staples. Recent inflation has exacerbated what had already been precarious situations, making this aid so much more critical.

## Feed A Baby

Feed A Baby provides vital help to mothers who are unable to nurse and cannot afford baby formula. Struggling parents sometimes resort to watering down formula in an effort to stretch it further – a dangerous practice that can lead to health problems including impaired growth and cognitive development, and high rates of chronic illness in adulthood. To prevent this, Feed A Baby provides approximately 1000 babies with monthly supplies of Materna baby formula, enabling parents to feed their infants properly.

“When we gave our daughters coats from the distribution, their eyes lit up. They were sharing one for years and had never owned new ones before.” *Samuel*

## Job Training/Microfinancing Program

“Give a person a fish, you feed them for a day. Teach a person to fish, you feed them for a lifetime.” Our Job Training program helps people extricate themselves from the cycle of poverty by providing funds that enable them to complete degrees which lead to stable jobs. All too often, there is a desire to get an education but the required tuition funds make that reality out of reach. Funding for our Microfinancing program assists small business owners with investments for their ventures to increase stability and profitability. These programs have an extremely successful track record for effectively assisting hardworking people and making them productive members of society.



## Winter Warmth Campaign

Our annual initiative provides quality winter coats and blankets to needy families throughout Israel. This year's distribution, our largest yet, took place at 80 locations in 44 cities across the country. Our new, stylish coats keep

20,606 young women and children warm and dry during the cold Israel winter. We have also distributed over 10,000 blankets to help families stay warm at home.



## WIDOW SUPPORT



### Widows & Orphans Fund/Keren Almanos

Our program brings **tremendous relief to over 900 struggling almanos with young children at home**, providing each of them with a monthly stipend (an average of \$800) to help cover necessities for her family. Funds are sent by direct deposit, sparing recipients any embarrassment while imbuing them with a sense of security, as the money is available for use on a consistent date each month. Many of our donors have opted to partner with the fund to ensure that a specific almana (or group of almanos) has basic needs met. This partnership provides stability in struggling homes and gives the donor **the satisfaction of knowing they are truly changing the lives of the almanos and yesomim**. For information on this partnership, please reach out to us.

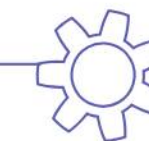
### Keren Almanos Emergency/Simcha Fund

In addition to the ongoing support of the 900+ almanos, the Keren also allocates funds for holidays, emergencies or for a child's wedding when the time comes. To so many families, the cost of marrying off a child is extremely stressful and the problem is only exacerbated for an almana. The Keren strives to alleviate this strain and worry, and ensure that the almanos and yesomim are able to enjoy their simchas like everyone else.

“Having to do everything for my family alone, I often feel hopeless. The one certainty that I am able to look forward to is B’ezri’s monthly wire. It arrives like clockwork and is one of the only assurances in my life. Hashem should bless the donors as only He can.” *Varda*



## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



### Emergency Fund

An emergency causes terrible stress in any home, but it's compounded in households struggling with financial insecurity. While average families usually have savings to fall back on, the recipients who benefit from our Emergency Fund do not. This program **alleviates urgent expenses and in turn, mitigates horrific crisis-related strain**. Households we assist include those who require emergency medical or dental treatments, are at risk of losing electricity due to unpaid bills, are threatened with eviction, or face other challenging circumstances.

### Agunos & Grushos Fund

At times, the plight of an aguna or grusha can be more challenging than that of an almana. The stigma associated with her situation is hard to overcome, making many people less sympathetic to her predicament. Add to that the legal fees often associated with her already tenuous situation, emergency expenses, urgent therapies, dental needs or other costs, and you have a recipe that can send anyone over the edge. This fund was created to help agunos and grushos mitigate some of their ongoing stress, and allow them to focus their attention on their families.

“Thanks to your and your donors’ assistance, my daughter received the urgent dental care she needed, and I wasn’t left with a prohibitively expensive bill that I have no way of repaying.” *Naomi*

### Widespread Crisis Relief: Stand With Israel Campaign

American Friends of Yad Eliezer/B’ezri also brings relief in times of widespread crises such as the Covid pandemic, Meron tragedy and most recently, the horrific events of October 7th that led to Operation Swords of Iron. Thanks to 40+ years of experience and know-how, American Friends of Yad Eliezer/B’ezri was able to spring into action and begin distributing aid mere hours after news of the tragedies became available.

