Thank you for the chance to help Israel’s children!
- a volunteer
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Dear Friend of Yad Eliezer,

I ended my letter in last year’s Annual Report with the hope that in twelve months the economic situation in Israel would have improved and our report would be there to relay the good news. Unfortunately the events of the past year on the global economic stage have made this wish an impossible dream. Indeed, while those of us working with families in poverty and despair often feel that we have seen rock bottom and that there is no further in fall, the year 2008 has proven that that pit of despair is in fact far deeper than any of us imagined.

Much has been written about the effects of the global economic crisis on American life – on its financial institutions, its auto industry, its small businesses, its homeowners; for too many of us these news items are merely pale reflections of our personal experiences. But the waves of the recession reverberate throughout the world. Israel is no exception.

For many years now, Israel has prided itself on being a world leader in the hi-tech and associated industries. But this success has come at a price. The tsunami that hit midway through the year hit Israel’s prize industries particularly hard. A successive domino effect has seen many factories and businesses cut back on employees or close down all together. In the month of March 2009, 20,072 people lost their jobs, the worst single-month layoff figure in Israel’s history. They joined the many others who have been laid off throughout the country – 100,000 in the last six months alone. Salaried workers now find themselves collecting meager social security handouts; previously successful lawyers, computer programmers and bank managers now find themselves unemployed. These people who were not long ago earning average – or above-average – salaries have now dropped below the poverty line and found their way to Yad Eliezer. 2008 was the year in which many of the people who walked through our doors were those who last year did not even know our name.

Amongst this grim picture of the many new individuals and families who have joined the Yad Eliezer roll call in the past twelve months are the thousands who were receiving our assistance prior to any meltdown. They
have not been forgotten and still benefit from the multi-faceted network of Yad Eliezer services.

Simultaneously, however, our own ability to assist all of those in need is also in jeopardy. The recession has bit deeply into the pockets of our friends throughout the world, compelling our generous supporters to reluctantly cut back on their usual levels of giving – and so compelling us to cut back on ours. Yet we are determined to rise to the challenge of this most difficult time so that those who rely on us most need never be turned away.

Now more than ever we need your help. As an integral part of the Yad Eliezer family it is in these difficult times that we appeal to you…

Dov Wiesel
Director, Yad Eliezer
Israel
Yad Eliezer was founded on the premise that every Jew in Israel is entitled to a life of dignity, self-reliance, and self-respect. Established in 1980 with the single objective of delivering monthly food baskets to hungry families, Yad Eliezer has grown to encompass fifteen economic and social service programs that impact on the lives of over 18,000 families each year.

Yad Eliezer aims to combat poverty on the individual, family, communal, and national levels by providing critical short-term relief while simultaneously confronting the underlying causes of indigence, forging broad-based solutions that empower long-term financial and psychological stability. Each component of Yad Eliezer’s comprehensive welfare system – which includes nationwide distribution of essential food, clothing, and household items, job training, and child mentoring programs – contributes towards the fulfillment of its mandate to engender economic recovery and social development in Israel.

While its roster of programs has expanded and its budget now exceeds $26 million per year, Yad Eliezer’s cadre of trained volunteers enables the organization to honor its commitment to limited overhead and minimal expenses while providing personalized and professional assistance to hundreds of thousands of our nation’s neediest.
In Israel, war was raging. The Hamas terrorist organization had launched 10,000 rockets on Southern Israel since 2001. Sderot, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Beer Sheva – all were under attack. Twenty-eight people were killed; thousands were injured.

On December 27, 2008, the Israel Defense Forces launched Operation Cast Lead to defeat the terrorists and stop the rockets.

War broke out – and thousands of Israeli soldiers were sent to battle behind enemy lines, risking their lives to protect the people and the land of Israel.

War broke out – and Yad Eliezer too joined the battle. Our mission: To bring encouragement and inspiration to Israel’s soldiers – to show them that Am Yisrael is one.

What does a rabbi from Atlantic Beach, a seminary girl from London, a yeshiva student from LA, a real-estate magnate from Chicago, a doctor from Australia, and a mother from Montreal have in common? All are part of the
Yad Eliezer family, and all care about Klal Israel, Eretz Israel and the brave soldiers of the IDF dispatched to fight in Gaza.

**War broke out** – and donations began to pour in from across the globe, targeted specifically towards enabling our support for the IDF during this time of challenge. Responding to the battles our soldiers were facing, the worldwide Yad Eliezer family chose to enlist in its own military service unit, a unit tasked with a critical mission: to bring a special form of “back-up” – thousands of care packages – to Israel’s troops.

This is the story of that very special unit. It is our story. Your story.

**War broke out** – and Yoni Goldstein was sitting at home with his family when the call came from the army. Within hours he was down South training for Operation Cast Lead. As a member of an elite IDF unit, he knew that when they entered Gaza there would be no margin for error. After training non-stop for two days and two nights, with little sleep, little warmth and only battle rations, Yoni and the 2,300 men under his command thought they had stumbled upon a mirage in the middle of the desert. Like water springing forth from within an oasis, the doors of the Yad Eliezer truck opened to reveal the surprises waiting within. Of course we could not let any of the battle-weary soldiers miss out, so we dropped off 2,300 packages – one for every soldier!

**HOW DID WE DO IT? YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

**War broke out** – and Rabbi Sam Klibanoff, rabbi of New York’s Atlantic Beach Jewish Center, launched a massive Chesed mission – to help Israel in its time of war. Within 24 hours he had collected $100,000 from a community eager to support IDF troops. He headed straight for a plane bound for Israel – and straight to Yad Eliezer.
Suddenly the Yad Eliezer Jerusalem Warehouse, where volunteers come each day to pack food boxes for needy families, was piled high with mountains of t-shirts and socks, chips and water bottles – tens of thousands of items to be packed by the next morning – a seemingly impossible task.

