



*Office of the Mayor*

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With Honor,  
To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings all,

As we know, Israel is at war, a war for our existence. On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, the State of Israel and the entire world were exposed to harsh imagery from the very face of Satan himself. Adults, children and babies were burned to death after being raped in front of their families and many were beheaded. It is impossible to describe such an evil that was unprecedented in the world.

Since October 7<sup>th</sup>, the State of Israel has decided to evacuate communities from the south and recently also from communities in the north.

The city of Jerusalem has received over 100,000 people in recent weeks.

Needless to say, these events have been complex.

The Mayor of Jerusalem is working day and night to accommodate the families in the best possible way.

Some of our primary focus has entailed: psychological services, welfare, and providing essential supplies such as clothes, toys, and baby food. In the last few weeks we started "recruiting" for the benefit of the evacuees. These "recruitments" are firstly called to strengthen resilience and secondly, most importantly, for the needs of the evacuees.

Recently, we turned to an association called "Goodness Project" which, for the city of Jerusalem, is like family that always participates at every possibility.

Upon approaching this association with a request to send as many items as possible for babies, hygiene kits, children's equipment, and anything that would do good and help these families, the association responded positively. In the following days it sent a large-scale shipment for the benefit of the evacuees. The shipment will be distributed according to the instructions of the Welfare Department of the Jerusalem Municipality.

I would like to assist as much as possible, subject to the inspection of the Importation Authority, so that this donation, including baby/children's equipment/hygiene products, reaches the families as quickly as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends Rachele and Bill from the USA who work day and night for the benefit of the city of Jerusalem in general and the State of Israel in particular.

Thank you very much and may you only hear good news,

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