Through our Stand With Israel campaign we raised over \$3.9 million which was used towards non-combat equipment for IDF soldiers, a myriad of supplies, as well as financial aid for displaced families. We will also be there for the long term. We recognize that after the war is over there will be significant demand for help with mental health care, medical expenses, debts incurred from displacement and job losses, repairs to damaged homes and other needs caused by the war's terror and trauma. We will continue to support families as necessary.



## Adopt A Wedding

Making a child's wedding should be one of the happiest of milestones for parents, a time when they rejoice together with their children as they set out on a momentous new chapter of their lives. Yet all too often, **planning a wedding creates intolerable stress due to the associated expenses**, regularly forcing families to take out costly loans that will burden them for a lifetime. The Adopt A Wedding program was created to help subsidize those enormous expenses and allow the chosson, kallah and their families to enjoy their simcha to its fullest. Program donors, who frequently sponsor a less fortunate couple's simcha on the same date as their own, help shoulder the burden. Over the years **Adopt A Wedding has turned tens of thousands of nerve-racking situations into truly beautiful celebrations for the recipients.**

“The chesed you are doing for Kallahs like me, and the way you do it, with so much respect, is immeasurable. Thank you.” *Shlomit*

### Kol Kallah & Keren Yaakov Zev-Appliances for Orphans

Kol Kallah was established to help new couples (who for myriad reasons, do not have the ability to lean on their parents) set up their new homes, ensuring they can start married life with a sense of dignity. Kol Kallah provides each bride with a store credit to Prakti Chasuna Center so she can shop for home goods and personal items in a pleasant environment. In addition, the Keren Yaakov Zev fund provides a new refrigerator, oven, washing machine and microwave/food processor for orphans, alleviating a significant expense.

### Bar Mitzvah Twinning

Despite their desire to do so, needy parents cannot afford to purchase tefillin for their sons or make them a simple, yet respectable Bar Mitzvah celebration. Without taking on expensive loans, parents are often left with no choice but to acquire inadequate tefillin from a gemach. As boys reach their teenage years, perception is magnified and they are extremely embarrassed by their lack of a basic simcha. Donors sponsor new tefillin and/or a complete bar mitzvah package for boys from struggling homes, bringing celebration and dignity back to their important milestone.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



# LEAVE A LEGACY

## AN ETERNAL GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

Your endowment to American Friends of Yad Eliezer/B'ezri will make a lasting impact, no matter the level of giving.

