

# HEALING THE HOME: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S RESERVE SOLDIERS' FAMILIES



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“AND WHO KNOWS WHETHER YOU HAVE NOT COME TO THE KINGDOM FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS?” — Esther 4:14

Dear Friends,

In the Jewish calendar, the weeks after Purim carry a meaningful shift. We move from the joy and celebration of deliverance to the sober reflection and preparation of Passover. It is a change in atmosphere; from costumes and courage to remembrance and readiness. And in many ways, this transition mirrors Israel's reality right now.

Purim reminds us how God preserved His people through bravery and unity, when ordinary men and women chose to stand together against a threat that felt overwhelming. Passover, in turn, calls us to remember freedom and deliverance, but also responsibility: the duty to protect the vulnerable, to bring others out of bondage, and to care for one another as one family.

That is why, as we approach Passover, our hearts are especially drawn to the families carrying a burden many never see. Israel's reserve soldiers have been called up again and again. Each time, they leave behind jobs, routines, and the everyday stability their families depend on. But the sacrifice does not belong to the soldier alone. Spouses become single parents overnight. Children absorb the stress, the long absences, the sudden changes, and the quiet fear. Many families are doing their best to appear strong while feeling stretched to the limit.

In response, Vision for Israel has launched a new initiative to support reserve soldiers and their families through therapeutic care and strengthening experiences. In collaboration with the army, we are hosting and delivering professional sessions designed to bring practical help, emotional support, and genuine encouragement. So far, we have held several events at the Millennium Center; some focused on building community and strength among soldiers' wives, others designed for the whole family, and even therapeutic couples sessions. And we are continuing to develop and expand this program because the need is only growing.

One young family helps show why this matters so much. A. is 25 years old, married, and the father of a little child. He serves as a major general in the reserves and has been in active reserve service since the outbreak of war on October 7, 2023.

He reports each time he is called up out of deep mission and commitment to Israel's security. His daughter was born during the fighting, and the family has faced the challenges of raising a baby while enduring intensive and prolonged service. Despite financial and personal strain, A. continues to serve with kindness, responsibility, and a heart to give. His family needs support now—stability and security alongside continued service.



Passover teaches that freedom is not just something we celebrate; it is something we protect. And in this season, strengthening the family units of those defending Israel is urgent.



Will you partner with us today to bring counseling, support gatherings, and practical care to these reserve families? Your gift can help carry the weight they have shouldered for so long: [www.visionforisrael.com/en/donate](http://www.visionforisrael.com/en/donate)

Thank you for standing with us through Purim's courage and into Passover's hope. May God grant freedom, protection, peace, and renewal to Israel, and to all who love her.

With gratitude,  
Barry & Batya

“FOR FREEDOM, MESSIAH SET US FREE—SO STAND FIRM, AND DO NOT BE BURDENED BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY AGAIN.”

— Galatians 5:1 TLV