

# CHEVRA REPORT



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## CHEVRA USA

Chevra is the American entity for our international effort. Chevra's work is a way people can make a real difference in the lives of many people in need.

## 2015 RECAP ▶

Our work in the past year has expanded and changed because of Global Politics. We have been working in Ukraine for many years, and have continued to operate our soup kitchens and food distribution in Western Ukraine. The war between Ukraine and Russia continues in the Eastern part of Ukraine. In the city of Zaporozhe, in central Ukraine, there are 95,000 refugees, which has put a severe strain on that city and its emergency services. This past fall, I traveled to Zaporozhe and visited our soup kitchens and refugee camps. I heard stories of people whose homes had been bombed and they were living with their children in their basements until they were able to make their way to Zaporozhe. We brought them food parcels, and comfort. While I was there, I was asked if we could sponsor ten more people. The cost of feeding ten people for a month is \$330. We are looking to support as many people as we can. Your giving helps toward this goal.

Dr. Michael Schiffman

Director of Chevra



## ISRAEL ▶

Many people talked about the blood moons and expected for a major cataclysmic event to take place this fall. Many missed, however, a major event that became a huge game-changer in geopolitics. On 30th September 2015, the 3rd day of Sukkoth, the Russian Federation Council granted the request by Russian President Vladimir Putin to deploy the Russian Air Force in Syria. Are we close to Ezekiel 38?

Jewish people are lining up in Moscow—today one needs to wait for six months to meet the Israeli consul in order to start one's aliya process.

You remember that I wrote about a family of new immigrants, whose daughter is sick with leukemia. They arrived to Israel just a month ago from the Donetsk area and need to go through the bone marrow transplantation operation.

They needed air conditioners in their apartment as Liza needs to stay in an isolated area for three months after release from the hospital.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to help the Glazov family, whose daughter Liza needs a miracle—please continue to pray for her.

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New people call us on a daily basis, needing help with their aliya process.

There is a program called Na'ale for young people to study in Israel and Nellie was accepted three years ago. Her father, Yaakov, is Jewish but since he registered his marriage with his wife after that Nellie was born, the Ministry of Interior demands DNA testing for Nellie. Nellie's mother Natalia was devastated—they don't have the money it takes to pay for the testing. They just arrived from Ukraine and have no relatives or friends in Israel. While DNA testing itself costs about \$500 per person, the lawyers' fees can make the whole process ten times more expensive.

Another mother from Belarus, whose Jewish husband died in a car accident, asked for our help. Only DNA testing can prove that their son is actually related to his late father and can make aliya to Israel. No organization responded to her cry but, together with you, we can make her dream come true and see Daniel become an Israeli citizen.

It is such a joy to see people receive their ID cards and citizenship!

Nadia is happy for her new ID card and status of a citizen.

There are those like Anton K., who arrived to Israel and turned to lawyers for help when they encountered problems. Borrowing

US \$13,000 from his relatives to pay for the lawyers' fees didn't help him to solve the problem. The Ministry of Interior refused to accept them, and forced them to leave the country deep in debt. We were sad to learn about this and will help Anton's family to complete his aliya process. The difference is that we don't expect Anton to pay us anything.

There are also families that we have been supporting as they fight for their right to live in Israel. We've been financially supporting 80-year-old Galina Kuppenko, who returned to Israel in March. The Israeli National Insurance Institute doesn't pay her the old age allocations, because after she made aliya there was a period of five years she didn't reside in the land.

We continue to support elderly Holocaust survivors in their needs—Marcel Kapulovich is happy for the food card.

### ISRAEL SHIPPING »

The donations from Chevra's donors are very greatly appreciated. What was the money spent on?

It was part of the customs clearance of a 40-foot container of furniture, clothing, new shoes, aid center equipment, etc. for new immigrants from the country of Ukraine.

Israel's immigration numbers are higher

in 2015 due to the recent Russia-Ukraine War in which families had to leave everything behind in many cases and flee for their lives.

When they entered Israel, a large percentage came with only a few suitcases.

In the US and in Israel, the middle class population would not go to a humanitarian aid center and pick out clothing for themselves and their family. However, boxes of clothing, new shoes and furniture are to the needy like the very dew from Heaven.

More importantly, something else begins to happen. They find that the people in the aid center are good people worthy of friendship, and relationships develop. This is the beginning of the life-changing experience and growth of the community of believers in God and His Messiah. This is why we've seen exponential growth in numbers.

Please tell the donors so that they understand the wonderful thing they have participated in.

### THE COMING YEAR'S GOALS »

In the coming year we hope to meet the challenges of doing our work helping the poor and elderly Jews of Ukraine. We can do nothing without your continued help.

Please stand with us, as the work is expanding.