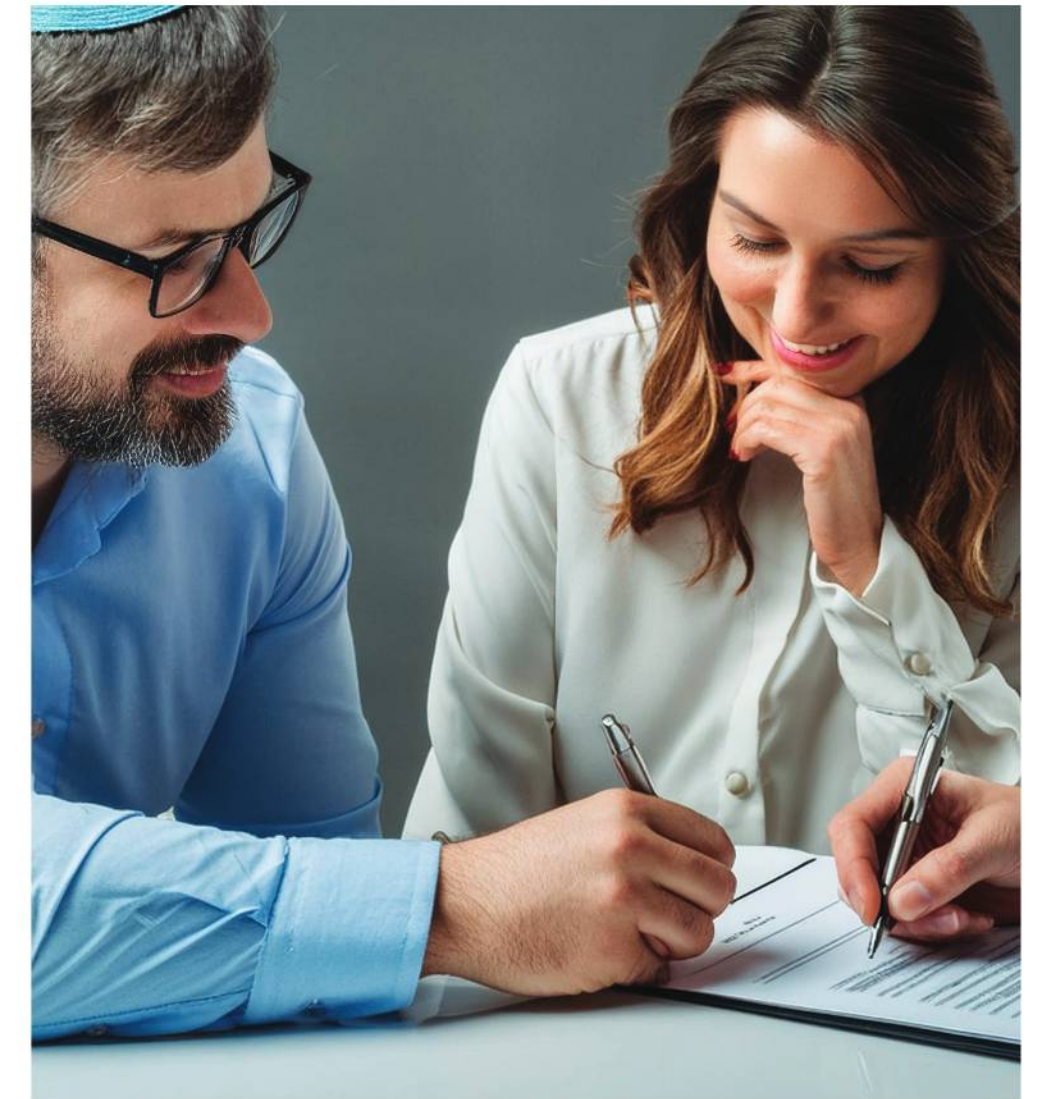
By leaving a Legacy Donation with us in your will, you can continue to help Jews in need for many, many years to come. You can also establish a legacy in tribute or memory of a loved one, a meaningful and enduring way to honor them and their ideals.

Contact us to find out how you can have a transformative impact on Israeli society for generations.

We also encourage you to discuss all donations with a trusted financial advisor who can guide you in determining the best way to structure your legacy gifts.

**To explore our Leave a Legacy options, please contact** Aryeh Tropper, Legacy Director  
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*All enquiries are held in the strictest confidence.*



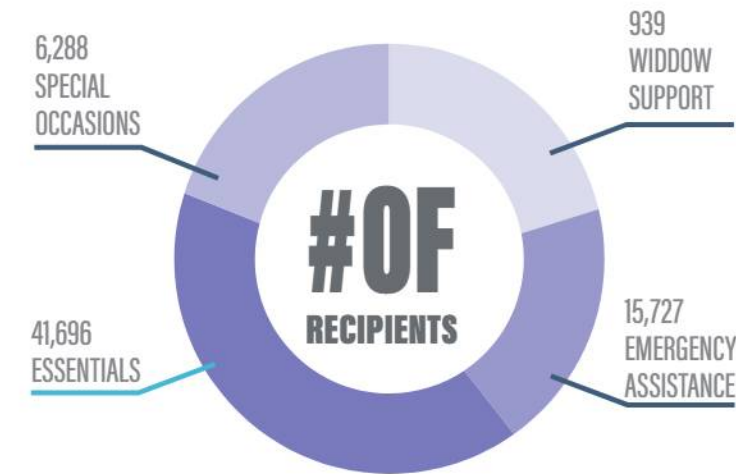
# B'EZRI BY THE NUMBERS 2023

PROGRAM	EXPENSE	% TOTAL
FOOD SUPPORT/FEED A BABY	\$8,713,841.00	19.65%
JOB TRAINING + MICROFINANCING	\$362,734.00	0.82%
WINTER WARMTH	\$591,056.00	1.33%
IDF HOLIDAY PROGRAM	\$986,448.00	2.22%
MATANOT L'EVYONIM	\$1,071,735.00	2.42%
HOLIDAY FUND	\$3,870,557.00	8.73%
KEREN ALMANOS—WIDOWS & ORPHANS FUND	\$8,755,629.00	19.74%
AGUNOS & GRUSHOS FUND	\$268,869.00	0.61%
WAR/NATIONAL CRISIS	\$2,511,849.00	5.66%
EMERGENCY FUND	\$6,204,126.00	13.99%
ADOPT A WEDDING	\$5,770,973.00	13.01%
BAR MITZVAH	\$164,637.00	0.37%
KOL KALLAH	\$837,895.00	1.90%
APPLIANCES FOR ORPHANS (KYZ)	\$987,612.00	2.23%
<b>OVERHEAD</b>	<b>\$3,246,930.00</b>	<b>7.32%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$44,344,891.00</b>	

