

B'NAI BRITH IN YAVNE – ISRAEL

UNIT: « NETIVEI-HA-SHALOM » (“ Paths of peace”):

« Cast thy bread upon the waters ; for thou shalt find it after many days”
(Ecclesiastes ch. 11, v. 1)

The Unit of B'NAI BRITH in YAVNE has developed very important structures of care and support in order to help needy persons and New Immigrants of the City and its Region.

Every day (except on Shabbat), 750 meals are distributed freely (peoples are asked to give a symbolic shekel, i.e. 1/5 of a US \$) to the necessitous. The meals are given warm.

On Friday peoples receive double meals for Shabbat.

Some persons are too old or invalid to come to our place. So we go to their homes to distribute the food.

Our work is recognized by Israeli Authorities and the lady who is in charge of the restaurant, our sister Mentor Esther Dachbach, used to receive recompense from the President of the State of Israel and our Unit received the reward of the Bnai-Brith of Israel as the “best lodge of Israel”.

The Municipality of YAVNE put to our disposal an old public nursery, and we prepare the meals in this building.

However the kitchen is too small to prepare 750 meals every day!

So we used to visit all the factories of the region to receive meals also from their restaurants. They accepted to help us and their drivers come to bring us the food every day.

Members of our Lodge help Esther and prepare with her 750 packets of food in the morning, distribute them in the building or at the invalids' homes in the afternoon. At the end of the day they have to wash all the utensils and the table linen. It is a very tiring work, but they do it with joy and love.

Some schools send also their pupils to help us in order to teach them how to take care of the new immigrants and all the needing people.

Our Unit distributes also a lot of clothes we receive from private donors or shops.

We also help poor families of New Immigrants to organize their bar or bat-mitzvahs, weddings and brith-milahs.

Since our City used to receive many Ethiopians and Russian Jews, we help them in many ways for their absorption in Israel.

The economical situation of Israel got worse for some parts of the population because of

the war with Palestinians; so we are planning to double the number of meals we distribute every day.

However we do not have enough financial means to do so.

We were so proud and happy to welcome the President of B'NAI BRITH INTERNATIONAL, our brother Joel KAPLAN on the 13th of February 2005. And it is at his request that we wrote this report in order to inform peoples abroad about our work in Yavne.

Here is the list of our needs:

A building which would be the property of our B'NAI BRITH Unit, because we need more room to cook and concentrate all our activities; more over, we are very thankful to the Mayor of Yavne who put to our disposal a public nursery, but the Municipality has a lot of other organizations to help and we think it would be better to have our own organization and building, and not to depend on elections of the Mayor of our city...

A car to distribute the food, because many times we do not have one at our disposal and we have to use taxis or private cars.

A monthly financial help in order to carry out all our projects, above all with new immigrants.

In the meanwhile we wish you all the best and send you a very warm Shalom from "NETIVEI HA SHALOM" in YAVNE!

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