How did thousands of Yad Eliezer “thank you packages” end up packed and piled up on the back of the large Yad Eliezer delivery truck in just one night? Through our “army” – the army of volunteers that responded to our call and reported for duty at the Yad Eliezer warehouse that very day. Their mission: to create and distribute thousands of care packages – overnight.

**HOW DID WE DO IT? YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

**War broke out** – and volunteers began knocking on our doors. They worked tirelessly, singing and packing with unquenched enthusiasm, through the day and into the night.

Working together with all of you – donors, volunteers, and friends – we created Soldier Care Packages: each with warm clothes, tasty snacks, quenching drink, a note of support, and a tehillim – a care package to nourish body and soul, a care package to tell them: *Imo Anochi B’Tzarah* – We are with you. *Acheinu Kol Beis Yisrael* - You are all our brothers.
HOW DID WE DO IT? YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN.

War broke out – and dozens of soldiers were wounded. Yad Eliezer did not stop at the frontlines, but continued on to Beer Sheva’s Soroka hospital, to visit soldiers who had made the greatest sacrifices. Our “chesed unit” visited each one to express our thanks – and yours, to hear their stories and to give them chizuk, a word of encouragement, a smile of good cheer, a package of hope on behalf of Yad Eliezer friends worldwide.

War broke out – and 8,000 soldiers received Yad Eliezer care packages. Such a massive effort did not go unnoticed by the international press and the story appeared in Fox News, the New York Times, CBS and prominent media outlets around the country. It was the media’s rare positive spin on Israel’s battle to defend itself, and an extraordinary Kiddush Hashem was achieved as the world read: of an organization on a mission and a nation united.

But perhaps of more importance was the recognition that Yad Eliezer, on behalf of all the many donors to our operation, received from the army itself. Hakaras Hatov goes both ways and the troops on each base demonstrated their gratitude in any way they could. Beyond that, numerous individual soldiers took a moment out of their grueling regimen to call the Yad Eliezer office personally and say, simply: “thank you.”
HOW DO WE DO ALL THAT WE DO?

With your help. With the help of our thousands of volunteers in Israel and our thousands of friends around the world. Friends who when called upon to act do not hesitate for a moment. Friends who see a need and then respond from the heart. Friends who, via the volunteers of our Jerusalem warehouse, reached out to say Thank You to Israel’s troops.

For Yad Eliezer is more than “just” a charity – we are a global network of members of Klal Yisrael working in unison on behalf of Klal Yisrael. You, our friends throughout the world, make it possible for us to do our work. You enable us to create better lives for Israel’s civilians – and its soldiers.

War broke out – and Yad Eliezer was there for the nation.
War broke out – and you were there for Yad Eliezer.

HOW DO WE DO ALL THAT WE DO?

You make it happen. You, our volunteers and friends, continue to make our mission – the critical work of Yad Eliezer – a success.
The year 2008 will be remembered as the onset of the twenty-first century's first major recession. Economists will be arguing the causes and effects of this worldwide financial meltdown for many years to come. Essentially, however, the bursting of the housing bubble and the subprime mortgage crisis, combined with inflation of historically high proportions and the spike in prices of oil, food, and other commodities, led to an economic slowdown in the U.S. that first began in 2007. The resulting domino effect on the banking industry, the financial markets, international trade, major corporations, and individual consumer confidence developed into a full-fledged global recession by 2008. The 2008/2009 period has seen private consumption fall in the U.S. for the first time in nearly 20 years, as consumers have seen the value of their homes dropping, their pension savings decimated on the stock market, and their jobs become insecure – or lost altogether. The U.S. saw 2.6 million jobs eliminated throughout 2008, with an additional 2.6 million lost in the first four months of 2009 alone. Meanwhile, the International Labor Organization predicts that at least 20 million jobs will have been lost worldwide by the end of 2009 due to the crisis – mostly in “construction, real estate, financial services, and the auto sector” – bringing world unemployment above 200 million for the first time.
Israel has not escaped the catastrophic effects of this global crisis, which has exacerbated the already severe state of the nation’s underprivileged – and has catapulted many of the country’s formerly self-sufficient population into the poverty-stricken sector.

Initially, 2008 seemed to be a better year for Israel’s needy. The National Insurance Institute (NII) semi-annual poverty report, released in December 2008, indicated that poverty in the second half of 2007 and the first half of 2008 had actually declined in Israel for the first time in ten years. The NII report delineated that the number of people living below the poverty line had dropped from 1,674,800 in February 2007 to 1,630,400, while the number of those indigent individuals beneath the age of eighteen had decreased for the first time in years, falling from 35.8% to 34.2%, for a total of 774,000 poor children.

Even by the time the report was released, however, it was already out of date. Welfare and Social Services Minister Isaac Herzog, who presented the NII findings, himself acknowledged that “the report, which focuses on the period between July 2007 and June 2008, does not accurately reflect the current economic slowdown that began in September and has seen thousands fired.” Indeed, the month of December alone saw a staggering 17,500 people dismissed from their workplaces, clear evidence that, as 2008 ended and 2009 began, Israel would not be spared the repercussions of the financial meltdown spreading its tentacles throughout the globe.

Two additional data reports released at the end of the year confirmed just how devastating the past few months had been, and what Israel could expect – and has
in fact seen – in the months since.

One in five Israelis living on food aid has considered suicide due to economic hardship and 7% of the nation’s poor actually fear dying of hunger.

These shocking statistics were revealed in an “alternative” poverty report published by the non-profit Latet organization in tandem with the NII’s own report. The report further stated that 80% of Israelis who receive some form of financial support subsist below the “hunger line,” a more accurate reflection of the lives of the poor than the standard “poverty line.” One-third more than in 2007 were actually compelled to send their sons and daughters to non-profit boarding schools or children’s homes because of an inability to feed them. A clear majority admitted to foregoing essential medication because of its inaffordability and one in four failed to make requisite rent or mortgage payments. Finally, 44% stated simply that they could not imagine breaking out of the cycle of poverty, and believe that their children too will grow up to be poor.

