



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Providing comfort for suffering Israelis.  
Caring for Jews in the former Soviet Union.  
Rescuing and resettling Jewish refugees.

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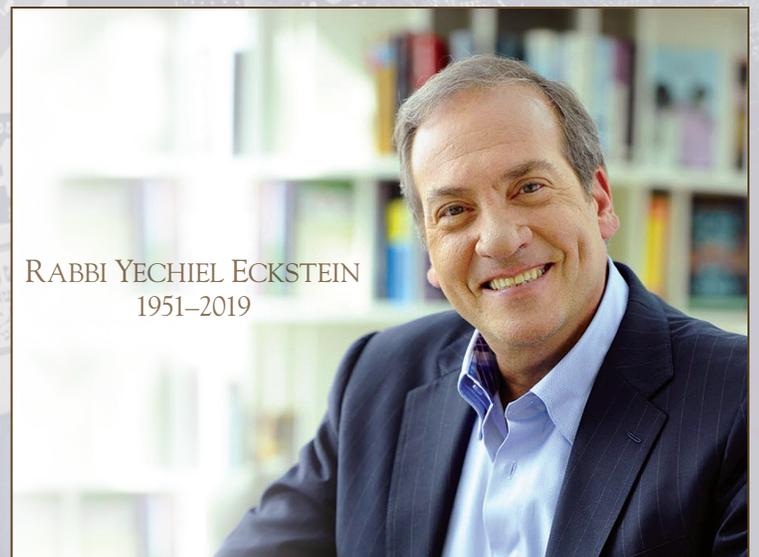
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RABBI YECHIEL ECKSTEIN  
1951-2019

## From the President



I am deeply moved by your support for suffering Israelis and Jews. It is such a blessing to be able to witness biblical prophecy come to fruition.

In 1983, my father, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founded the International Fellowship of Christian and Jews (*The Fellowship*) to promote better understanding and cooperation between these two faith communities and to build broad support for Israel and her people. Today, *The Fellowship* is the largest philanthropic organization in Israel.

To date, *The Fellowship* has raised more than \$1.6 billion USD globally for our charitable work. Thanks to you and many other generous supporters like you, your sacrificial gifts are adding up to make a huge impact serving God's people as a community.

*The Fellowship* helps those who live in poverty, provides comfort and care for suffering Holocaust survivors, and helps Jews immigrate to Israel and realize the promise of life in their biblical homeland. Every day you provide food, clothing, and companionship for thousands of needy people in Israel, the former Soviet Union and beyond.

We are also deeply involved in educating people about Jewish faith and life and the Jewish roots of Christianity through our *Fellowship* teachings and devotionals.

Your 2018 Annual Report shows the impact of all our lifesaving programs, and the scope of *The Fellowship's* assistance as we work daily to unite Christians and Jews by strengthening Israel's people.

My gratitude for your faithful partnership can only be expressed by an echo of the words of Psalm 133:1, "*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*"

With blessings from the Holy Land,



Yael Eckstein  
President

# Our LIFESAVING PROGRAMS

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In 2018  
our global partners helped a  
total of 1,586,125 people in need

That assistance - fighting poverty, providing compassionate care, and facilitating *aliyah* (immigration to Israel) - is given through our many lifesaving programs in Israel and around the world.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to foster better relations and understanding between Christians and Jews; encourage greater cooperation between both communities on issues of shared biblical concern; and support Israel and Jews in crises or need.

## Since our Founding

**Over \$1.6 billion** USD has been raised globally to help Israel's people

**More than 1.5 million people in need are helped each year** by *The Fellowship* globally

Today, *The Fellowship* is the **largest philanthropic organization in Israel.**

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# FEEDING *her soul*

Every morning at 8:00, 91-year-old Kochana shows up at the *Fellowship*-supported Mana Hama soup kitchen in Ashdod - even though lunch isn't served until noon.

The soup kitchen is such an important part of Kochana's life. "I come here for food, but also to fill the void of loneliness," she says. "I meet with friends every morning. We sit and drink coffee, we play cards, we sew, and, most important, we pass our time together."

"Food was always scarce during World War II. We were always hungry. My family and I fled from town to town to save our lives. We never rested."

Today, like many other elderly people in her neighbourhood, she lives in a tiny, dilapidated one-room apartment, and can seldom put food on the table. She struggles with loneliness and isolation.

