



Dear Partners,

On December 27<sup>th</sup> 2017, the Board of Directors of "The Psifas Fund in Memory of Yosef Goodman and Eliezer Globerman" convened for its monthly meeting, and approved 18 requests, which came to a total of 64,480 shekels.

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

1. **5000 shekels were Given to Hadas to fund a BA in Social Work:**

Hadas is married with 3 children. She works in the field of education without professional training, in a part time job. Her husband was once the primary provider, but 3 years ago he fell ill with cancer, and since then has had difficulties in returning to his previous functionality. Since his disease was diagnosed, the family fell on hard times. In addition to the medical expenses, Hadas took care of her spouse and was not available to work. Lately she has decided to study a profession, since she is now the primary provider. Hadas started studying social work but is in need of assistance to fund her studies.

2. **5000 shekels were Given to Tikva to fund a Nursing Studies:**

Tikva has been known to the mental health services from her childhood. Tikva started her nursing studies several years ago. Over the past year, Tikva has been dealing with tough life events: her mother is recovering from illness, and her parents are divorced. Since then, she has not been in contact with her father. Despite these difficulties, Tikva is persevering in her studies and is thriving. However, due to the family's difficulties, she is struggling to fund her studies and is in need of assistance.

3. **2000 shekels were Given to Reut to fund a Multidisciplinary BA Studies:**

Reut is married with two children. The couple is working in full time jobs but is struggling to support the family due to debts and loans from previous years. They are enrolled in a program that provides them economic and occupational assistance. In the framework of this process, Reut decided to get a degree, so that she can earn a higher wage. Reut chose an academic program that enables her to continue working in addition to her studies, but this program is more expensive than regular degrees, and the family is struggling to pay the full tuition.

4. **5000 shekels were Given to Hila for Social Work Studies:**

Hila is married with 4 children. Her husband suffers from a chronic illness and cannot work. He receives a disability pension. Hila has a BA in the field of social sciences. Over the years, Hila dealt with raising her children, supporting her family and taking care of her husband. Hila could not make a stable living from her field of occupation, and after consulting with an employment social worker, she decided to make a professional Conversion to social work, since she already had a similar educational background and there are many jobs in this field. Hila received from us assistance in funding her studies last year, and has recently asked the fund's help for her second and final year of studies.



5. **3500 shekels were Given to Olga for a Bookkeeping Course**

Olga is a divorced mother of 2. In spite of working in various jobs over the last years, she accumulated debts from the past. She receives assistance from Paamonim organization and is known to the social services. A year ago, she was fired from her job, and following consultation with the Employment Bureau, she was referred to a bookkeeping course. Olga works today in a retail network as a cashier, and after completing the course she will be able to work in the network's accounting department. She needs assistance in funding the course.

6. **3000 shekels were Given to Rivka to fund a BA in Education Studies**

Rivka, a daughter of divorced parents, is the oldest sister among 4 siblings. Her father abandoned them when she was young, and she has no contact with him. She has been supporting her family from a young age. Rivka married about a year ago and funded her wedding with her savings. Rivka combines work and studies but is struggling to fund the entire tuition on her own.

7. **3500 shekels were Given to Meir to fund a Psychometric Course:**

Meir is a youth who receives no support from his family. He is studying in a boarding school due to his strained relations with his parents. Since entering boarding school, Meir has undergone significant changes. He is investing more efforts in his studies, participating in social activities, and is interested in trying out for the army's Atuda program. To get accepted as a soldier-student, he needs a high grade in the psychometric exam. In the past, Meir has worked in temporary jobs, but is now facing difficulty in combining a job with his studies for the matriculation and psychometric exams. Therefore, he needs help in funding the psychometric course.

8. **2200 shekels were Given the Claudia for purchasing a Sewing Machine:**

Claudia is a single mother with a child. She emigrated to Israel with her son about three years ago and is now acclimatizing. Claudia has extensive experience in fashion design and has worked in the field as a freelancer and an employee. Several months ago, she moved from the Central Region to the periphery in order to decrease her living expenses. Claudia is interested in conducting sewing workshops and courses and is receiving support from the local council. She is also interested in sewing for clients. Claudia borrowed sewing machine from her friend but had to return it. Now she needs a sewing machine so that she can keep working in this field.