Sadly, the worst case scenarios predicted for 2009 have been realized as the current recession continues to impact on the lives and well-being of Israel’s families. More and more of those previously financially independent are joining the ranks of the unemployed, and have been forced to turn to aid organizations for help with vital needs – food, clothing, rent, heating, children’s basics. At the same time, these charity organizations are cutting back their services because of the severe drop in donations. The simultaneity of these events does not bode well for the months to come. A full analysis of the widespread effects of the recession, however, will be possible only in the hindsight of the future.
Awesome! Thank you for a great experience!

It was a blast!

We love helping at Yad Eliezer!

Thank you for all that you do!

You are a great organization. Thanks!

Keep up the great work!

This organization is seriously amazing! Thank you so much for helping so many people!

Thank you tons for the opportunity you’ve given us.

Thanks! Keep up the good work! Looking forward to coming again!

Thank you for all that you do!

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Yad Eliezer began in 1980 in the kitchen of the Weisel family of Jerusalem, when Rabbi Yaakov and Hadassah Weisel prepared a basket of food for a neighbor who could not feed her children. Today, Yad Eliezer is the largest anti-hunger agency in Israel, with an annual budget of over $26 million that is applied towards the provision of food, as well as other essential programs and services, to 18,000 Jewish families nationwide.

But as we have expanded our mandate to include a range of financial and social service programs, we have never lost sight of Yad Eliezer’s raison d’etre: Feeding Hungry Families. Indeed, 31% of our annual budget is dedicated to the provision of food – basic items, produce, prepared meals, baby formula, and holiday staples – to those who need it most. Our fundamental goal remains to ensure that no Jewish child in Israel grows up without the vital nourishment he needs to mature and develop. And nowhere is the power and presence of our thousands of volunteers more critical, and more evident, than in their partnership with us in making that goal a reality.

How? And Why?

Government data reports that one in four Israeli families with children now lives below the poverty line, including more than one in every three children throughout the country. These incomprehensible statistics boil down to a single word: Hunger.

But Yad Eliezer is combating that hunger with our national network of food distribution to those who need it most. Each month, several thousand families in cities throughout Israel receive a Yad Eliezer food box. These “magic boxes” contain a range of essential pantry staples, including oil,
flour, beans, rice, peanut butter, crackers, and “treats,” sufficient to satisfy the needs of an average family for one month.

The goal is a noble one; the logistics are potentially overwhelming. To maintain this level of distribution means that every day, hundreds of boxes need to packed, sealed, stacked, and sent out to their respective destinations. The potential expenses of such a massive operation, especially on a regular basis, could easily bankrupt us. So how do we do it?

You make it happen.

Every day, our warehouse, with its mile-high food-filled shelves, is packed with high school, seminary, and yeshiva students, visitors from Argentina to Arizona to Australia, synagogue missions, bar and bat mitzvah celebrants, IDF soldiers, summer campers, Birthright participants – in a word, everyone. The diversity of the worldwide Jewish community is reflected in the panoramic spectrum of volunteers who visit the Yad Eliezer warehouse with a single aim: to give help to their fellow Jews in need. Together, they provide incalculable assistance for multitudes of hungry families throughout Israel.

And do they ever have fun while they’re at it! Walk into the warehouse any ordinary day, and you’ll hear the shouts and the laughter echoing through the twenty-foot-high ceilings, as young and old, men and women, boys and girls, families and groups, share the camaraderie and enthusiasm that erupts naturally from the knowledge that you have done something today, something that truly matters, something that will change a life.

Our devoted volunteers leave with smiles on their faces knowing that the boxes they have packed are now on their way to cities and towns throughout Israel, to the families who are waiting, anxiously, on the other end, for what you – our friends and partners – have prepared for them.

On their behalf, and ours, thank you.
Amazing organization! Yasher Koach!

I love doing this - you are wow!

Always, a fabulous, fun and meaningful experience

I love Yad Eliezer!!
Awesome job. Keep up the good work!

Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to make a difference. Good work!

It feels so amazing to know that because of us, everyone will have food this Shabbos.

You’ve touched my heart. Thank you!

We had a great time. Making others happy make us happy.

This experience made our day! We hope to come back soon and bring more friends.
OUR WAREHOUSE VISITORS ARE FROM...

U.S.
- Arizona
- California
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Georgia
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Tennessee
- Virginia

Canada
- Cote St. Luc, Quebec
- ESC, Quebec
- Hampstead, Quebec
- Hull, Quebec
- Montreal, Quebec
- Quebec, Quebec
- Richmond, BC Canada
- St. Laurent, Quebec
- Thornhill, Ontario
- Toronto, Ontario
- Unionville, Ontario
- Winnipeg, Manitoba

Israel
- Beit Shemesh
- Efrat
- Hashmonaim
- Jerusalem
- Kochav Yaakov
- Modi’in Ilit
- Ramat Beit Shemesh

South Africa
- Johannesburg

Australia
- Coolbinia, Western Australia
- Melbourne, Australia
- Perth, Western Australia
- Yokine, Western Australia

Switzerland
- Geneva

England
- London
- Manchester
- Middlesex

Mexico
- Mexico City

Brazil
- Rio de Janeiro

Argentina
5,000 volunteers visited the warehouse in 2008. Join this partnership – make your trip to Israel a more meaningful one!

Want to join in the action? Make the Yad Eliezer warehouse a part of your next visit! This is a wonderful way to incorporate a volunteer element into your trip and to demonstrate to your children the importance of helping others – even on vacation.

So...
Take two hours out of your next visit to Israel, and be part of an experience that will change a needy family’s life – and your own.

Arrange a volunteer opportunity at the Yad Eliezer warehouse for your...

- Family
- Synagogue
- School group
- Summer camp
- Bar/bat mitzvah party
- Youth group
- Mission to Israel...

