



# CHICKENS FOR SHABBOS and the rest of the week.

Young Israel Of Kew Garden Hills Tzedoka Fund (718) 261-9723

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Dear Robby, shlita

I like many, have wondered what the reason was for your seemingly manic passion for collecting for AneyaN Eretz; Yisrael. As you know, I have recently returned from a visit to Eretz Yisrael. But only because you asked me, really strong-armed me as only you can, did I visit some of the families that we in Kew Gardens Hills have been helping.

I can tell you that I have been under a serious misimpression, thinking that the people we have been helping NN ere regular families, living ordinary lives in ordinary living conditions, except that, because of government cut-backs, they had fairly empty refrigerators or cupboards. I was wrong.

The families that we visited lived in abject poverty. My wife and I never imagined and would have never believed that Jews could live in slum-like conditions. No words can begin to describe the horrors we saw. A family with 7 children sleeping in one small room, with mattresses stacked up on each other. Their kitchen would have been considered dilapidated 20 years ago. Squalor! Filth! Tattered clothing. And no food. One woman began asking for used winter clothing for her children.

Except for the roof over their heads, for all intents and purposes, these people are equivalent to the homeless that we turn our eyes from here in the U.S. Never --- ever - would I believe that Jewish families living anywhere would look like the starving children of Africa.

We asked Shlomo Zalman --- a tzaddik-how he could possibly keep his sanity seeing these horrors dail~. He told us that at the very least, seeing these people and their situation has to help one realize how lucky we are and hoNN much Hashem has blessed us,

Roby, I am not sure that I would send anyone to see those people and places. But I am sure that anyone who sees it will be changed forever.

I have no doubt that if people did visit these families and hear the cries of mothers desperate to feed their children, their compassion would okerwhelm them (how could it not?) and their donations would rise exponentially (how could it not?).

These are not ordinary times and this is not an ordinary Tzeddaka. Shlomo Zalman assured me that while some of these people get help for other basic from him, every dollar (every penny) raised by you goes for food. There is no overhead, as that is covered separately by his mishpacha (and a few others) and ALL of the people involved are volunteers.

Well at least now, I understand why you seem to be on a crusade, driven to help the helpless and the hopeless ... and why particularly with this Tzedaka. I don't believe anyone can imagine how much help is necessarN. People are staving. People are suffering. And at least you and Shlomo Zalman are trying to help. Kol Hakavod !!

If there is anything that I can do to be more involved with this cause please let me know (and I know you will).

Kol Tuv,

**All** donations go to support our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel. We support 5963 people a month, of which the majority are children. Your EVERY PENNY goes directly to help feed our bretherin in Eretz Yisroel. Our number one goal is to help our brothers and sisters put food on their table on a weekly basis. Help us reach this goal!

What a zechus it would be for all of us if you would send a check to:

**YOUNG ISRAEL OF KEW GARDENS HILLS TZEDAKAH FUND  
150-05 70<sup>TH</sup> ROAD, FLUSHING, NY 11367, ATT: RABBI SCHONFELD**

**For any information about this Tzedoka, won't you please call  
YOUNG ISRAEL OF KEW GARDENS HILLS**

**Tel# (718) 261-9723**

***Where your every penny simply puts food on the table of so many yiden***

This Tzedakah is under the direct auspices of Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld & Rabbi Doniel Lander