Thanks to your gifts, our *Fellowship*-supported soup kitchens not only provide bodies with nourishment - they feed souls with companionship, conversation, and compassion.

*"If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."*  
Isaiah 58:10

## Thanks to Canadian generosity:



**147,460**  
**HOT MEALS** were served  
to needy people in Israel

**10,225 IMPOVERISHED  
FAMILIES & ELDERLY PEOPLE**

received food cards  
to observe the sacred  
holidays of Passover  
and *Rosh Hashanah*



**8,300 CHILDREN**

who were displaced or  
living in homeless shelters  
were given clothing cards for the  
school year



**89,400**

**HYGIENIC FOOD CONTAINERS**

were provided for elderly recipients  
to bring food home from  
soup kitchens for evening  
and *Shabbat* meals



**772 BACKPACKS  
FILLED WITH SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES** were provided  
for children aged 6-12

# Isaiah 58



## RELYING ON THE FELLOWSHIP FOR *Survival*

91-year-old Josephina lives alone in Moscow and relies on *The Fellowship* for survival. Many years ago Josephina was crossing the street and fell, breaking her arm and damaging her nerves. Her arm never healed properly and she was forced to stop working with no way to support herself.

Now Josephina is all alone. She would be unable to leave her home or engage with members of her community if not for the *Fellowship*-supported *Chamah* organization which helps provide care for elderly in the FSU.

Thanks to this support, Josephina hasn't fallen into despair. *Fellowship* volunteers bring her hot and nutritious meals, clean her home, go grocery shopping for her, and keep her company. Josephina feels so blessed for the lifeline of support she receives thanks to your generosity.

*"Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"*  
Isaiah 58:7

**2,420** JEWISH ELDERLY  
received visits from  
home assistance  
workers for help with  
personal care, cooking,  
and cleaning



**2,918** ELDERLY  
were provided with  
food cards to shop  
with dignity and food  
boxes were delivered to  
elderly who were unable to leave  
their homes



**339** ELDERLY JEWS  
received surgery and  
other emergency  
medical support



# A SECURE future FOR OUR SON

If you ask Ukrainian couple Artem and Maryna why they want to make *aliyah* (immigrate to Israel), they will answer with one word: Davyd.

Davyd is their 7-year-old son, a sweet boy with big brown eyes. “It’s very important for us to provide a secure future for our son,” Maryna says.

This secure future became scarce in recent years as separatists invaded their region of Ukraine, bringing political instability, skyrocketing inflation, and rampant violence.

Artem and Maryna turned to *The Fellowship* to make their *aliyah* – and Davyd’s secure future – possible. And this is when we turned to you.

Your steadfast support helped rescue this young family in peril – and thousands of others like them – and brought them home to Israel.

*“See, I will beckon to the nations, I will lift up my banner to the peoples; they will bring your sons in their arms and carry your daughters on their hips.”*

Isaiah 49:22

**2,033 JEWISH REFUGEES**  
were given rescue on *Fellowship* Freedom Flights



Each person on a *Fellowship* Freedom Flight receives help with:

## TWO-DAY PRE-FLIGHT ORIENTATION PROGRAM

- ➔ Learning how *The Fellowship* will help with their transition
- ➔ Learning about Israeli culture from experts in the fields of health, education, employment, and housing

## MOVING ARRANGEMENTS

- ➔ Applying to Israeli consulate
- ➔ Connecting to an employment agency
- ➔ Registering for school and Hebrew language study

## TRAVELING TO ISRAEL

- ➔ A fully funded flight to the Holy Land
- ➔ Receiving help with luggage transportation

## WELCOME AT BEN GURION AIRPORT, TEL AVIV

- ➔ Registering new Israeli citizenship documents
- ➔ Transportation to their first home in Israel

## GETTING ESTABLISHED

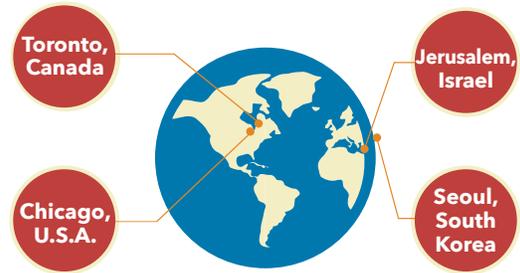
- ➔ Opening a bank account
- ➔ Registering for health insurance
- ➔ Receiving food for their first few days in Israel

# GLOBAL IMPACT

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**1,586,125**  
 people in need.