To volunteer at the Yad Eliezer warehouse, contact us now at: volunteers@yadeliezer.org
Please also add a phone number: 02-591-2222 ext 9
We look forward to seeing you there!
An experience to always take with us.

We admire your dedicated work – kol hakavod

It felt very good giving to Israel!

Thanks so much for including us in this mitzvah!!
Yad Eliezer began in 1980 with its now-famous food boxes. In the nearly 30 years since, we have never lost sight of our original objective: to guarantee basic sustenance to Israel’s neediest. But as we have grown and developed, we have found it necessary to expand the definition of “sustenance” to include a range of services beyond the mere provision of a box of indispensable food items. We identified the critical fact that food distribution, while essential, can on its own breed a cycle of dependence and unravel the already frayed self-esteem of the economically disadvantaged. To counter these potential repercussions, Yad Eliezer developed a three-part system – Feeding Hungry Families, Social Services, and Celebrations – that seeks to achieve its more far-reaching goal: to relieve the immediate need of Israel’s poorest families while simultaneously empowering them to break through the vicious cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency.

How does Yad Eliezer realize these aims? Through its litany of Programs and Partnerships. Yad Eliezer’s roster of Programs has been methodically designed to combat poverty at its root, offering short-term relief to every family in need, while facilitating long-term recovery on the individual and national level. But each program succeeds in working at its most effective and fiscally efficient only through the many Partnerships forged with our tens of thousands of generous friends from around the world. We are grateful for the cooperation of our friends in our range of partnerships, including the Produce Partnership, in which dozens of Israeli farmers donate up to a million dollars worth of surplus produce to their fellow citizens; and the Adopt-a-Bar Mitzvah Partnership, which
enables bar mitzvah boys around the world to twin with boys in Israel in honor of their own coming-of-age. Then we have the Job Employment program, emergency loan funds, Holiday packages, and the list goes on…

**We are particularly grateful for the recent endowments you have given us,** endowments which have made it possible to expand the range of our services even further. These include Kol Kallah and Birchas Rachel, which, in addition to the ever-popular Adopt-a-Wedding Partnership of the Gitty Perkowski Simcha Fund, have made it possible to give tens of thousands of couples a proud and dignified start to their married lives. The long-standing Keren Yaakov Zev Orphan Support Services and our newer Chonon & Miriam Vim Widows and Orphans Fund have provided us with greater capacity to assist some of the most tragic cases in the low-income sector. Working families facing unexpected crises continue to benefit from small but targeted loans and grants from the Keren Yisroel Mordechai Emergency Fund. And our hallmark Yad Zvi Baruch Big Sisters program, and its partner Big Brothers program, which provide adult mentors for the most emotionally neglected of our youthful citizens, are literally changing the face of Israeli society, one child at a time.

**Read on for more details of the programs we offer and the partnerships you provide.**

### Keren Eliyahu Feed-a-Baby Program

The Yad Eliezer Keren Eliyahu Feed-a-Baby Program began one morning in 1989. That was the day we met Ora. Ora was unable to nurse, and so had turned to baby formula — an item far beyond the food budget for an impoverished mother of three. To postpone having to purchase any more, she kept watering down the remaining powder. Finally, she
brought her severely malnourished baby to us and begged for our help.

We found many more mothers diluting infant formula to forestall the need for the next can… And so our baby food program was born.

Today, Yad Eliezer’s Feed-a-Baby Program is the only program in Israel that cares specifically for those infants whose mothers are unable to nurse but cannot afford to purchase formula. These babies suffer increased risk of serious developmental challenges that can result from poor nutrition. We provide our 2,000 infant recipients in 42 cities with the nourishment necessary to ensure their complete physical and mental development during the critical first months of life, enabling them to grow up into healthy and happy children.

**Surplus Produce Partnership**

This program represents a unique partnership: between Yad Eliezer and the farmers of Israel. Both individual farmers and Israel’s major agricultural cooperatives have chosen to join with us in donating their excess fruits and vegetables, the surplus produce they would otherwise destroy to avoid flooding the market, to the country’s many citizens who can not afford their purchase.

Nearly one million dollars worth of produce – melons, tomatoes, avocados, peppers, oranges, potatoes, onions, and more – was donated directly to 4,500 poor families this year. Yad Eliezer’s fleet of refrigerated trucks traversed the country round-the-clock picking up farmers’ excess produce and bringing these nutritious deliveries to families throughout the country.

We are particularly proud of this program because it costs so little and
is such a testament to the innate goodness of the many generous people throughout the country who have chosen to join the Yad Eliezer Produce Partnership.

**Michyat Sara Meals-on-Wheels Program**

Thousands of elderly and disabled men and women live lives of lonely poverty. They sit alone in bare rooms, hoping for the sound that will alleviate the emptiness of their hunger and the pain of their solitude: a knock on the door. Yad Eliezer became determined to answer their silent cry. This year, our Homebound Delivery Program provided regular meals to 75 homes each week.

**Big Brothers/Yad Zvi Baruch Big Sisters Program**

In 2008, one-third of the nation’s juvenile population – 777,400 children – lived beneath the poverty line. These children are far more likely to suffer from untreated emotional or learning disabilities, parental neglect, or abuse. A disproportionate number also grow up with an “absentee parent,” a parent (usually the father) who is not present physically due to divorce, death, imprisonment, or abandonment, or one who remains emotionally unavailable due to physical disability, mental illness, or substance abuse.

The result: Thousands of children in Israel today subsist in unstable family environments with parents unable or unwilling to guide them
as they grow. These boys and girls need help to remain in a constructive framework – off the streets and in school – so as to gain the tools they need to build productive lives. To achieve these goals, we established our Big Brothers program in 1999; in 2003, the Yad Zvi Baruch Big Sisters Program, which memorializes a unique individual and his concern for youth, was launched for at-risk girls.

