Bayit V'Tikvah Saving Girls In Israel

ayit V'Tikvah is a girls' home which cares for children who have been removed from their homes

by social welfare services due to serious abuse and neglect. Many of our girls come to our home already lagging behind in their educational and social development, in poor physical and mental health.

The devoted staff, led by our managing director Rabbi Mendy Schwartz, our educational director, our professional psychiatrists, psychologists, our social workers and therapists give their all to provide our girls with the necessary support not just to get by, but to truly succeed.

We are functioning on a shoe string budget. Yet, we will never turn a girl away. However, as the girls turn 18, they "tap out" of the system and are

required to fend for themselves. Without the required skills to get jobs or the resources necessary to "make it," our girls won't be able to stay off the streets. If not properly nurtured our girls run the risk of becoming perpetrators of the same crimes of which they fell victims (i.e. physical, sexual and drug abuse).

All too often, Israeli girls leave their homes and are unprepared



for the reality of the outside world. Some sell their bodies to make money; others are forced to become prisoners of Muslim men in their villages.

It is imperative that while the girls are in our loving and warm



environment, we prepare them for college and help them develop job skills to ensure they can survive on their own. Currently, we have two of

> our graduates attending medical school, while others are in nursing school, in the field of social work and education. With your support, we can provide programs that will enable them to leave our home with the power to not just survive but to thrive.

> Rabbi Brian Thau, the Executive Vice President of Bayit V'Tikvah/House of Hope, will be vising the Sephardic community December 20-22 to raise money for their new building, for the girls Hankukah celebrations, and other programs not covered by child welfare services.

> Bayit V'Tikvah/American Friends of House of Hope Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity. Please help us help these girls. For more information please visit our website: bayitvtikvah.org or facebook: Bayit Vtikvah House of Hope.

Please send donations to American Friends of House of Hope 176-25 Union Turnpike, Suite 336, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366 or call our office at 929-900-HOPE (4673). You can also donate online at bayitvtikvah.org.



Rabbi Brian Thau, the Executive Vice President of American Friends of House of Hope, Inc., has served as an educator and in leadership positions, rabbinics and Jewish education (both formal and informal) in synagogues, schools, and camps for over 20 years. He has served in leadership positions at over a dozen schools and shuls, including Yeshivah of Flatbush, Magen David, ZDR. North Shore Hebrew Academy, Ramaz, Ohab Zedek, Lincoln Square Synagogue, Riverdale Jewish Center, Beth Jacob Beverly Hills, CA. and Yeshiva University.