



Dear Partners,

On February 9th, 2018 The Psifas Fund committee in honor of Yosef Goodman and Eliezer Globerman convened for its monthly meeting and approved 23 requests that came to a total of 77,300 Shekel:

\*Names and identifying details have been altered to protect those who turned to us for help.

**1. 4000 Shekel were given to Yonatan to fund a Cooking Course:**

Yonatan was diagnosed with severe behavior issues which caused him to quit any educational program he partook in. Yonatan successfully joined Elems Employment Program where he started working as a chef in a restaurant and his confidence grew. As a result he decided to complete his bagruyot and excelled at his job. He would like to continue excelling in the field and registered to a professional cooking course which he has been funding out of savings he has from his salary but he would like assistance in the rest of the courses expenses.

**2. 5000 Shekel were given to Maayan to fund a BA in Art:**

Maayan is a young lady with a complicated background. Her mother passed away when she was young. Throughout the years she suffered of untreated mental issues. She is incredibly capable and talented and has started art classes that have been assisting in her mental improvement. Maayan would like to be an Art teacher and although she is in touch with her father, he cannot afford to fund the studies and she needs financial assistance.

**3. 3500 Shekel were given to Yifat to fund her Cosmetics Course:**

Yifat is single and has a child. She has a history of mental issues and is in a rehabilitation employment program in her community. She lacks family support as her father has passed away and her mother is not in the picture. Yifat receives disability pensions and works part time in a community center. Yifat has social anxiety and would like to work as a cosmetician- an intimate job that is right for her.

**4. 3000 Shekel were given to fund Moriya's Secretarial Course:**

Moriya is a divorced woman with 2 children. Her children suffer from emotional issues and their therapy requires emotional and financial resources. Moriya has been interested in working as a secretary, in a stable and permanent job but she cannot fund the courses expenses and is asking for assistance.



**5. 3000 Shekel were given to fund Yoav's Music Classes:**

Yoav's parents divorced due to violence. Yoav's mother suffers of PTSD and receives disability pensions. In addition, he has to deal with his mother's difficult past and disconnect from his father. Yoav "discovered" music and it has been helping him with his daily coping. Yoav is incredibly talented- he can play many instruments and participates in many paying groups. His family can't afford to fund his afternoon music classes.

**6. 2000 Shekel were given to Ziona to fund her Kindergartens Equipment:**

Ziona is married with 9 children. The father of the family works as a rabbi in a synagogue. The family has financial difficulties and is receiving outside assistance. Ziona has experience and knowledge as a kindergarten teacher and has decided to working at a kindergarten (acknowledged by the Tamat). The kindergarten receiving all the permits necessary and has opened recently. She has rented equipment she needs in order to open but would like to get permanent equipment.

**7. 3000 Shekel were given to Merav to fund Make up Classes:**

Merav is married and has 2 children. Her husband has been dealing with trauma from when he was young and in addition, the stress of dealing with debt from a failed business. Merav works as a kindergarten assistant and works part time as a hairdresser before events. The family has been receiving employment guidance and assistance which has pushed Merav to realize her goal of becoming a makeup artist and hairdresser. She cannot fund the course herself.

**8. 2000 Shekel were given to Michal to fund her Nail Beautician Course:**

Michal is a divorce mother. In the past she began a higher education but didn't complete them as a result of a nasty divorce. Michal has been trying to rebuild her life and has been renting an apartment by receiving a loan from a relative. Michal has a complex medical illness that doesn't allow her to work in any strenuous jobs and would like to take courses enabling her to work as a nail beautician where she won't strain herself beyond her abilities and remains in the field that she has been working in for years.

**9. 2000 Shekel were given to Shulamit to fund her Baking Course:**

Shulamit has 3 children. She and her partner have worked for years in a failed business that they owned. They sold the business a year and a half ago and were left with 1.5 million shekel debt. The couple doesn't have an education and have been working since at part time jobs for minimum pay. In order to pay back the money they owe, they have been trying to find other incomes. Shulamit has experience in baking as an amateur and would like to earn a living from baking as a main income.



**10. 2000 Shekel were given to Avital to fund a course as a Gym Instructor:**

Avital is divorced and has 3 children. One of her sons was diagnosed with Autism a few years ago. Since his birth she has been working in different non-committal jobs. After her divorce, Avital had a challenging time and has decided a few years ago to rehabilitate her life. She registered to a gym instructor course, a field that she has always enjoyed. She has paid for the majority of the courses cost but needs assistance in completing payment.

**11. 4000 Shekel were given to Yifat to fund a Toddler's Movement Course:**

Yifat is married with 5 children. She has training as a preschool teacher. She has found it challenging to work in day care centers as she wants to be home for her children in the mornings and afternoons. Her husband is independent and his income is unstable and low. Yifat began to work in preschool activities classes as an instructor and has been receiving a higher salary and hour flexibility. She would like to offer more classes for toddlers in different kindergartens once she completes her toddler movement course.

