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Hello, everyone,

At the end of each work year, we customarily review and summarize the foundation's activities and financial and managerial aspects. Unfortunately, this year we are also summing up a year of war, one that has not yet ended, and once it does, it'll take everyone a long time to recover and heal from its wounds. We all hope that it won't claim additional victims and that we will soon see all the hostages back with us/.

Despite the reality we were living in and the conditions of uncertainty, we decided to continue and prepare activities as if there were no constraints, however, it turned out to be impossible without constraints. Most of the hotels were occupied by evacuees, which led us to move our Passover trip from Netanya to Jerusalem. The itinerary and program for the trip was already prepared and arranged, but on the Saturday evening before the trip, the Home Front Command ordered the cancellation of all activities, and that same evening, the Iranian missile attack began. With heavy hearts, we canceled the trip.

The next day, the Home Front Command lifted the restrictions. Yaron, in charge of the trip, insisted on going ahead, and the entire team worked hard to reschedule the itinerary and program for the remaining days. The 4-day trip was condensed into 2 intense but outstanding days. We met in Ein Kerem in Jerusalem for a tour, concluded with a concert at the Music Center, and in the evening, we attended a performance by Aya Korem of Leonard Cohen songs. The next day, a number of mothers visited the Israel Museum, while others visited the Bible Lands Museum. The children's group also enjoyed the charms of Jerusalem.



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It is important to note how quickly most of the mothers responded and rejoined the trip, including two new families. We'd also like to mention the flexibility and willingness of all suppliers to accept the changes in good spirits and without charging cancellation fees.



While we were preparing the trips, we also organized the reception of new families, including visiting them and inviting them to join. In tandem, we set up counselor teams for the children's groups, with many of "the foundation's children" volunteering for the task. The first meet-up for getting to know the new families was held on the first day of the summer vacation at the Safari Park, courtesy of the Ramat Gan Municipality. It was exciting and enjoyable, and allowed us and the families to get to know each other and experience the spirit of the foundation through action.

The summer trip, led by Avi Shayish, took place in Netanya. The mothers toured the area: They visited Utopia Park and took a jeep trip that ended with a diverse event in Katzir. We also visited Tel Aviv, including Ben-Gurion House and the art project at the Imperial Hotel, courtesy of one of the foundation's "children" Gal Aviram, the hotel manager.

[HH1] עם הערות: מנהלת המלון או התערוכה?

This trip will be remembered not only for its varied activities. It was the first one with new families and children's groups, an emotional event for both families and active members. On the one hand, no eye remained dry at the sight of the young families who have joined us, and on the



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other, we all felt a sense of pride for the opportunity we were given to support them, even if just a little.

In addition, our Hanukkah trip has just ended, this time to Arad and the surrounding area, from the Dead Sea to Sde Boker and Susya. The weather wasn't always in our favor, but the team did a wonderful job at maneuvering between the various alternatives, and the trip program wasn't impacted. The children's group spent one night at the khan in Kfar Hanokdim, toured the desert in jeeps, and were compensated for the borderline weather with activities in Beersheba. The little ones went as far as Ein Avdat National Park and Beersheba, and enjoyed all the delights of the holiday—candles, donuts, and dreidels.



We maintain our connection with the families not only through trips and meet-ups. Other than the social relationships that have formed over the years between the mothers and volunteers, and between themselves, we also conduct home visits twice a year, distributing gifts for Rosh Hashanah and mishloach manot (goodies packages) for Purim. These modest gifts are a mere



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excuse for our true aim, which is to visit the families and mothers, including those who, for various reasons, do not participate in the trips.



The foundation is undergoing a transformation, from a maturing to a multi-generational organization that requires adaptations for welcoming young families while continuing activities with our veteran families and meeting the needs of all. In the reality that's developed, we are committed to building a basis for activities for years to come. Many have opened their hearts and contributed, and many are willing and eager to volunteer, but unfortunately it's not enough. We need additional resources, and especially young people (Dad's friends) who will form a new generation to carry on the legacy and lead the foundation with the same spirit, taking the path with us paved by the foundation's founders.





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Thank you to all who took part in the activities, whether in the activities themselves, or through donations and support. In the upcoming work year, together we will continue the foundation's traditional activities, welcome new families, and build a basis for the future, hoping that demand won't grow and that we'll soon see calm and peaceful days.

This year, we bid farewell with sadness
to dear friends and members:

Arik Achmon

Beverly Neeman

Danit Gazit (Wlad)

Gali Liron

Rochela Neishtain

Bezalel Yardeni

[HH2] עם הערות: בבקשה לבדוק איות

The Foundation for the Families of the Fallen Paratroopers family shares in the grief of the bereaved families.

We hope for the safe return of the captives and hostages.

We wish a full and speedy recovery to the wounded.

We stand beside and support the IDF soldiers and their commanders.

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