

FEAST OF LIGHTS, TABLE OF HOPE



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"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." — Isaiah 58:10

Dear Friends,

On the evening of December 14, Jewish families around the world will kindle the first Hanukkah light. We'll gather around tables, tell stories of God's faithfulness, and watch the glow of the candles push back the early winter night. **Hanukkah is the Feast of Lights and also a feast of home, of warmth, and of family. Yet for many children in Israel this winter, the table is bare, the apartment is cold, and the sense of safety is fragile.**

Vision for Israel partnering with local "Warm House" centers that welcome children at risk after school.

These homes provide what children need to thrive: nutritious meals, quiet study spaces, consistent and caring adults, and a safe place to breathe, laugh, and heal. When a child arrives hungry and leaves nourished in body and spirit, even one evening can change the next morning.

Families are still rebuilding after the upheavals of the past two years. Many remain displaced, and many children wake each day with fear and uncertainty. In this environment, simplest acts: a warm meal, a kind voice talking with the kids, a seat around a table, become lifelines.

Thanks to your generosity, Vision for Israel has repeatedly responded with speed and compassion. From our logistics center, we mobilized aid to survivors and evacuees. Thousands received financial support, household items and baby supplies that restored dignity, while children and parents accessed counseling and safe spaces for healing. This same commitment to practical mercy fuels our food security initiative.

With your support, each children's home can offer hot meals so kids can focus and grow, healthy snacks that sustain them energy for homework and play, and the steady presence

of trained staff who know each child by name. Together, we can equip these centers to serve more kids, keep kitchens stocked, and ensure every plate provides both nourishment and dignity.

Hanukkah reminds us that even one small flame can brighten an entire room. Every hot meal, every welcoming seat at the table, every kind word is a light in a child's night. When a Warm House fills with laughter and the smell of fresh food, we glimpse true restoration.

Our hope is to spread that light across Israel's most vulnerable neighborhoods. One Warm House can brighten a street; many can brighten a city. And when you add your light, real miracles happen: anxious children find peace, hungry children are fed, and those who felt unseen discover they are cherished.

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The annual cost of the feeding program is 80,000 ILS (about \$24,500) per home. Our goal is to help more than one Warm House. Will you join us in reaching Israel's most vulnerable and bring light into their

darkness? Please give generously today at

www.visionforisrael.com/en/donate so that more children can sit down to a warm meal, a safe space, and a hopeful tomorrow.

Hanukkah Sameach,
Barry & Batya

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in."

— Matthew 25:35