Applicants are referred by school principals and local social service organizations and are carefully screened to ensure their suitability for the program. Careful use of funds – nearly 90% of the 2008 budget went directly towards subsidies for individual mentors – has enabled the program to remain highly cost efficient. Furthermore, the program’s proven success has motivated most municipalities to contribute 30% of the cost of providing the Big Brothers/Sisters to eligible children in their community. We rely on foundations and individual friends of Yad Eliezer to help subsidize the remaining costs, as we strive to include ever more of the children on our waiting list.

Yad Eliezer’s Child Mentoring Program today provides supportive adult mentors to 5,300 children from low-income, single-parent homes in 33 cities nationwide, empowering them to overcome their challenging circumstances and succeed, now and in the future.

**The Shalhevet Initiative**

Building on the success of the Big Brother/Big Sister program, Yad Eliezer established the Shalhevet Initiative, which provides on-site remedial education to low-income yeshiva elementary students with learning disabilities. In our work with children from disadvantaged backgrounds, we gained insight into the educational challenges particularly prevalent among this sector, specifically, the disproportionate number of students suffering from reading and other
learning difficulties. These discoveries pointed clearly to the need for a preventative program targeted to the underprivileged student population.

This year, we provided on-site remedial education, within schools that are not government funded for this type of program, to over 250 academically challenged low-income students in grades 1 through 5, with the aim of thus preventing the development of more serious educational, emotional, and behavioral problems later on and the concomitant need for such services as our Big Brother/Big Sister Program. Such early and effective treatment empowers our students with the scholastic, personal, and social success necessary for a future of achievement as creative and contributing citizens of Israeli society.

**Job Training Program**
Yad Eliezer aims to foster dignity and self-reliance among Israel’s disadvantaged sectors, to empower those we aid to support their families without assistance. However, many of these individuals lack the skills and education essential for gainful employment.

Yad Eliezer’s Employment Opportunity Program affords men and women the opportunity to study such specialized fields as law, business management, computers, banking, marriage counseling, hydrotherapy, and social work, with potential for dignified employment, empowering them to make the dream of self-sufficiency a reality. Job placement counselors then assist graduates of the program in finding suitable positions. Careful screening of applicants and the high motivation of the participants have given us a retention rate of nearly 100%.
In 2008, 380 individuals were enrolled in Yad Eliezer’s Job Training program, at a cost of about $675,000 for the year.

**Emergency Fund**

For parents working full-time just to put food on the table, an unexpected emergency often emerges as the decisive force that propels the family into total crisis and chaos. A relatively small but well-placed sum can serve to stave off a spiraling situation and prevent the onset of a debilitating financial situation.

With this in mind, Yad Eliezer established an emergency fund to deal with one-time crises, ranging from medical and dental emergencies, unpaid rent and utility bills, and purchase of essential appliances and household items. But every case shares a common factor: these are not ongoing circumstances but single occurrences that must be addressed immediately to assure the continued and positive functioning of the family unit. Our ability to provide this critical assistance is aided by the generous endowment of Keren Yisroel Mordechai, which provides part of this funding. Yad Eliezer dispensed $6 million in emergency grants and loans during 2008.

**Widows & Orphans Assistance Funds**

**Keren Chonon & Miriam Vim Widows & Orphans Fund** – In 2006, a group of family and friends decided to memorialize their beloved Elchonon & Miriam Vim, a couple of tremendous kindness and compassion whose greatest
love was to help those in need. The Chonon & Miriam Vim Fund provides stipends of $500 or $1000 to widows, divorcées, and orphans, giving much-needed assistance to single parents and their children.

**Keren Almanos** – This special fund augments our ability to aid a most disadvantaged sector of Israeli society by serving as a direct support system for widows and orphans. Currently 180 bereaved families are receiving monthly subsidies through the Keren Almanos, providing them with a measure of financial security as they struggle to rebuild their lives and homes.

**Keren Yaakov Zev Orphan Support Services** – Jack (Yaakov Zev) Fogel was a legend in his time. He was an incredible man who had a particularly soft spot for children who had lost a parent.

Among Yad Eliezer’s 18,000 families are over 500 whose children have experienced the death of their mother or father, or of both parents. They don’t require much – only the basic necessities of life: food and love. Our Orphan Support Services provide more than just financial aid. The Fund coordinates the range of economic, medical, and psychological services these children need to ensure that they are able to grow and thrive.

**Tzefat Dental Clinic**

As rockets hailed down on northern Israel during the 2006 Lebanon War II, Yad Eliezer played a prominent role in providing food and care to both soldiers and civilians across the embattled region. In the months following the war, Yad Eliezer remained “on the front,” helping families to reconstruct their lives and overcome the traumas of the conflict period.

But that wasn’t all. Yad Eliezer resolved to transform this episode of great challenge into an opportunity for growth and development. The war had uncovered the “secret” of severe poverty rampant throughout the
North, and Yad Eliezer took advantage of the newfound governmental and philanthropic interest in the region to establish a series of long-term social welfare programs. One of our major achievements to date has been the establishment of the Yad Eliezer Tzefat Free Dental Clinic.

In March 2007, the inauguration ceremony for the Dental Clinic took place. The ceremony marked the beginning of a unique partnership between the city of Tzefat, which donated the building and exempted Yad Eliezer from future tax and utility payments; one of Israel’s health funds, which provides the dentists (whom Yad Eliezer pays); and Yad Eliezer itself.

As 2008 drew to a close, the dental clinic was in full force, with 11,000 visits over the course of the year. Every one of the thousands of children who came for treatment received the necessary dental care absolutely free, while adults paid just $5.00 a visit.

**Zichron Baila Shoe Lift Partnership**

This program is another example of how Yad Eliezer coordinates between those who have much to give and those who need so desperately to receive. It represents a partnership with schools across America, giving children and their families an opportunity to do an “easy mitzvah” – one that teaches the children the value of what they have and the importance of recognizing that while they take certain “necessities” for granted, other children may not quite be so fortunate.
Yad Eliezer’s Zichron Baila Fund coordinates the Shoe-Lift Partnership in schools throughout the United States. Children bring in their used (but still serviceable) shoes, along with a small donation to pay for the shipping costs. These shoes are then transported to Israel where they begin a new life on the feet of children whose parents cannot afford to buy them shoes.