**12. 7000 Shekel were given to Alexandra to fund her Physical Education Course:**

Alexandra is a single mother of 2 children. She started studying physical education a few years ago and worked as a swimming instructor. Alexandra suffered from a violent boyfriend who held her back from continuing her studies and finding a more substantial job. In the past year, Alexandra has been building up her life and has gone back to school. She is in her last year of studies, her courses are intense and it has been hard for her to work and study simultaneously.

**13. 2000 Shekel were given to Galit to fund a Medical Massage Course:**

Galit is a divorced mother. She moved to Israel a decade ago and has no family support. Her ex-husband was violent towards her. In the past, she had a successful nail art business and would like to gain knowledge and experience in other similar fields so that she can provide other services and increase her income.

**14. 6000 Shekel were given to Avishai to fund a degree in Special Education:**

Avishai is an ex-addict who has been clean for 5 years. In the last few years he managed to successfully made a change in his life and has strengthen himself socially and has rekindled his relationship with his family. Avishai has been working as an assistant in Special Education and would like to work as a teacher of Special Education. He has already paid most of the tuition but needs assistance completing the rest.



**15. 7000 Shekel were given to fund Tikva's Bagruyot:**

Tikva moved to Israel with her father and sisters 8 years ago. Her father left Israel a few years later and she has since been guardian for her younger sisters which meant she had to quit her studies so that she could provide for herself and her sisters. Her siblings are currently in their own program and Tikva would like to go back to school, complete her Bagruyot and go on to being a nurse.

**16. 2000 Shekel were given to Sara to fund her classes in Chinese Medicine:**

Sara is the youngest of 10 children. Her mother passed away when she was young and her father has since remarried. Sara's younger siblings were brought up by her older sister while she grew up in dormitories. Her father is older and ill. He lives abroad and can't help his children financially. Sara works to provide for herself and her siblings. She has been studying Chinese Medicine simultaneously and needs assistance in paying for the classes.

**17. 5000 Shekel were given to Yakov to fund his course in Electricity and Car Mechanics:**

Yakov is married and has a child. When Yakov was young he studied car mechanics and worked in the field for years until he hurt his foot while working in a car garage. He is currently receiving disability welfare but he would like to earn a living in a respectable way by working in car mechanics.

**18. 5000 Shekel were given to Yitzchak to fund studies in Education:**

Yitzchak is married and a father of 5 children. The family has been in financial dire straits for years. His wife is unwell and has been receiving disability payments. Two of the children have attention and learning difficulties and their treatments require financial and mental resources. Yitzchak has been working in the educational system and would like to be a teacher and educator. He has been finding it challenging to pay for the rest of the studies expenses.

**19. 1800 Shekel were given to Rachel to fund a Psycho Didactic Diagnostic Test for her son Meir:**

Meir is a 8<sup>th</sup> grader from Ethiopian descent. His parents are divorced. His father works in a factory and his mother cares for the elderly. Meir has a hard time sitting still in class and he barely participates in the studies or activities. The schools solutions aren't effective and they think that a diagnostic test could be the way to find the right learning program for him. The family is having a hard time paying the cost of the test and is requesting financial aid.



**20. 5000 Shekel were given to Yehudit for her BA in Art and Education:**

Yehudit moved to Israel with her grandmother when she was young. She had a rough childhood and suffered from a violent relationship. She left her home when she was 17 years old and has since provided for herself. She began studying Art and Education years ago but she couldn't complete them as a result of mental and financial obstacles. She is currently partaking in a rehabilitation program and has been working for a living. Part of her rehabilitation process is to complete her academic studies. Yehudit has accumulated debt and is having a hard time paying for her tuition fully.

**21. 1500 Shekel were given to Nur to fund her Building Engineering Studies:**

Nur is a young woman from the Bedouin sector. Her father doesn't live at home and doesn't support his family. The family lives on very small means and Nur and her older sister provide for their family. Nur participated in a program in Female Empowerment, completed her bagruyot and is currently studying building engineering. She needs help in funding her classes

**22. 1500 Shekel were given to Nechama to fund a Psycho Didactic Diagnostic Test for her son Michael:**

Michael, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student is one of many children. This father isn't in the line of health but doesn't get treatments. His mother works many hours and is rarely home. The family is considered bankrupt due to their massive debt. Michael started a new school at the beginning of the year and has been finding reading and writing challenging. A diagnostic test will allow the school to find the right learning program for him but his family cannot afford the cost of the test.

**23. 1500 Shekel were given to Tehilla to fund a Psycho Didactic Diagnostic Test for her son Amir:**

Amir is a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student and started a new school this year after being removed from other schools. Amir has a gap in studies and serious attention issues which makes it difficult for him to sit in class. A diagnosis will allow his school to find the program that is most appropriate for him. His parents have both been fired from their jobs recently and have been receiving unemployment. They have been searching for jobs but so far have been unsuccessful. Amir's parents cannot fund the test.

**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.

Thank you,  
The Psifas Fund