Fellowship Offices are located in:



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 COUNTRIES WHERE CANADIAN FUNDED FREEDOM FLIGHTS ORIGINATED FROM IN 2018

 COUNTRIES WHERE *THE FELLOWSHIP* HAS OFFICES

**YOUR GIFTS PROVIDE:**

**Food deliveries  
for impoverished  
elderly**

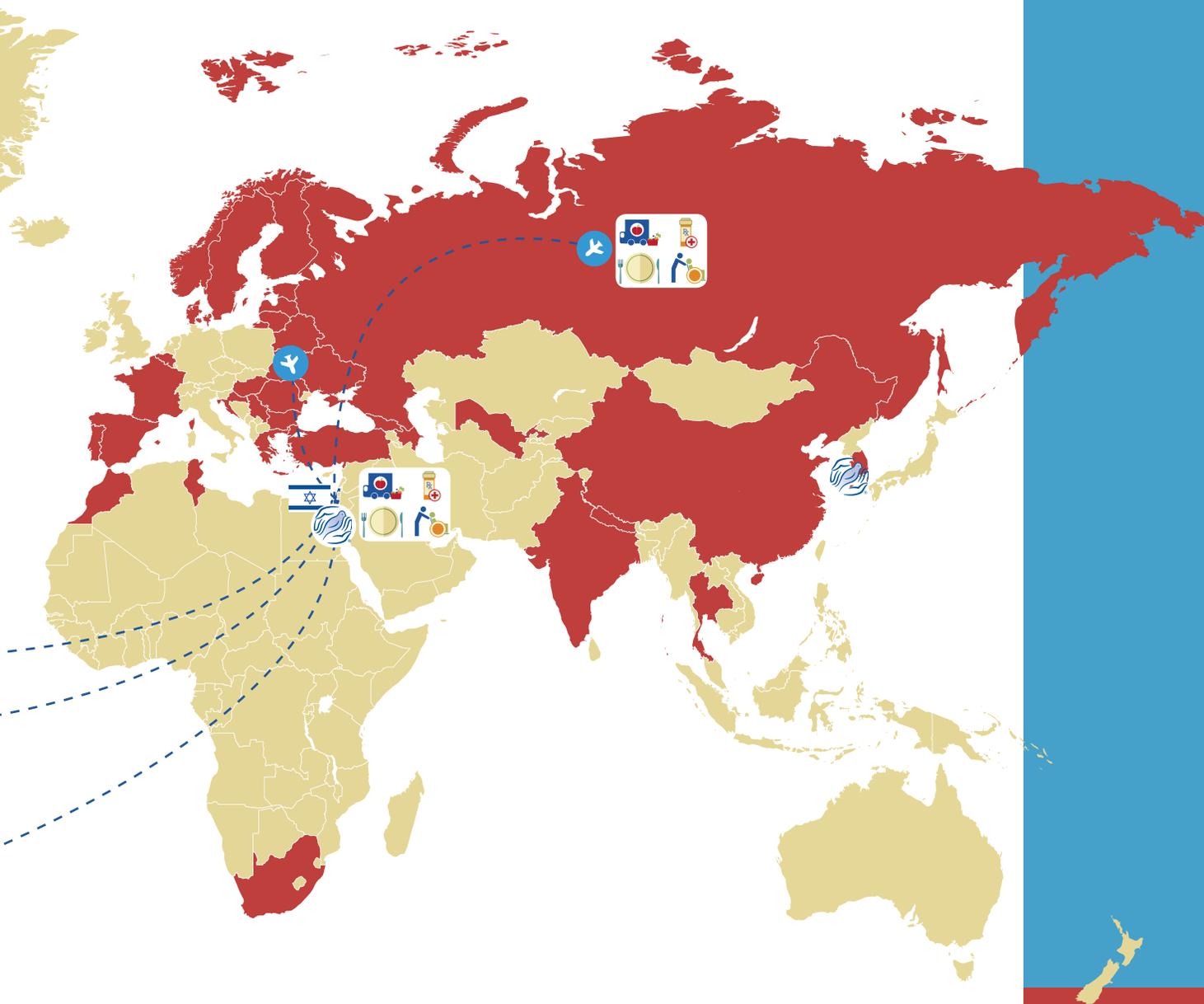


**Medicines for  
homebound and  
poverty-stricken  
people**

**Warm meals and  
friendly smiles at  
soup kitchens**



**Compassionate  
care for lonely  
elderly**



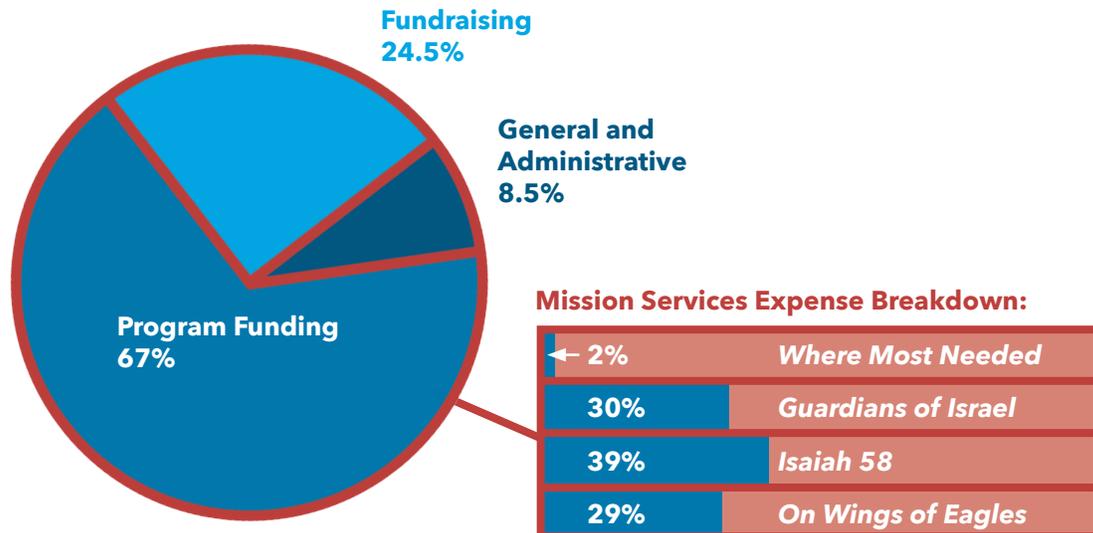
# 2018 Financial Overview

REVENUE		
Contributions	2018	2017
Restricted	\$5,558,358	\$5,525,171
Unrestricted	\$5,159,191	\$5,261,074
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 10,717,549</b>	<b>\$10,786,245</b>

EXPENSES		
	2018	2017
<i>Guardians of Israel</i> (aka Friends of Jerusalem)	\$2,133,396	\$2,836,706
Fundraising	\$2,585,265	\$2,464,864
<i>Isaiah 58</i>	\$2,749,777	\$2,905,966
<i>On Wings of Eagles</i>	\$2,085,587	\$1,523,375
General Administration	\$903,526	\$829,767
<i>Fellowship</i>	\$172,745	\$165,357
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,630,296</b>	<b>\$10,726,035</b>

<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$87,253</b>	<b>\$60,210</b>
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## EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



# MANY THANKS!

Nearly every day *The Fellowship* hears from people we help, expressing gratitude for the lifesaving assistance you make possible. Here are some of their thanks:

## HELP FOR SINGLE MOTHERS

"I am a single mother of four. I don't have words to thank you for the kindness and great help you have given me and my family.

I know how great *The Fellowship* is with all of its help and assistance in many areas. May you continue to do good and be blessed by God with all salvation and blessings. You've really made us happy and touched us!"

-Meital and children  
Bat Yam, Israel



## LEFT WITH NOTHING

"My public housing apartment was burned completely when I wasn't there, and all of my possessions were burned. I was left with nothing. I needed electrical appliances, clothing, and basic things.

I wholeheartedly thank all who contributed and helped me. I am an 81-year-old Holocaust survivor, without family in Israel. I'm very moved by all the help and warmth I received from you."

-Nahum  
Hadera, Israel



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**Fellowship Resources**



Your Daily Devotional and  
Hebrew Word of the Day

**Fellowship Newsletter:** Sign up for news from *The Fellowship* and stories about our ministry programs of care



Join our prayer team and raise a chorus of prayer to God for the care and support of Israel's people



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