**Gitty Perkowski Simcha Fund/Adopt-a-Wedding Partnership**

Since its inception, the *Gitty Perkowski Simcha Fund* has catered simple yet elegant weddings for couples who could not afford to host a celebration of their own. Through our *Adopt-a-Wedding Partnership*, the budget for these weddings, about 500 each year – over 12,000 to date – is covered primarily by the many newlyweds from around the world who opt to sponsor a wedding in Israel in honor of their own. This partnership is a prime example of the unique cooperation that exists between Yad Eliezer’s services in Israel and the greater Jewish community.

We at Yad Eliezer “host” the weddings in one of our halls, while the festive celebrations themselves depend on the generosity of our friends around the world who choose to share their joy by sponsoring a wedding in Israel in honor of their own special day.

**Wedding Funds**

In recent years, devoted friends of Yad Eliezer have endowed additional programs that aim to help needy couples receive a joyful start to their new lives together. They are:

- **Kol Kallah Bridal Vouchers Program** – provides upwards of 150 brides annually with vouchers towards the purchase of appliances, kitchenware, and linens at Yad Gittel, a non-profit discount housewares center in Jerusalem, while each bride receives the name of her donor so that she can pray for him/her under the *chuppah*;
- **Birchas Rachel Chasan Fund** – presenting each
groom-to-be – 50 throughout the past year – with a dignified new *kittel* and *tallis* to wear, first at his wedding, and then throughout the years to come.

**Bar Mitzvah Twinning Partnership**

Parents making a wedding are not the only ones who struggle to mark the significant milestones in their children’s lives. For hundreds of boys in Israel whose parents are forced to choose between a pair of *tefillin* for their son and food for the whole family, an upcoming Bar Mitzvah provides much reason to worry but little reason to celebrate.

In answer to this need, Yad Eliezer launched the Bar Mitzvah Twinning Partnership, which enables Bar Mitzvah boys from around the world to “twin” with their 13-year-old counterparts in Israel. With 60 Bar Mitzvahs celebrated during 2008, this program continues to give young men and their families the opportunity to make *tzedakah* a fundamental element of their own event, while giving each needy boy in Israel his very first pair of *tefillin* – and a reason to celebrate.

**Shabbat & Holiday Funds**

**Holiday Distribution Program** – Everyone deserves a special treat at holiday time. But Israel’s poorest families long ago learned to face the disappointing reality that there would be nothing special on their Yom Tov plates. Until Yad Eliezer stepped in. Last year, we distributed our *packages of joy*: 164 tons of chickens – up to ten chickens per household – along with vouchers redeemable for *matzah*, wine and other delicacies, to nearly
10,000 needy families throughout Israel, enabling them to celebrate the holidays with dignity and delight.

**Apple Pie Fund/Chicken for Shabbat Program** – For Israel’s poor families struggling to make ends meet, a chicken on Shabbat is often beyond the means of their meager budget. Yad Eliezer determined that for just a small sum each week, we could instill the homes of the hungry with an atmosphere of Shabbat serenity and joy.

Much of our funding for the Chicken Program comes from the Apple Pie Fund of Baltimore and Minneapolis. This fund is meant to commemorate a very special grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Landesman, who baked apple pies for the poor of her community in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Together, we help needy families nationwide enjoy Shabbat each week.
Yad Eliezer’s services span the width and breadth of the land of Israel, from Kiryat Shmona in the north to Eilat in the south, helping families in need in over 100 communities around the country.
Yad Eliezer is the largest food relief organization in Israel, supported by the donations of caring individuals.

**Featured Program:**
**Food Boxes**
Reaching hungry families with monthly essentials.

One-third of Israeli children live below the "poverty line." Yad Eliezer feeds 60,000 food boxes of essentials for a hungry family - rice, pasta, flour, oil and more.

**The Red Wagon**
2-minute film

**Interactive Map:**
Mouse over a city to see where Yad Eliezer is making a difference.

**News & Events**

**Tournaments for a Wonderful Cause**
Sometimes doing great things and having an incredible time go hand-in-hand! This summer, the Jersey Shore was host to 3 tournaments that raised significant amounts of tzedaka for Yad Eliezer - funds that were used to feed thousands of families throughout Israel.

**Milka's Corner**

**Adding Light to their Lives**
It was soon after Esther's husband divorced her, leaving her to raise six children on her own, that she was diagnosed with cancer. She had struggled since then, trying to provide for her children's basic needs despite the challenges of her medical condition.

**Are You... In The Picture?**

**Family Fun at Yad Eliezer this Summer**
Families from all across the US have made time during their vacations here in Israel to visit Yad Eliezer's warehouse. This week, families from Harrison, Teaneck and Toronto packed boxes which were sent out to needy families throughout Israel.

**Donate Now**

American Friends of Yad Eliezer has received the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities.
In today’s day and age everyone seems to be surfing. No matter what the weather is outside, no matter what time of day or night it is, everyone is surfing. They are surfing from the comfort of their homes, in their offices, while sipping their hot drink in a coffee shop, on the train, in fact in nearly every imaginable place – and they are surfing without getting wet!

In the current techno-communication age, cyberspace, the home of the Internet, has become the place where everyone goes, and by extension, where everyone needs to be. For any individual, organization or business who wants global coverage, the Internet is the place to create a presence, as one’s webpage on the “net” becomes the primary form of introduction for millions of people throughout the world.

