



Jewish Agency for Israel
Proposals
for Elective Programming
for
Bringing New Populations to Israel

Turning the Dream Into Reality: Group Aliyah and Community Absorption



For 75 years, the Jewish Agency has been keeping its promise—that any Jew, for any reason, whether by circumstance or choice, can make Israel their home. Aliyah impacts more than just demography; it is Israel's lifeblood, providing the human resources to fuel economic growth and bring enormous benefit to Israel's social capital.

The Jewish Agency continues to innovate approaches that promote and facilitate aliyah in all parts of the world and ensure the successful integration of these new immigrants. The Jewish Agency's programs are designed to ease the transition for newcomers and help them successfully actualize their dream, make their contribution to Israeli society, and stimulate continued aliyah.

To make aliyah is, for many, to fulfill the Zionist dream. Turning that dream into reality, however, is another story. Moving to a new country is financially, socially and emotionally difficult. Would-be immigrants find any number of reasons to not make the move – including very real concerns about isolation and loneliness accompanied by language, employment and uncertainty about the struggles their children will experience.

This is an invitation to partner in supporting group aliyah to northern and southern Israel – enabling Jewish communities abroad to make aliyah together and integrate into Israeli society and their new home as a group. Group aliyah makes it easier to overcome the difficulties of transition and encourages these families to fulfill their dream of making a life in Israel.

Groups of 50 potential olim from neighboring cities and communities are convened and then workshops to prepare adults for the Israeli job market and social activities to prepare the whole family (and group) for their impending move are conducted. During their initial weeks in Israel, the group receives various support activities including tours of potential workplaces, workshops on purchasing an apartment, and enrichment for children, that ensure more successful integration in Israel, and encourage the group to remain settled in the areas they arrive to – those areas that will greatly benefit from the influx of people.

The cost of implementing these Group Aliyah activities for 50 potential olim per group is \$105,000.

Funding Request

Your investment of \$105,000 will turn the dream of aliyah into a reality for a group of 50 immigrants. Your support will not only facilitate their aliyah, but also strengthen Israel's communities and future.

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