

THE RACE TO 500 BOMB SHELTERS



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**"YOU WILL BE SECURE, BECAUSE THERE IS HOPE; YOU WILL
LOOK ABOUT YOU AND TAKE YOUR REST IN SAFETY."**

— Job 11:18

Dear Friends,

As the High Holidays come to a close, we have walked together through a sacred season—one marked by deep introspection, repentance, sorrow, and hope. These days of awe remind us of our fragility and of God's unending mercy. From the solemn fast of Yom Kippur to the joy of Sukkot, we have journeyed as a people from sorrow to celebration, from mourning to dancing, from the weight of repentance to the freedom of forgiveness. And now, as we step into this new season, we are called to act—to take the lessons of the holidays and put them into practice through compassion and courage.

This October marks two years since the horrific attacks of October 7th, 2023. That day shattered lives, broke families apart, and tore open wounds that still ache today. Entire communities were devastated as men, women, and children were brutally targeted. The pain of that day has not faded—it is still felt in every corner of the nation. And yet, what was meant to bring despair only strengthens our resolve as a people. Even in the face of hatred, destruction, and violence, Israel endures. Why? Because God's promises stand firm. He has not forgotten His people, and His word assures us of His everlasting protection.

Since November 2021—long before the tragic events of October 7th—Vision for Israel has worked tirelessly to bring practical protection to vulnerable communities through the installation of bomb shelters. In a nation where sirens can sound at any moment and rockets can fall without warning, these shelters are more than just reinforced rooms; they are sanctuaries of hope.

They are places where a mother can hold her child in safety, where the elderly can find refuge, and where families can wait out an attack with the assurance that their lives are shielded.

Thanks to the faithful prayers and generosity of friends like you, we have been able to install **458 life-saving shelters** across the land of Israel. These shelters are already making a difference. In Majdal Shams, for instance, a rocket from Lebanon struck just days after we had installed a new shelter. Without that shelter, more lives surely would have been lost. In Kibbutz Re'im—the site of the Nova music festival attack—shelters now stand as a quiet testimony that even in the face of unthinkable evil, God raises up His people to provide protection and hope.





We have also placed shelters in border communities such as Sderot, Ashkelon, and Ofakim—towns that have lived under the constant shadow of rocket fire. In the north, shelters have been set in Kiryat Shmona, Rosh Pinah, Tiberius, and the Golan Heights, where tensions with Lebanon and Syria remain high. Smaller towns like Karmiel, along with many villages in both the north and the south, now have access to the safety they never had before. Each shelter stands as a testimony to the power of faith in action, the kind of love that does not just speak but takes tangible steps to save lives.



we began and extend God's protective hand to even more communities.

But the need is still great. We are not finished. Our goal is to install **500 shelters by the end of 2025**. This means we must press on with urgency, because every day that passes without a shelter in place puts lives at risk. Each unit costs \$14,000 to build and install. That cost represents countless hours of safety and peace of mind for families who otherwise live in constant fear. With your help, we can finish the work

We long for the day when bomb shelters will no longer be needed in Israel. We pray for the day when swords will be beaten into plowshares, and children will grow up without the sound of sirens or the sight of rockets streaking across the sky. But until that day comes, we must remain vigilant. We must be the hands and feet of God, bringing both His love and His protection to those who need it most.

Your gift today can be the difference between tragedy and survival. It can ensure that when the next rocket is launched, a family has just enough time to reach a shelter and be saved. It can be the answer to the prayers of a mother, the hope of a father, the safety of a child. Through your partnership, you become part of a story that is bigger than all of us—a story of faith, endurance, and the unshakable promises of God.

Even as the High Holidays have ended, the call to compassion and justice continues. Let us emerge from this season not only renewed in spirit but also ready in action. Together, we can turn remembrance into rebuilding, grief into hope, and fear into safety. Together, we can protect lives and bring the light of God's love to the people of Israel.



Join us in protecting lives across Israel.

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With heartfelt thanks,
Barry & Batya



"THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCAMPS AROUND THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, AND HE DELIVERS THEM." – Psalm 34:7