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At the recent JFOC Board Meeting, six emergency grants were approved to provide critical assistance due to the Iran War with funds raised during our May Match in honor of Israel’s Yoms (special commemorative days). Below are their replies and a brief description of their work. To continue supporting our JFOC Israel Emergency Fund visit www.jewishoceancounty.org/israelemergency.

Israel Trauma Coalition: Thank you all so much for your support. It is greatly appreciated. We are moving into a new period, with many challenges and much to do and you will be part of this. Amen to your wishes for better times. [Israel Trauma Coalition: Founded in 2001 at the initiative of the UJA Federation of NY, it is the cornerstone in the national

treatment of trauma and emergency preparedness in Israel and around the world. It is an organization that provides leadership, and resources before during and after a crisis.]

Crossroads: This is fantastic news. This will be meaningful in allowing us to respond to the many requests for crisis support we have received over the last few weeks. [Crossroads – It provides essential prevention and intervention program for Anglo teens and young adults in Israel.]

Shutaf: That’s really great to hear. Thank you so much for this excellent news of the federation’s continued support for Shutaf. We are hopeful that the situation in Israel allows us to hold our camp in August - preparations are in high gear.

Many thanks to you and to the trustees. [Shutaf – It offers programs for children with disabilities.]

Jewish Agency for Israel: We truly appreciate the continued support and solidarity of your community. I’ll be happy to send over some updates and stories. [Jewish Agency for Israel – The Jewish Agency’s Fund for Victims of Terror has been providing immediate, critical financial aid to victims and their families.]

Similar expressions of “thank you” were received from two other recipients of JFOC Israel Emergency grants – **Lev Otef** [Lev Otef/GNT – This program provides ongoing activities to the evacuees in cities across Israel, building on their proven approach of uniting body, spirit, and mindfulness to help people feel

more control over their lives.] and the **Koby Mandell Foundation**. [Koby Mandell Foundation – This program helps families of those killed in terror attacks and has several programs especially for kids.]

Brief Descriptions of the 2025 Israel Emergency Grantees of the Jewish Federation of Ocean County Portrayed on the Cover Page

All of these fifteen organizations are doing work in Israel. Also see the articles on pages 10 and 18.

- Belev Echad – coordinates and addresses various needs and the volunteers
- Brothers for Life – facilitates injured soldiers helping injured soldiers
- Brothers of Jonathan – supports soldiers and families
- Counseling Center for Women – provides private and group psychotherapy for women during the war
- Crossroads – provides intervention programs for Anglo teens and young adults
- Derekh Eretz – provides preparatory programs for youth at risk and on the periphery
- Dror Israel – provides youth programs throughout the country focused on the periphery
- Israel Heart2Heart – works to turn trauma into triumph helping IDF warriors with post-traumatic stress
- Koby Mandell Foundation – helps families of those killed in terror attacks
- Lev Otef/GNT – provides ongoing activities to the evacuees in various cities
- Lone Soldier Center in Memory of Michael Levin – meets the needs of lone soldiers and supports the families of those killed
- Rising Heroes – helps soldiers transform trauma into strength
- Shutaf – provides programs for children with disabilities
- Thank Israeli Soldiers – supports Israeli soldiers through partnerships with Israeli nonprofits
- Tikvot – rehabilitates Israel’s wounded soldiers and victims of terror through sports