

KMS make a difference in victims' lives, Susan Weinberger.

Dear Avivah:

I do apologize for not keeping in touch. However, I keep Operation Embrace in mind, since our little Project Embrace is just a small project within the larger operation that you carry on. I truly wish that we could do more. A comforting thought is that if Operation Embrace can match congregations/Jewish Groups with even one victim family, you are helping to alleviate some pain and suffering.

Our adoptees, Ron and Shira Gozlan and their 3 little ones are working very hard to keep their spirits up. Shira is expecting their 4th baby, G-d willing, in September. Unfortunately, Roni's legs cannot be saved in spite of a year-long fight. In June of last year, when he jumped on the suicide bomber (he karate kicked him, after giving him a chase), he has been in rehabilitation with the reattached leg and the other badly broken leg, too. Unfortunately, he will have to be fitted with prosthetic legs. At the moment, it looks like that they will amputate one leg only on June 24th. He will have to start another long recovery process, while Shira is trying to cope with 3 children under the age of 8, plus a newborn, soon, plus hospital visits, work, housework, etc. Daunting, indeed!

KMS is providing a monthly stipend to Roni and Shira and extra help when times are even harder. Also clothing and toys are collected for the children and there is ongoing personal contact with phone calls and visit by members of the shul. Our KMS children, have collected over \$600 through a pushka project, recently, We are sending it to Roni and Shira now, for the childrens' summer camp. A little boy donated enough for a bicycle for little Yonatan, by depositing money at this tutor's home each time he had a lesson. Each monthly check is delivered by someone going to Israel and expanding the personal ties. Unused suitcases have been donated by shul members and we keep filling them up. Many moms and bubies buy and extra dress, outfit or toy when they shop for their own little ones and add it to the ongoing suitcase project. Before Pesah, when the Hebrew Academy kids visited Israel with Rabbi Eidelberg and the Berman family, they were able to take extra suitcases which they delivered to a support center for needy families. Our Adopt a Month campaign was successful and we will try to continue raising enough money for the monthly support. There are many things that we would like to do and would be helpful, but, I guess we have to keep on working on them.

This gives you an outline on how KMS is participating in Operation Embrace. Thank you so much for the match and for your important work.

With best regards,

Susan