9. **5000 shekels were Given to Moriah ti fund a Pastry Chef Course:**

Moriah is married with 4 children. The family is now undergoing a process of bankruptcy due to debts that were accumulated during her husband's unemployment following a car accident and Moriah's pregnancy. She was at high risk during pregnancy, and her husband had to decrease his amount of work so that he could take care of the children and help Moriah. The family receives occupational and financial assistance through a program. In the framework of this program, she started attending a pastry chef course, which had previously been a hobby. After this course she plans to work in various bakeries and open up her own business.

10. **3000 shekels were Given to Dikla to fund a Photography Course:**

Dikla is married with 3 children. She is a teacher and has worked in the field up until two years ago. Two years ago, the couple gave birth to a son who suffers from a complex set of diseases and is in need of intensive medical care. Dikla cannot work as a teacher since she must spend a lot of time with her son, sometimes during the morning hours. Dikla engages in photography as a hobby and decided to specialize in the field so that she can work as an event photographer in the evenings and on Fridays, when her husband is available to take care of their son. Since he was born, the family is dealing with financial difficulties and cannot fund the course.

11. **3500 shekels were Given to Shifra for preschool Education Studies**

Shifra is a young woman without a family support. She left her abusive home in her childhood and was raised in boarding schools. Shifra supports herself financially and is renting an apartment. However, she is struggling to pay her tuition fees.

12. **4500 shekels were Given to John for Completing his Matriculation Exams:**

John a divorced, ex-convict. John immigrated to Israel about 20 years ago. He started using drugs at a young age and was involved in several criminal incidents. Since his release from prison, John receives assistance from the Prisoner Rehabilitation Authority, and attends the meetings regularly. John rents an apartment and works in the field of electricity. He is interested in becoming an authorized electrician. He needs to complete the matriculation exams in order to be accepted to the necessary studies, and is in need of funding for the course.

13. **3500 shekels were Given to Eliyahu for Purchasing a Barbershop Equipment**

Eliyahu is a young man known to the mental health system. He lives on a disability pension. Eliyahu is receiving rehabilitation assistance from the community. Eliyahu has experience and training as a barbershop. As part of the rehabilitation process, Eliyahu opened a barbershop and is receiving clients. Eliyahu uses old equipment and would like to renew the equipment so that he can improve the appearance of the barbershop and increase his clientele.



**14. 2500 shekels were Given to Tova to fund a Psychometric Course:**

Tova is a young woman without a family support. Tova left her home several years ago. When she was young, she Suffered harassment by a member of the community to which she belonged. The incident was hushed up and not addressed. Nowadays, Tova works, rents her apartment and supports herself financially, she is undergoing therapy to help her deal with the trauma. Tova is interested in studying a subject with high threshold conditions, and therefore needs to achieve a high grade on her psychometric entrance exam. Tova works in a part time job so that she can have some time for her studies. She is struggling to fund her tuition fees.

**15. 3500 shekels were Given to Alona for Completing the Matriculation Exams:**

Alona, A daughter of divorced parents. Her father served time in prison for violent offences and the family is not in touch with him. The family accumulated debts and Alona has been working for several years in the field of education to help pay the debts. Alona is interested in getting a degree in education and therefore needs to complete her matriculation exams and fund her studies.

**16. 2500 shekels were Given to Hadar to fund a Linguistic Editing Course**

Hadar is married with 3 children. Her husband is a minimum wage worker. Hadar worked as a secretary until her son was born about half a year ago. During her maternal leave, conditions have changed in the office and she could not adapt. She left her job and is now searching for another one. Hadar does not have professional education and would like to study linguistic editing. She is interested in working in this field as an employee and a freelancer and needs assistance for funding the course.

**17. 1780 shekels were Given to Meital to fund a Psycho Didactic Evaluation to her son- Aharon:**

Aharon used to be a "hill-top youth" who spent little time in his parent's house. Last summer he returned back home and took up his regular school curriculum again. Aharon has learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders. The school staff are requesting that Aharon undergo diagnosis in order to adjust the school curriculum to his needs and make the necessary adjustments in the matriculation exams. Aharon's mother worked has a housemaid and was recently fired due to an injury. The family cannot fund the diagnosis and is asking for help.

**18. 5500 shekels were Given to Moran to fund a Ba in Education and Teaching:**

Moran is a young woman with no family support. Her parents are divorced, and she has no connection to her father. Her mother is known to the mental health services and is unemployed. Moran studies in a Haredi seminar, and is now completing her degree in education. Moran works in addition to her studies, pays rent and finances herself. She needs assistance in paying her tuition fees.



**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