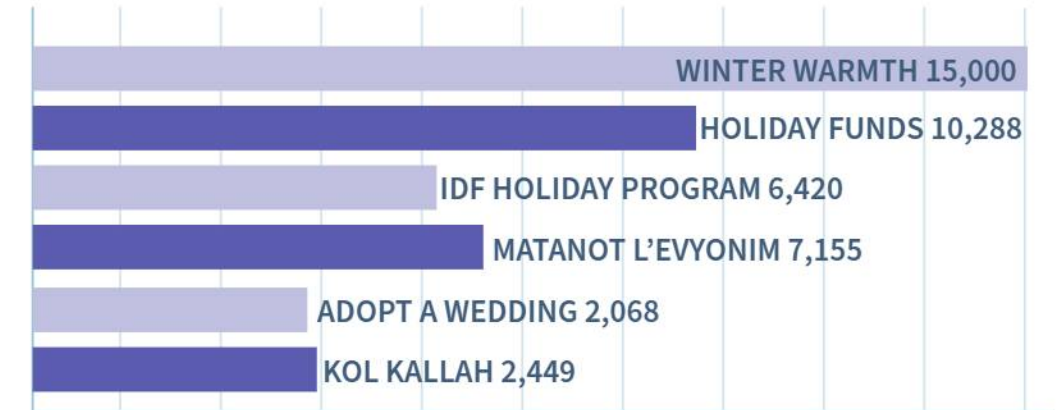
SOURCE	INCOME
AMERICAN FRIENDS YE/B'EZRI	\$35,009,944
CANADIAN FRIENDS YE/B'EZRI	\$4,947,239
UK FRIENDS OF B'EZRI	\$977,048
B'EZRI ISRAEL	\$3,713,840
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$44,648,071</b>

## B'EZRI CITIES OF OPERATION

Achisamach	Jerusalem	Tzfat
Afula	Karmiel	Yaffo
Ashdod	Komemiyut	Yerucham
Ashkelon	Kiryat Ata	Yesodot
Batei Verner	Kiryat Malachi	Zichron Yaakov
Beit Hilкия	Kiryat Ye'arim	
Beit She'an	Meah She'arim	
Beit Shemesh	Modi'in Illit	
Beit Yisrael	Netanya	
Beitar Illit	Netivot	
Bnei Brak	Ofakim	
Emanuel	Petach Tikvah	
Elad	Psagot	
Givat Ze'ev	Rechasim	
Hadera	Rehovot	
Haifa	Rosh Ha'ayin	
Har Yona	Sderot	
Nof Hagalil	Tel Tzion	
Harish	Teveria	
Itamar	Tifrach	



## FEATURED PROGRAM # RECIPIENTS



**67,500+**  
FAMILIES HELPED

**28,800+**  
DONORS WORLDWIDE

**\$41M+**  
DISTRIBUTED

**90+**  
VOLUNTEER  
COMMUNITY COORDINATORS



We are extremely grateful for the indispensable support received through our friends below, which enables us to bring tremendous relief to thousands of families every year:

**KEREN ELIYAHU V'ESTHER** Feed A Baby Program

**KEREN YAAKOV ZEV** Orphan Support Services

**GITTY PERKOWSKI** Adopt A Wedding Program

**KEREN AVROHOM ABBA** Appliance Fund

**CHANAN & MIRIAM VIM** Memorial Widows & Orphans Fund

**MARY PARASOL** Orphan Education Fund

**ZICHRON YEHUDA LEIB** Job Training Program

**MIRIAM AND MOSHE FRIEDMAN** Microfinancing Initiative

**LEV GEORGIE** Kol Kallah Fund

**BIRKAT RACHEL** Tallit Fund

**Y.I.K.G.H. FUND** Chickens for Shabbos

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