

Otfim BeChesed: Inaugural Newsletter

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Strengthening Communities. Supporting Lives.

A Message from the Director

In recent months, as the reality around us continues to evolve, our work has focused on strengthening the resilience and daily life of our communities.

At Otfim BeChesed, we have supported both soldiers on the front lines and families at home—through practical assistance, community initiatives, and meaningful moments of connection. From improving conditions for those serving, to creating spaces of growth and remembrance, and bringing moments of joy to children and families, our goal is to stand with people not only in times of crisis, but in the ongoing process of rebuilding and living.

I would like to thank our partners, volunteers, and supporters who make this work possible.

Sincerely,
Uriel Nachum
Director, Otfim BeChesed

Music Room – In Memory of Aner Shapira z"l

Otfim BeChesed, in partnership with the Yonatan Pre-Military Academy at Kibbutz Alumim, established a music room in memory of Aner Shapira z"l, who fell on October 7 after a heroic struggle against Hamas terrorists.

The space will serve current and future students, carrying forward Aner's spirit, courage, and love of life. Through this initiative, his legacy continues to inspire and give strength to others.

Aner's family attended the dedication ceremony, which was planned by the students themselves. It was a deeply moving moment for all involved.

Aner's song lives on.



Supporting Soldiers on the Front Lines

Every meal delivered to soldiers was more than nourishment—it was a message of appreciation. Through the support of our donors, soldiers in the field felt seen, valued, and strengthened during difficult operational conditions.

Practical equipment such as folding tables and shade systems were provided to improve daily conditions for soldiers serving in operational zones inside Gaza. These resources directly support operational readiness and wellbeing.



Purim – Moments of Joy and Connection

Purim 5786 – Celebrating with Soldiers

We held a Megillah reading and distributed Mishloach Manot with soldiers near the Gaza border. The event included music, dancing, and a strong sense of **אֶחָד**.



Purim Festival for Gaza Border Children

In partnership with pre-military academies in Alumim and Sa'ad, we hosted a festive Purim event for local children and families—bringing joy and a sense of normalcy during challenging times.



Passover 5786 – Food Security and Dignity

Families in need received shopping vouchers and food packages in cooperation with local partners, ensuring a dignified and meaningful holiday experience for all.



🇮🇱 Independence Day 5786 – Standing with Our Soldiers

Fresh sandwiches and cold drinks were delivered directly to soldiers in active deployment zones, reinforcing community appreciation and moral support on Israel's Independence Day.



Ongoing Community Support

Gemach services continued to expand, including tools and event equipment that empower families, support home maintenance, and strengthen community resilience.