

Kislev 5778

Dear Friends,

What are the scariest two words for a child who goes to school ages 6-18 from our girls home Bayit Vtikvah /House of Hope? No it's not math test or English test and not home work either. It is two words that usually bring great joy to most students. Those two words are:

CHANUKAH VACATION!

You see our children dread those words because they know (or so they think) that their Chanukah vacation will be terrible as all their friends go on family trips and have fun with their friends and family. Unfortunately our children will be at our wonderful girl's home but it won't be their home. They are worried starting about the first day of the Jewish month of Kislev until Chanukah. They are worried that they will not be able to tell their friends that they had a wonderful time and that their friends will be telling everyone in school what they did and how much fun they had at their family Chanukah party, at their neighbor's house to celebrate Chanukah and the trips and the gifts they received.

Our children are extremely anxious as they will not be home for Chanukah because they can't as the Child welfare services removed them from their home for various serious cases of abuse and neglect. This is where you come in. We need your help to ensure that especially Chanukah is a special time for our girls. Can you help me?

We have over 100 girls who without your help will not be able to have a Chanukah party a small gift or even a day trip. You see in the US there is usually school during Chanukah but in Israel it is the official winter break.

So we are turning to you my dear friends to support our various programs for Chanukah. We would like to do many things for our girls but we can't celebrate Chanukah in the way the children need without your support. While it is true that the Israeli government provides 50% of our basic needs, it does not help us with any of the extras and I am sure you would agree that a child receiving a modest gift on Chanukah is not an outlandish extra.

This is an opportunity to also teach your children about being grateful for what they have and to teach them to be giving as well. Perhaps instead of 8 nights of gifts one night you and your children give the amount of one gift to our girl's home. Or do a chessed project before Chanukah to raise awareness and raise funds so our girls can have a Chanukah celebration. Please look at the list below for various programs that we are running over Chanukah. We would be most appreciative and our girls would be grateful if you would help us!

With 2018 coming to an end this is also an opportunity to take advantage of making your 2018 tax deductible charitable donation to Bayit Vtikvah / House of Hope!

Wishing you and all your loved ones a wonderful and Happy Chanukah!
Fondly,

Rabbi Baruch (Brian) Thau

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Rosh Hashana 5759/Back to School 2018

Dear Rabbi Thau,

Yes, count me in to help you achieve your vital goals to help the girls of House of Hope.

Please earmark my gift for the following project:

Chanukah Gifts

\$18 Gift for 1 girl ___

\$36 Gift for 2 girl's ___

\$54 Gift for 3 girls___

\$180 Gift for 10 girl's ___

Chanukah Parties:

Chanukah party for the girls in each mishpachton \$250 (8) ___

Whole program party \$2000___

Chanukah Trips:

Local day trip for one Mishpachton: (15 children and staff) \$1500 (8) ___

Full day Trip outside of the city for one mishpachton \$3000 ___

Full day trip for entire home \$10,000(Buses, program, meals plus staff) ___

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