



**Every week, 1000 people
come to a land at war
to be at peace.**

Why do they come?

By the tens and thousands. Every day. Every week. They crowd themselves onto ships. Push themselves across difficult terrain. They come to a society whose language they don't know. Whose customs are unfamiliar. To a nation struggling for sheer survival. To a people making a life and death stand against the constant threat of annihilation.

But they come.

Sometimes with just the clothes on their backs. And always with one thought in mind.

Freedom. From oppression, injustice and hatred.

For to these Jews, Israel means an end to running. And the beginning of peace. Of life with dignity.

A peace they defend, no matter what the cost. And the cost is phenomenal. The people of Israel spend virtually all their energy, resources, young men and women and money to guard against terrorism and hostile armies.

While they fight this struggle the other battles for Jewish survival continue.

The care of the old, the sick, the handicapped.

The building and staffing of schools, clinics and vocational centers.

And the journeys, settling and training of the thousands of immigrants who come seeking peace.

These battles are ours. Through the United Jewish Appeal we can win them. As we have in the past and as we will continue to do in the future.

If we build only one school this year, it will be a school that didn't exist last year.

Every immigrant we settle and train, turning him into a productive member of the society he dreamed of, will be one more blow struck for justice and freedom.

Every life we save will be measured in ways we cannot even fathom.

More than ever before we must put ourselves beside those who are helpless, those who are ill, those who are seeking hope and new life in Israel. And we must be certain that when we are called upon, we are as ready and as strong as we have to be.

Life asks no less.

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