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Letter of Endorsement

I heartily endorse "Israel-Laad" Foundation, which was established by a group of dedicated Jewish business men in Israel.

Every Shabbos and Yom Tov volunteers of the organization as well as other sister organizations in the area, distribute some 480 Shabbat baskets in the towns of Ashdod, Yavneh, Gedera and Qazrin. The recipients of this food basket, are primarily old and poor couples or lonely individuals, who have no one in Israel to help them or take care of their finances. We can not leave them hungry or have them live on bread all week long.

In addition to the food delivery, Israel-Laad is operating Afternoon Learning Centers in which underprivileged children come to receive personal tutoring and help in doing their homework. This afternoon program allows these precious children focus on their schooling and stay off the street. All of them are second generation children to parents who immigrated to Israel in the past decade, primarily from Ethiopia and the former Soviet republics.

Additionally, "Israel-Laad" is contributing to "Zdakka U'Mishpat", headed by Rabbi Ben Zion Zionny, which hosts weekly seminars on Judaic studies in the Tel-Aviv area.

It is due to all the above, that I turn with a loving call to all the kind people of our nation, as well as the friends of our people worldwide, to contribute and assist Israel-Laad foundation in their continuous efforts to reach those who are in need.

May all those who give and sponsor this Mitzvah be blessed with children, good life and good health. As our sages say:

A person never becomes poor from (giving) charity, and nothing bad nor harm, is caused by the virtue of giving".

In honor of the Torah and those who fulfill its' good deeds,

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