



**Dear Partners,**

On April 20th, 2016 The Psifas Fund committee in honor of Yosef Goodman and Eliezer Globerman convened for its monthly meeting and approved 19 requests that came to a total of 52,200 Shekel:

**1. 4500 Shekels were given to fund the third year of E's BA in Theatre and Education:**

E' is 23 years old who was born into a charedi family. She has 12 siblings. Her father works in a factory. Her mother suffers of depression and cannot work. The children help with the house chores and upkeep. E' is a third year student in college. E' works as much as she can to help with the homes expenses in addition to paying for her tuition. Should she not be able to complete her tuition payments, she will not be allowed to do her finals and complete her degree. The Psifas Fund will allow E' to complete her studies, learn a trade and become independent.

**2. 1500 Shekels were given to fund A' for a Communication iPad:**

A' is 18 years old. She was born with Down syndrome. Her father works as a contractor, her mother is a housewife. According to a project of the Ministry of Education, schools are encouraged to use I pads as an educational tool, since this can remove all barriers in A' in the classroom and help her improve her abilities. The Psifas Fund will allow A's family to buy the iPad so that she can succeed in school and improve her communication skills.

**3. 2500 Shekels were given to fund G's Manicure Pedicure course:**

G' is 40 years old and divorced with 2 children. She left her husband as a result of domestic violence. Since the divorce she has been working as a housekeeper but is still struggling financially. She would like to learn a trade and work as an independent in manicure pedicure to increase her income. The Psifas Fund will allow G' to study and work in a job that she enjoys and gain financial security for her family and herself.

**4. 1500 Shekels were given to fund V's Accounting Course:**

V' is 51 years old, is single and had been emotionally abused for years which led to depression. She is currently working in the bookkeeping field but not in an official capacity. Since she is not certified, she has to compromise on job opportunity and has been doing things she is uncomfortable with. The studies will enable her to leave her unreliable job and find a good honest job with a salary to match. The Psifas Fund will allow V' to learn a respectable profession and stabilize financially.

**5. 2500 Shekels were given to fund H's Academic Preparatory Program:**

H' is 17 year old who grew up in an unstable household. Her mother had 6 children from 3 different men. H's father has passed away. H's mother is a difficult woman who cleans houses and is not stably sound. H' and her biological brother were sent to dormitories and stayed there for 3 years. She would like to start get accepted to



an Academic Preparatory Program. The Psifas Fund will allow H' to begin her Academic Preparatory Program so that she can do her national service and start a new way of life.

6. **3000 Shekels were given to fund I's Fitness Coach Course:**

I' is 24 years old and married. His father is a drug addict who doesn't work. His mother works as a house cleaner and his brother has mental retardation and lives in a hostel. I' had suffered of neglect and distant relationships with his parents. He has completed 12 years of education, has been providing for himself. He enlisted in the army and left due to difficulties adjusting. The I' and his wife have jobs but are having a hard time with their daily expenses. Therefore, I' would like to learn a new profession and increase his income by learning a fitness course for coaches. The Psifas Fund will allow I' to learn a course for a Fitness Coach and improve his family's financial situation.

7. **1200 Shekels were given to fund D's Psychodidactic Diagnostic Test:**

D's family consists of 4 people: a single mother and 3 girls. The mother gets pension from Social Security, has been working as a teller at the supermarket and has recently started a "bankrupt" process due to debts. D', her 7 year old daughter is in an after school child care where the staff noticed that she has learning difficulties, especially in math. The gaps require that she takes a Psychodidactic Diagnostic test. The parents cooperate but cannot stand the costs. The Psifas Fund will allow D' to take the test and get the help that is necessary for her needs.

8. **3500 Shekels were given to L's Hairdressing Course:**

L' is 39 years old, married+3 children. The family has been in social welfare system as a result of their financial difficulties and marital issues, but the family is in a good please right now and would like to rehabilitate their lives. As a child, L' was violently abused by her father, had to go to a shelter with her mother and brother and after many years of difficulties at school, married at 18. She works at a hairdresser and provides side services (nails and makeup). In order to establish this business, L' is asking for funding for a hairdressing course. The Psifas Fund will allow L' to complete a course that will provide for her family and stabilize their financial situation.

9. **3800 Shekels were given to fund a Fitness Coach course for M':**

M' is 33 years old, divorce with 2 girls. Her husband abused her so she was referred to a shelter where she had made great progress. She has been able to go back to work as a secretary. M' would like to learn to be a fitness coach but cannot afford the cost of the course. The Psifas Fund will allow M' to progress professionally and improve her financial situation.



**10. 3800 Shekels were given to fund M's Book keeping course:**

M' is 28 years old, divorces with 2 children. She grew up in programs away from home. During her army service she got pregnant and got married and after 5 years of marriage, the couple split up. M' is raising her daughter by herself. She began working as a secretary in a security company. As a result of her new job, M' realized that she would like to learn a profession and increase her income. She would like to learn bookkeeping. The Psifas Fund will allow M' to learn a new profession and earn an honest wage for her family and herself.