We at Yad Eliezer are proud of our web presence.

www.yadeliezer.org is a comprehensive website with inviting graphics that encourages all visitors to feel welcome, to come inside and take a look around, and to become part of the Yad Eliezer family. The website is constantly being updated to ensure that the site’s tens of thousands of visitors are kept up to date with Yad Eliezer news and happenings and to give exposure to as many aspects of Yad Eliezer as possible. And those visitors keep on coming! Over the past year we have seen an incredible increase of visitors to our site, with a total of over 128,000 hits over the course of 2008.
Join us now for a behind-the-scenes look at Yad Eliezer on the web:

Home Page
Typing in www.yadeliezer.org will bring you to our homepage. There you can get an overview of all that is new and exciting here in the world of Yad Eliezer! Viewing opportunities include:

Featured Program
This feature rotates so as to constantly highlight a different one of the many programs of Yad Eliezer. “Clicking” through the illustration will lead you into the site’s What We Do section. There you can gain insight into the many aspect of the current feature, including the need for such services and how Yad Eliezer is helping to find solutions.

News & Events
This is the section that enables you and all our other site visitors to keep up with what’s going on at Yad Eliezer. Here we aim to keep you up-to-date with happenings throughout the world of Yad Eliezer, in Israel and around the globe. Discover who were the lucky winners of our last raffle campaign, just how many children were warmed this winter by our Coats for Kids campaign, and Yad Eliezer’s forays into the world media.

Milka’s Corner
A very popular feature of our site! The Milka in the title is our very own Milka Ben Zimun, who is usually the first to visit a family when they cry out to Yad Eliezer in distress. This one-woman powerhouse has seen and heard many tales of utter desolation. However it is her unremitting dedication that brings hope even in truly desperate-seeming situations. Thanks to Milka’s efforts – and the thousands of site visitors who read her stories and join in her efforts to bring hope and help to those who need it most – many of these desperate cases ultimately have happy endings.
Are You... In the Picture?
Yes, you too could be famous! You could find your photograph on the Yad Eliezer website – right here on the home page. All you have to do is volunteer – as do hundreds of groups and families each year – to pack food boxes at the Yad Eliezer warehouse in Jerusalem. In this section we feature online photo albums of the men, women and children who visit our warehouse each day. These albums serve as a great memento for those who posed, packed and smiled. Once you’ve been a volunteer, check out the website to find out: Are You in the Picture? And you won’t be the only one to enjoy your newfound fame. No matter where they may be, family and friends from around the world can see the fun you were having – and the good work you were doing – just by coming to our site and clicking on the album.

Multi-Media Center
This handy feature on our website is one that allows Yad Eliezer to come alive for our visitors. Let’s begin with the Interactive Map of Israel: Simply roll your mouse over one of the points, each representing one of the many communities where Yad Eliezer is active, and you will get a listing of which Yad Eliezer programs operate there. Then move over to the Audio Slide Show for an overview on the multi-faceted approaches Yad Eliezer is using to combat poverty and assist individuals and families in breaking that most vicious cycle. Back on the homepage, don’t miss our powerful film about the Yad Eliezer mission to support the IDF during the Gaza War – Yad Eliezer: On the Front Lines, Behind the Headlines.

Inside Our Site
Within the site itself, you can learn even more about Yad Eliezer – and how you can partner with us in making our goals a reality.
Clicking on the **What We Do** tab brings you to a comprehensive list of all of our activities. You can “roll over” any program with your mouse to learn more about Yad Eliezer’s efforts in that area, be it Food, Social Services or Celebrations, and how we are bringing relief to Israel’s needy families through our own “web” of support and empowerment programs.

**Who We Are** will give you all the background you want about Yad Eliezer. Check out **In the Press** and see the international media coverage given to Yad Eliezer’s critical work. For those who like to “crunch numbers,” the **Numbers & Success** section breaks down what we do into a range of key figures, while **Poverty in Israel** gives the background that explains just why our help is needed so urgently in the first place.

Here too you can find the archives for our readers’ favorite sections – **News & Events**, **Milka’s Story**, and **In the Picture**. So just in case you missed out on an album or update, click here to go back in time and find out everything you’ve missed.

Finally, having surfed to your heart’s content, and read in depth about all that we do and all that we are, we hope you’ll complete your virtual visit in the **Give Now** section. You can choose to make a general contribution, which we will channel into the project that needs it most, or you can choose the program you deem particularly relevant or significant. A range of sponsorship opportunities and donation options are available for each program category. Of course, the highest level of security is maintained to protect your privacy and financial information. With that in mind, what could be an easier way to give than via the website? No phone calls to make, no envelopes to mail – just the knowledge that you have provided your fellow Jews in Israel with the help they need. So without further ado…

**Visit the Yad Eliezer website today** – www.yadeliezer.org
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<td>$26 million</td>
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<td>What was the value of our donated goods and services?</td>
<td>$1.95 million</td>
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### FEEDING HUNGRY FAMILIES

| How many families received food each month through our Food Boxes program? | Jan-March: 8,000  
| April-Dec: 3-3,500 |
| How many food boxes were delivered?                                   | 40,000-45,000                  |
| What was the value of each food box?                                  | $55 at retail prices            |
| In how many cities?                                                   | 42                              |
| What was the annual cost of the Food Box program?                     | $1,127,352                      |
| How many families received baby formula each month from the Keren Eliyahu Feed-a-Baby program? | 2,000 |
| How many cans per month do they receive?                              | 6                               |
| What is the cost per can?                                            | $4.50/can, at wholesale prices  |
| Cans distributed this year                                           | 125,000                         |
| In how many cities?                                                   | 42                              |
| Annual cost of Baby Formula program?                                 | $568,662                        |
| How many families received produce through our Surplus Produce Partnership? | About 4,500                  |
| What was the total value of distributed produce?                     | $950,000 (produce was more expensive than usual in 2008)  |
| What was the value of each meal?                                      | $50 per family per week         |
| Annual cost of Meals-on-Wheels program?                              | $319,000                        |
### SOCIAL SERVICES

How many Big Brothers/Sisters were there in the Big Brothers/Yad Zvi Baruch Big Sisters program?
- 4,650 Big Brothers
- 641 Big Sisters

