

Dear Partners,

On June 25th 2017, the Board of Directors of "The Psifas Fund in Memory of Yosef Goodman and Eliezer Globerman" convened for its monthly meeting, and approved 16 requests, which came to a total of 43,100 shekels.

*Names and personal details have been altered to protect the privacy of the recipients.

1. 4500 shekel were given to Maya for a professional makeup course:

Maya is 19 years old. Her family lives in dire conditions, without hot water, an oven or a washing machine. Maya lives in a dormitory because of parental neglect. She finds her studies overwhelming. The dormitory staff has encouraged her to take a professional makeup course which would equip her with a skill, in anticipation of the time when she sets out on her own. The Psifas Fund will help Maya acquire a skill, enabling her to empower herself in a way consistent with her abilities, and thereby take a significant step forward towards independent living.

2. 1900 shekel were given to Chaim for psycho-didactic evaluation:

Margalit, married with children, has one son with special needs, who attends a regular school accompanied by a teacher's aide. Her second son, Chaim, suffers from learning disabilities and also receives classroom assistance. Chaim needs a psycho-didactic evaluation in order to help him choose an appropriate high school and in order to benefit from certain leniencies on his bagrut exams. The Psifas Fund will enable Chaim to attend a high school which suits his needs, and thereby take a significant step towards an equal opportunity to finish his studies successfully.

3. 2100 shekel were given to Bracha for a professional makeup course:

Bracha, married with children, participates in a rehab program for violators of the law. Her husband receives a disability stipend. In the course of her rehab program Bracha spoke of her dream of working in the field of makeup, and she took part in a professional makeup and cosmetics course. She has already begun to work in the field and even purchased some of the equipment necessary to open her own business. She needs additional money to pay for the course. The Psifas Fund will help Bracha receive training and a certificate in a worthwhile field which interests her, enabling her to enter the job market and provide for her family's welfare.

4. 2000 shekel were given to Salim for a degree in Land of Israel Studies:

Salim is a 29 year old Moslem. He has exhibited great determination in his desire to acquire an education, study Hebrew and become part of Israeli society. Salim participated in a course for tour guides and earned credits towards a university degree. He works as a tour guide, but his salary is erratic and dependent upon the amount of guiding he actually does. If he cannot cover his tuition he will not be permitted to take his exams. The Psifas Fund will help Salim complete his university studies, concentrate upon his professional advancement as a tour guide and lead an independent life.

5. 2500 shekel were given to Clarice for a course in nail-building and purchase of necessary equipment:

Clarice is divorced with two children. She has no family support. She intended to come to Israel to find work, but was actually brought to serve as a call-girl. Her partner took advantage of her and abused her emotionally



and verbally, as well as financially. She now lives in rented quarters and is trying to put her life together. She used her savings to take a manicure-pedicure course and now works for someone twice a week. She would like to continue her training and work independently, to which end she wants to take an additional course in nail-building and purchase the necessary equipment. The Psifas Fund will enable Clarice to open a new chapter in her life, with a respectable and worthwhile profession, giving her the opportunity to grow.

6. 5000 shekel were given to Yiska for the second year of a reflexology course:

Yiska is divorced with children. Although she suffers from mental problems, until recently Yiska held a job in a hotel kitchen, with the assistance of a supportive-work-environment. A few months ago she began to suffer from back problems and stopped working. Yiska started to study reflexology, and the hotel would like to employ her in its spa when her medical condition will allow that. The Psifas Fund will help Yiska complete her studies in reflexology, and make a respectable living in a profession which suits her abilities.

7. 5000 shekel were given to Nechama for a professional makeup course:

Nechama, 21 years old, grew up in a haredi family. She moved from one educational institution to another and suffered from emotional crises. A few months ago she started working at a project for youngsters-at-risk. Nechama comes to work regularly, rents an apartment and has stopped smoking and drinking, but she still has a variety of challenges to deal with. She would like to study and work in the field of beauty care. The Psifas Fund will help Nechama move ahead, acquire a respectable profession and take a significant step forward towards a secure and independent life.

8. 4500 shekel were given to Limor for a course as an aerobics instructor:

Limor is 39 years old, divorced with children. She works at two jobs and earns minimum wages. She is still repaying old debts and has been declared bankrupt. Someone who recognized her dancing talents, offered her a job as an aerobics instructor for young girls, but she must have certification as a licensed instructor in order to take the job. The Psifas Fund will help Limor pay for her studies as an aerobics instructor, thereby acquiring a profession which will guarantee her a more profitable job, enabling her to leave the cycle of poverty for a more successful life.

