THREE YEARS LATER: STANDING WITH THE SOLDIERS WHO STILL STAND GUARD



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"COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE, SAYS YOUR GOD." — ISAIAH 40:1

Dear Friends,

Three years ago this month, on the morning of Simchat Torah, Israel woke to sirens. Hamas terrorists poured across the border from Gaza under a barrage of rockets and went house to house through the communities of the south. Families hid in safe rooms and whispered goodbyes over the phone. Whole neighborhoods burned. By day's end, the Jewish people had suffered their deadliest day since the Holocaust, and hundreds of men, women, and children had been dragged into Gaza as hostages.

We remember it every year. But this year the remembering carries a particular weight, because October 7 is not behind us. The war that began that morning is still being fought. Our soldiers are still in Gaza and in Lebanon. The Iranian threat has not lifted.

That means the reservists who dropped everything on October 7 are still being called up, round after round. Men who have already given hundreds of days are being asked for hundreds more.

And behind every one of them is a family that is serving too.

We see this clearly at Vision for Israel. The wife who runs the household alone for months at a time. The children who wonder when Abba is coming home. These families do not wear a uniform, but they carry the war every day.

That is why supporting reserve soldiers and their families has become one of the most important things we do.

In August, we gave backpacks to the children of reservists and hosted an event at the Millennium Center to honor the soldiers in person. We have been sponsoring therapeutic sessions for soldiers and their wives together, and separate gatherings just for the wives, who so rarely get a moment that is theirs alone. Each is run with professionals and includes a meal, a speaker addressing the challenges these families face, and a small gift for every participant. We are continuing all of this into the fall, because the need is not going away.

One of the soldiers who helped organize a recent evening that VFI sponsored wrote to us afterward about why they wanted to give their spouses and families a night of good food, music, and laughter. His words say more than ours could:

"This event was born after a long and intense period of reserve duty. Together we went through hundreds of reserve days, extended periods away from home, a lot of uncertainty and a lot of difficult moments. Along the way, we realized that the struggle is not just for the soldiers. The spouses and families who stay at home are also going through a complex period, holding down the house, the children, and the routine, and allowing us to continue doing what we need to do.

"Beyond the practical help, there is something empowering and moving in knowing that there are people on the outside who see us, appreciate what we do, and especially understand that even after such a long period of reserve duty, it is important to continue to stand by the soldiers and their families. We really don't take it for granted."

Friends, the "people on the outside" he is describing are you.

When you give to Vision for Israel, you are the reason a reservist's wife gets an evening where someone else has thought about her. You are the reason a child walks into school with a new backpack. You are the reason a soldier who has spent hundreds of days away from home can sit with his family, laugh, and know he has not been forgotten.

Three years after October 7, the soldiers of Israel are still standing guard. Will you stand behind them?

Please give today at **visionforisrael.com/give**. Your gift will help us continue these gatherings, counseling sessions, and practical support for as long as the call-ups keep coming.

Am Yisrael Chai. The people of Israel live.

With love and gratitude,

Barry & Batya

"CARRY EACH OTHER'S BURDENS, AND IN THIS WAY YOU WILL FULFILL THE LAW OF MESSIAH." — Galatians 6:2

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Your Powerful Legacy

'I CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED YOU THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN...'

— JOHN 15:16

Do you ever think about what you'll leave behind? Your legacy that will remain after you've passed?

It can be a powerful question to grapple with. On the one hand, it's a very lofty concept, and on the other, a matter of stark practicality: "What will become of all of my 'stuff'," and further— "What can I do to help the people and causes I care about, even after I've passed?"

Fortunately, some incredible things can be done for the good of God's people through legacy gift-giving. And with some basic steps, anyone with a willing heart has the ability to make a resounding impact with their gift.

Speaking of Abel and the offering he gave, the author of Hebrews says, "And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks." Over the years, God has placed it on people's hearts to remember Vision for Israel in their wills — and so their voices still speak.

As you consider your options, we ask that you prayerfully consider leaving a faith legacy to Vision for Israel. This ministry bears so much fruit in the land of Israel, and through the gifts of our generous donors, our work is changing not only the lives of the Israelis we directly reach, but future generations. Truly, that is a fruit that remains.