In how many places?
33

Annual cost of Big Brothers/Big Sisters program?
$5,029,540

Municipality contribution
30%

Age range of participants
8-13

How many students were enrolled in the Shalhevet Initiative?
259 children

How many individuals were enrolled in Job Training?
380

Which professions did they study?
Law, business management, computers, banking, marriage counseling, hydrotherapy, and social work

Annual cost of Job Training program?
$675,055

How much money was distributed through the Emergency Fund and Keren Yisroel Mordechai?
$6,004,979

How many patients visited the Tzefat Dental Clinic?
11,000

What is the charge per patient?
Children are free; adults pay $5 a visit

### Celebrations

How many weddings were made this year through the Gitty Perkowski Simcha Fund/Adopt-a-Wedding Partnership?
550

How many total weddings have been made to date?
About 12,000

Number of YE wedding halls
- 5 in Jerusalem (2 owned by Yad Eliezer and 3 where Yad Eliezer has hosting privileges)

How many couples benefited from our Wedding Funds?
- Kol Kallah Bridal Vouchers Program – 150
- Birchas Rachel Chasan Fund – 50
How many Bar Mitzvahs were made this year through the Bar Mitzvah Twinning Partnership? 60

How many families received these chickens and other delicacies?
- Rosh Hashana: 4,600 families
- Pesach: 4,600 families

How many tons of chickens were distributed during the 2008 holiday periods?
- Rosh Hashana: 67 tons
- Pesach: 97 tons (families receive additional chickens to enhance their Pesach festivities)

Holiday Fund expenses for 2008? $1,109,272

What were the 2008 costs for the weekly chicken distribution? $360,652
**Contact Us:**

*We invite you to join the Yad Eliezer Family…*

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As per your request regarding receipt of authorization for the year 2008, we hereby certify that your organization fulfills all of the legally mandated criteria for non-profit organizations. This certification will be revoked if it is discovered that the organization has violated any of the laws concerning non-profits. This certification is valid until December 31, 2009.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Ravin,
Comptroller
Office of Non-Profit Authorization
Looking Forward…

This year has been, for all of us worldwide in the throes of the global recession, a year of saying “no.” No more luxuries. No more spending. No more easy borrowing. No more ability to buy or do or give as we once did.

We too have found ourselves saying “no.” For Yad Eliezer, like every other non-profit, big and small, in Israel – and throughout the world – is suffering. It has become increasingly difficult for us to pay our basic expenses, and more importantly, to fulfill our mandate to help those in need. But even as we are “suffering” in our ability to help the poor, the poor themselves are those who are truly suffering. So many people have lost so much: their jobs, their homes, their self-respect. And now, they are in need of so much: food for their families, formula for their babies, clothing for their children, heat for their homes, job training, affordable ways to celebrate life’s milestones, dental care…

And that’s why, despite the ever-increasing challenges involved, we at Yad Eliezer continue to say “yes.” “Yes,” we will still help those in need. “Yes,” we will maintain our 30-year commitment to providing every Jew in Israel with the opportunity to live a life of dignity. We will say “yes” to them. Now we need you to please say “yes” to us. Together, we can look forward to a time of hope, health and happiness in the coming year.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sori Tropper,
Chair, American Friends of Yad Eliezer
USA
January 30, 2009

Sori Tropaer
American Friends of Yad Elizer
1102 East 26th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Dear Sori Tropaer:

On behalf of Charity Navigator, I wish to congratulate American Friends of Yad Elizer on achieving our coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management.

As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars. In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator, America’s premier charity evaluator, highlights the fine work of efficient charities such as your own, and provides donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make.

Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce American Friends of Yad Elizer has earned our fifth consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 4% of the charities we rate have received at least 5 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that American Friends of Yad Elizer consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This “exceptional” designation from Charity Navigator differentiates American Friends of Yad Elizer from its peers and demonstates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

Forbes, Business Week, and Kiplinger’s Financial Magazine, among others, have profiled and celebrated our unique method of applying data-driven analysis to the charitable sector. We evaluate ten times more charities than our nearest competitor and currently attract more visitors to our website than all other charity rating groups combined, thus making us the leading charity evaluator in America. Our irrefutable data shows that users of our site gave more than they planned to before viewing our findings, and in fact it is estimated that last year Charity Navigator influenced over $10 billion in charitable gifts.

We believe our service will enhance your organization’s fundraising and public relations efforts. Our favorable review of American Friends of Yad Elizer’s fiscal health will be visible on our website as of February 1st and to help you share this significant accomplishment with your donors, we will be sending you a direct link to American Friends of Yad Elizer’s rating page and our 4-star logo. We will email these links on February 6th to the following email address, sori@yadelizer.org. If you would like this forthcoming email sent to an email address other than the one listed above, please contact Farhana Azad at farhana@charitynavigator.org and identify your organization in the subject heading. Should you have further questions, feel free to email or call Farhana at (201) 818-1288, extension 188.

Sincerely,

Ken Berger
President & Chief Executive Officer

www.charitynavigator.org
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### Operating Expenses

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**Total Expenses** 26,455,135 100.0%

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Expenses 2008

- Food 24.7%
- Cash Disbursements 22.4%
- Big Brother 17.2%
- Wedding 10.4%
- Widows Fund 6.8%
- Holiday Fund 4.1%
- Job Training 2.5%
- Children (Baby Formula, Carriages, Diapers) 2.1%
- Other 2.1%
- Big Sister 1.5%
- Dental Clinic 1.0%
- Shalhevet 1.0%
- Medical 0.2%
- Clothing 0.2%
- General & Administrative Expenses 3.7%
Contact us through our website: www.yadeliezer.org

The financial and hands-on support we receive from our friends worldwide enables Yad Eliezer to continue our vast array of programs that aid over 18,000 families each year.

Join the Yad Eliezer Family today!