



## Emergency Support

Israel is at one of the most difficult crossroads in our history, we are heartbroken over the losses, the hostages and over what will still happen in the coming days and weeks and maybe longer....

While the government agencies are struggling to support the needs of the war, it is civil society and the people of Israel that came forward to help. In many cases, the volunteers and civil society organizations have been the first to respond. The power and resilience of the people of this country is inspiring and even during this difficult time, we can already see the initiatives of civil society in Jerusalem making a difference. We are focusing our attention on the immediate needs of those coming to the city for refuge, and on the community initiatives taking care of the most vulnerable residents of Jerusalem. The School system is currently closed across the country and even if it re-opens in the coming days, it will not include any of the regular after school care or programs and civil society is trying to provide alternative solutions during this time of trauma.

Please see the list of immediate and current needs below and any support at this critical time will make a difference and help us to overcome during this most difficult time in Israel's existence. This will be an evolving list that will be updated with changing needs as the situation changes.

Program	Description and Need	Details	Cost
Community Centers	Support for bereaved families, injured family members, essential service workers and mobilized soldiers	Many families need help with childcare, psychological support, food deliveries and much more. There are currently approx. 100-150 families affected per neighborhood	\$25,000 per community center (more families may be affected in coming weeks)
SAHI – Youth group	Food Baskets for vulnerable populations, isolated elderly and evacuated families and those with mobilized soldiers and injured or bereaved	Delivery of food parcels across the city to those in need. There are problems with regular delivery services due to mobilization and the need to stay close to shelters	\$100 per food basket – for 200 families: \$20,000
Art workshops for children of evacuees	Many families from the south have been evacuated to the center of the country	Special art workshops organized and carried out by Studio of Her Own	\$5,000



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	including Jerusalem. They are traumatized and have no regular activities for the children	(women's art studio in Jerusalem) at the hotels were evacuated families are staying	
Small theater groups – special performances for children	Children are traumatized by events of the war. Children evacuated from the south as well as children whose parents have been mobilized	Koom Koom Theater, Train Theater and Mashu Mashu Theater have all prepared special performances for children to help with the trauma and fear – they will visit bomb shelters and safe rooms and centers for the refugees/evacuees	\$10,000 per theater company
Artists to visit hospitals	Many injured soldiers and civilians are in Jerusalem hospitals and facing trauma and injuries. Jerusalem artist companies and theater groups to visit hospitals and perform in rooms and for small groups	Organized through the Jerusalem Foundation and the Jerusalem Municipality Culture Dept	\$20,000 to enable visits over the next weeks
Isolated Elderly and Holocaust Survivors	Many elderly and Holocaust Survivors are not able to leave their homes and are in need of contact and care. All regular activities are suspended and home visits and emotional support are essential – also food deliveries and more.	There are over 600 Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem and many more isolated elderly.	\$25,000 per month for support of those in need
Families of children with special needs	During times of crisis, families like this need extra support. All regular educational programs are closed. They are isolated at home and spending long periods of time in shelters	Increase of the emergency support line for families in need, as well as special programs and materials delivered to them and in some cases, sending qualified support workers to the homes	\$15,000 for current and immediate needs
Women's Shelters and Children's Shelters	Shelters that are housing children who have been removed from their homes and women who have been abused, in some cases also with children, are facing particular challenges due to the situation	Need for extra psychological support for women and children already dealing with trauma and fear. Women's Shelters in Jerusalem (3) and Children's Shelters (2)	\$5000 per shelter
Visits to the Zoo – Aquarium, Tower of David Museum, Israel Museum,	These visits (when they become possible through Home Front Command) will allow families and children – evacuated	Main costs for this program are transportation and enriched programs for the visits	\$25,000



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Cinema – free entrance and special programs for children and families from the south	and refugees from the south, some relief from the situation.		
Special childcare centers for children or medical workers	Doctors/nurses/medical staff are working around the clock and in many cases, one parent is mobilized and the other working at hospitals – all childcare is closed and this is especially for their children only	The childcare for medical workers is functioning in 3 locations for 300 children	\$20,000 per center for each month of activity