9. 1500 shekel were given to Shmulik for a psycho-didactic evaluation:

Shmulik, aged 17, has limited scholastic abilities. His writing skills are poor and he has difficulty formulating and organizing texts. He also has social problem Shmulik's school would like him to undergo a psycho-didactic evaluation so that he can receive appropriate placement and certain leniencies on bagrut exams, which would help him pass the exams and improve his self-image, perhaps helping him socially as well. Shmulik's parents are uncooperative and refuse to pay for the evaluation. The Psifas Fund will help him with the evaluation and leniencies on the exams, so that he can do better in school. Hopefully that will enhance his self-esteem and enable him to move forward with confidence.

10. 1800 shekel were given to Adi for a course for ABA caregivers:

Adi is 35 years old, divorced with children. Two of her children are autistic. Adi began university studies but quickly realized that she would not be able to keep up with the requirements and stopped her studies. She is interested in taking a four-month course in ABA, a field which really suits her. She chose this course because



she is familiar with the field – her own children are treated with this system. She thinks she can work with children who suffer from communication problems, in kindergartens and schools, and privately as well. Currently she survives on child support and government stipends allocated to her children. The Psifas Fund will help Adi acquire a respectable and rewarding profession suited to her circumstances, with opportunity for growth, and get her out of the circle of the needy.

11. 1500 shekel were given to Malka for equipment for toddler activities:

Malka is a 40 year old single mother. One of her children has special needs and since birth Malka has not worked, in order to be available for the child. Malka is mentored by the municipal employment center, which conducted an evaluation of her skills and abilities. Upon their recommendation she took a course in providing toddler activities and began working in the field. She purchased some of the necessary equipment, but needs additional equipment in order to expand the range of activities she can offer. The Psifas Fund will help Malka purchase the equipment, in order to expand the range of the activities she can offer, increase her income and move on to a more independent and productive life.

12. 5000 shekel were given to Sharon for a course in canine therapy:

Sharon is 30 years old. She lives with her ailing mother and assists her in all daily functions. In addition, Sharon is paying off family debts and supporting her father. Sharon has been working in after-school centers for children-at-risk. Motivated by her experiences there, she decided to study canine therapy, in order to work as a therapist and as a trainer. The Psifas Fund will help Sharon receive professional training in a field which suits her capabilities, enabling her to earn a living and take strides towards independence.

13. 1500 shekel were given to Chana for a course in confectionery:

Chana is divorced with a child. She was divorced because she suffered abuse. Since the divorce she has made ends meet with the child support funds she receives, while working at various random jobs. Chana is registered with an employment service and as part of the program she decided to realize her dream to work as a confectioner and earn her living independently. The Psifas Fund will help her realize her dream to be a confectioner, move forward and leave the cycle of the needy.

14. <u>1800 shekel were given to Hamutal for a master's degree in rehabilitative psychology:</u>

Hamutal, 29 years old, was born into a haredi family. With her family's support she completed the bagrut exams and began studies for a degree in psychology. But when she decided to leave religion her family abandoned her, depriving her of emotional and economic support. She needs help to pay the tuition for her second year of studies for a master's degree in rehabilitative psychology. The Psifas Fund will help Hamutal complete her advanced studies thereby acquiring a profession which will give her independence and security.

15. 1500 shekel were given to Tania for a course as a trainer for professional swimmers:

Tania is divorced, with a child. For years she worked for minimum wages in cleaning. When she left her job she immediately initiated contact with an employment service to find a field that would suit her abilities. She registered for a particular course, which did not take place, and would now like to take a course as a trainer for



professional swimmers. The Psifas Fund will help Tania take the course in which she will learn a unique and respectable profession, enabling her to rejoin the work force and earn a living in her chosen field.

16. 1000 shekel were given to Matan for a course as a traffic controller:

Matan is married with children, and both he and his wife work full-time, in order to repay loans which they took during the period when they were not working. As part of their financial restructuring, Matan would like to take a course for traffic controllers, which would enable him to get a job in one of the big hi-tech firms, thereby increasing the family income. The Psifas Fund will help Matan expand his fields of expertise and move on to a more senior position with higher income, providing a more comfortable life for his family. This donation was made to commemorate the memory of Zvi Noiman z"l, may his memory be bound in the bonds of life.

This donation has been given in memory of Zvi Neuman z''l, May his soul be bound in the bond of life

While sending this monthly report, we take the opportunity to once again ask for your assistance in spreading word of the Psifas concept and initiative among your friends and acquaintances, in the hope that they too will join the Israeli Psifas Fund. We would like to emphasize that all donations go directly to the recipients or to the service provider, and not to organizational expenses. All donations are tax deductible.

We receive many requests, and your contributions and involvement are critical.

Thank you, The Psifas Fund