Absorption Centers

Their First Home in the Homeland



A donation of € 4,140 will provide a new home in Israel for a new immigrant

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Inseparable from aliyah – and equally important – is the smooth integration of Jews who come home to Israel.

For most new immigrants, successful absorption is essential to fulfilling both their dreams and potential. The Jewish Agency's multidimensional approach helps to soften their landing – with Absorption Centers serving as the first critical step.

For new immigrants from all over the world, the supportive environment of Jewish Agency Absorption Centers provides an essential sheltered "first home" during their difficult transition period following arrival. Far more than bricks and mortar, the Centers provide newcomers with the tools they need for achieving independence and acclimating to their new life in Israel.

Israel has absorbed almost three million new immigrants since its establishment in 1948. Coming from countries all over the world, these new immigrants have one thing in common – they all need a home. Today, Jewish Agency Absorption Centers serve as the "First Home in the Homeland" to thousands of new immigrants throughout Israel.

Absorption Centers provide the majority of new immigrants with a temporary, initial housing solution until they are able to rent or purchase their own apartment. These facilities provide a secure, sheltered environment in which new immigrants learn to take their first steps in Israel. For vulnerable populations such as single-parent families, youth and students who come to Israel alone, Ethiopians, the elderly and new immigrants fleeing from countries in distress, **Absorption Centers make the diference between a relatively smooth integration, and one fraught with material hardships**. Although they vary widely in size, capacity and population, all of the Absorption Centers provide a holistic approach to integration that can provide a solid foundation for success.



At the Absorption Centers, new immigrants learn Hebrew, enjoy communal celebrations of Jewish holidays and take part in excursions, courses and field trips that teach about Judaism, Zionism and life in Israel. In the afternoon, adults and children take part in a wide variety of cultural activities. Students and adults benefit from orientation programs, seminars, job placement workshops and lectures regarding employment and educational opportunities.

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