In His Service,

Barry and Batya Segal
Founders, Vision for Israel

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The Practical Benefits of a Legacy

Leaving a legacy in your will enables you to make a planned gift to a cause close to your heart while ensuring that your dependents are provided for. A legacy will cost you nothing today and can be a valuable way of reducing your inheritance tax liability on your estate. This is because a legacy in your will to a registered charity like Vision for Israel is tax-free.

The Importance of Making a Will

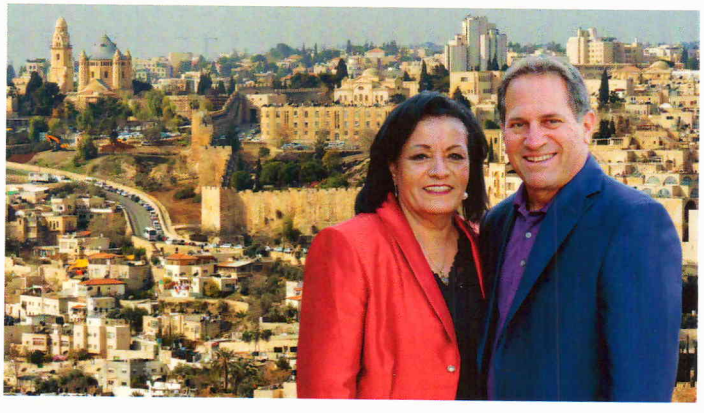
Preparing a will is an important thing to do for the sake of your loved ones. A properly drawn-up will ensures that those closest to you are provided for, instead of your assets being directed somewhere else or to the state. Through a will, your desires will be carried out—making arrangements easier on your family and friends, and giving you peace of mind that your estate will be handled as you would like.

How to Make a Bequest to Vision for Israel

We always advise our friends and supporters who wish to make a legacy to Vision for Israel to consult a lawyer when writing your will. If you are making a bequest, the most important consideration is to make certain that you use the correct name and address for our office. Thank you for remembering Vision for Israel in your will!

"THE LORD KNOWS THE DAYS OF THE UPRIGHT AND THEIR INHERITANCE SHALL BE FOREVER."

— PSALM 37:18



Why Leave a Legacy?



A legacy is a significant way to sow your powerful gift into Vision for Israel after you have passed on. By remembering Vision for Israel in your will, you are — by the grace of God — helping to bless the nation of Israel and continue that blessing into the next generation.

Different Types of Legacy

- **A pecuniary bequest** is a gift of a fixed sum of money left in your will. Its value will decrease over time as the cost of living increases.
- **A specific bequest** is a named item, like a piece of silver or a piece of jewelry.
- **A contingent bequest** is a gift that will be left if certain conditions have been met first. For example, a bequest to charity will only be made if the designated beneficiary predeceases the person making the will.
- **A residual bequest** is the remainder of the estate after all the other bequests have been made and debts have been cleared. You can leave the whole or a portion of your residual estate, after other bequests have been met, to family, friends or a registered charity.

What Next?

Having decided what gifts or bequests you would like to make, the first step is to meet with your lawyer to set up a will and to establish an executor. It is the executor's job to make sure that your wishes are carried out as stated in the will.

It's very important that the legal formalities are carried out properly to make sure your will is valid. The will is then executed when you sign it in front of a witness. Some states require wills to be notarized, but your lawyer can advise you concerning your state's requirements.

Your lawyer will keep a copy of your will, so make sure your family members know who your lawyer is. It's important to remember to store a copy of your will in a safe place. Thousands of wills go missing each year, become damaged (making them invalid), or get lost. If you do not have a safe place to keep your will, you may want to ask your lawyer about a lifetime storage option.

Finally, make sure to review the will from time to time. It can be updated or added to by attaching what is called a codicil, but you must follow the same legal formalities as for the will itself. Sometimes it may be necessary to rewrite the will because of significant changes in circumstances, but your lawyer can advise you on those matters.

Final Thoughts

It is rarely easy to bring up the subject of wills, but the reality is that legacies left in wills provide vital income to charities like Vision for Israel.

Many people support charities during their lifetime, but only around 7% leave a gift to charity in their will. A small increase in this percentage could make an enormous impact on charities like ours.

We appreciate your consideration of this and thank you for your continued support of the work we are doing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."

— MATTHEW 6:21

This brochure is for information purposes only. We recommend you use a professional adviser when making or amending your will.

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