

SHS Israel Appeal

A Variety of Ways to Engage with Israel

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Every year during the High Holidays, it is our tradition at Society Hill Synagogue to find avenues for our congregation to voice its support for Israel and find ways to bind ourselves closer together as one people. We do this by educating our community about worthy organizations, particularly in the areas of medicine, the environment, and social well-being in Israel, as well as Israel Bonds.

As we head toward the midpoint of the year 5782, we wanted to remind you of the three organizations we selected for you to consider for *tz'dakah* contribution: ALYN Hospital, the Arava Institute, and The Center for a Shared Society, in addition to Israel Bonds. We hope you consider one or all four of these programs to contribute to by visiting their websites using the links provided. The Board of Directors of Society Hill Synagogue thanks you.

ALYN Hospital – www.alyn.org

ALYN Hospital / ALYN Woldenberg Family Hospital is Israel's only pediatric and adolescent rehabilitation facility. ALYN treats children with a wide range of congenital and acquired conditions, including cerebral palsy, neuromuscular diseases, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, and burns. ALYN is a leading hospital worldwide in the field of Pediatric Rehabilitation.

The Arava Institute – www.arava.org

The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies is a leading environmental studies and research institute in the Middle East. It houses accredited academic programs, research centers, and international cooperation initiatives focusing on a range of environmental concerns and challenges.

The Center for a Shared Society at Givat Haviva – www.givathaviva.org

The Center for a Shared Society at Givat Haviva aims to build an inclusive, socially cohesive society in Israel by engaging divided communities in collective action toward the advancement of a sustainable, thriving Israeli democracy based on mutual responsibility, civic equality, and a shared vision of the future. Givat Haviva is a non-profit organization founded in 1949 by the Kibbutz Federation.

Israel Bonds – www.israelbonds.com

Following the War of Independence, Israel was in critical need of funds to build and strengthen the foundations of statehood and prepare to absorb hundreds of thousands of new immigrants. With no other place to turn, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion sought to engage Diaspora Jewry in building the reborn Jewish homeland through the sale of bonds: Israel bonds.

Seventy years after its launch, Israel Bonds has achieved over \$46 billion in worldwide sales, and Israel has never missed a maturity or interest payment.

An investment in the Israel Bonds program is a positive proactive economic expression of our attachment to Israel, and each bond purchased today is still embedded with layers of mitzvah, Jewish heritage, and our tradition, just like the first sold 70 years ago. The funds generated by the sale of Israel Bonds help grow and strengthen Israel's economy for all citizens of Israel and strengthen Israel for global leadership in humanitarian aid, technology, and tolerance.