**11. 3000 Shekels were given to fund M's course in Pension Options:**

M's is 30 years old, divorced+3 children. The family has been in the Social Welfare system for years due to the family's financial status and violence within the family. M' has been assisted by the "Katef El Katef" organization. M' has been wandering between different jobs until she settled on Sales and marketing and has begun courses in capital market. M' has been enjoying and doing well at the courses but cannot handle the cost of the tuition. The Psifas Fund will allow M' to complete her courses and stabilize her financial situation and her confidence.

**12. 3000 Shekels were given to fund a Make-Up course for M':**

M' is 31 years old, She is married with 3 children. She and her husband opened a car wash business but as the business didn't take off, they were left with huge debt. After the business collapsed, her husband fell into depression and had a hard time finding a job. M' opened a small business of nail treatment, something which she learned from her friends. The Psifas Fund will allow M' to start a Permanent Make- Up course in order to increase her income and provide for her family.

**13. 2000 Shekels were given to fund N's 12 Stage AA Coaching course:**

N' is 24 years old and lives with his mother in a Kibbutz. After completing his Army Service, went on a trip abroad where he discovered the world of drugs. When he returned home, his mother noticed that he was moody, couldn't keep a job and general deterioration. After a mutual decision, N' went to a rehabilitation center. He completed the process successfully and he wants to take a course of the 12 stage AA Coaching course. This will help him with his own rehabilitation and find a job as a coach in other detox centers. The Psifas Fund will allow N' to complete his rehabilitation process and work in a profession where he can help others.

**14. 2000 Shekels were given for A's Disc Jockey Equipment:**

A' is 45 years old, divorced +5. She is currently working as a teacher assistant in a school. She has been undergoing a financial rehabilitation process with "Noshmim Lirvacha". To increase her income, she will need another job. Taking her talents and dreams into consideration, she would like to purchase disc jockey



equipment, something that she has worked in the past. The Psifas Fund will allow A' to purchase the equipment she will need for her new job and add an income.

**15. 2000 Shekels were given to fund R's Coaching course:**

R' is 45 years old. She had been working with senior citizen the past 2 years and has been receiving alimony. She took part in a Coaching course for single mothers through the department of social welfare and has decided that this is something that she wants to do professionally. She needs to get professional training and is hoping to help teenagers once she is certified. The Psifas Fund will allow R' to take a coaching course so that she can help teenagers for a living.

**16. 4200 Shekels were given to fund R's Bookkeeping course:**

R' is a 45 year old divorcee. She has 3 children. She got divorced recently after a long and difficult divorce battle. This affected her and her childrens emotional status. She is currently working as a secretary and has been making minimum wage. She would like to rehabilitate her life after recent difficulties and is asking for help to fund a bookkeeping course. The Psifas Fund will allow R' to learn a new profession, gain independence and provide for her family.

**17. 3000 Shekels were given to S's Baking course:**

S' is a 31 year old divorcee with 2 children. The children do not have a consistent relationship with their father and the alimony is not high. S' works as a part time secretary and would like to find a job that will give her security and that she loves, which is why she is looking into jobs with art and creativity. She would like to learn baking and become independent, teaching workshops and making boutique pastries. The Psifas Fund will allow S' to progress in a field that she loves and in a way that will help proved for her family.

**18. 1700 Shekels were given to fund A's Psychodidactic Diagnostic Test:**

Family V' moved to Israel from Ethiopia. The mother S' is 33 years old and divorced. There are 2 children who are in after school care facilities. S' has been working as an Olim coordinator and in housekeeping. The father is non supportive. School reports show that one of the sons, A' is closed off, aggressive, is unsocial and shows signs of distress. The staff at school recommend that he be sent to do psychodidactic diagnostic test to help in understanding the source of his difficulties and provide a solution for his needs. He is at a third grade level (not at a 7<sup>th</sup> grade level as per his age). The family's financial situation doesn't allow S' to pay for the test. The Psifas Fund will allow A' to get the help that he needs to progress and relieve his difficulties.



**19. 3500 Shekels were given to T' for a Special Needs Assistant certificate:**

T' is 33 years old, married +2 children. E', her partner, is a 48 year old father to 2 girls from a previous marriage and they have a daughter together. He is currently working at temporary jobs. They started a bottle recycling business 7 years ago and were very successful but they made a few bad business choices and fell into debt. T' has decided to take responsibility on providing for the family and is looking to become a special needs assistant. She believes that it is the right job for her traits and abilities. The Psifas Fund will allow T' to be certified in a respectable job that will assist in improving her family's emotional and financial state.

**We use this opportunity to ask that you assist us in spreading the ideal of Psifas amongst your acquaintances in hope that they will join the Israeli Psifas Fund. For that goal to be achieved we have attached a description of the fund and its activities. We would like to stress that all donations are given to the requests directly and are not used to fund the organization, and that they are tax deductible. We receive many requests and your donations and involvement us is necessary now more than ever**

**Thank you,**

**The Psifas Fund**