

Tzedakah V'Chesed Institutions Tzfat מוסדות צדקה וחסד צפת

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“When no one else opens the door – we open our arms.”

Executive Summary for Donors – Passover 2025

A Home for the Forgotten Children

Founded in 1987 by Rabbi David Darshan zt"l, and today led by his son Rabbi Yisrael Darshan **Tzedakah v'Chesed** has been a beacon of hope for children in Safed, Israel—children abandoned by society, neglected by systems, and left without a lifeline.

What We Do

Tzedakah v'Chesed provides a **comprehensive, loving framework** for children aged 1 to 13 who come from trauma, poverty, dysfunction, or abandonment. Our institution is the *only one in the region* that welcomes every child regardless of background, behavior, academic ability, or economic standing. We turn no child away.

We provide:

- **Daycare, Kindergarten & Elementary School** for ages 1–12
- **After-School Programs** with hot meals, homework help & life skills
- **Therapeutic & Emotional Support** by trained professionals
- **Transportation, Clothing, Holiday Meals** – so no child goes without
- **Kimcha D'Pischa Food Distributions** to families in need

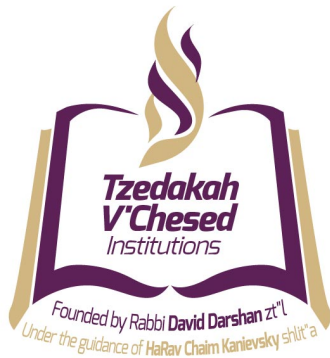
Our Track Record

- More than **2,000 children** served over three decades
- Services include **daycare (ages 1–3), kindergarten, elementary school, hot meals, transportation, psychological counseling, holiday aid, and after-school enrichment**
- Operated with **full transparency**: certified audits, tax-deductible status under Section 46, and proper management certification

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The Children Behind the Numbers

Every child here has a story like this. Every one is a soul we refuse to give up on.

Racheli, a girl from a broken home with no books or clothing, is now in academic studies—thriving under mentorship.

Hannah, who lost her father the day of her engagement, was supported through her grief and today is happily married and stable.

The Crisis We Are Facing

In recent years, our enrollment has dropped from 240 to just 50 children.

Not because the need is gone—because the resources have. Due to war, cuts in government support, and a collapsing economy in Safed, we are now **on the brink of closure.**

\$753,000 – Annual operating budget

\$247,000 – Current shortfall

\$767,000 – Total accumulated deficit

Staff unpaid for months. Children turned away. Programs shuttered.

Without urgent donor support, our doors will close—and the children will return to the streets, to dysfunction, to darkness...

Our Pledge to You

With your help, we can overcome this crisis—not just to survive, but to rebuild. Your donation will help establish a fundraising foundation for long-term security and:

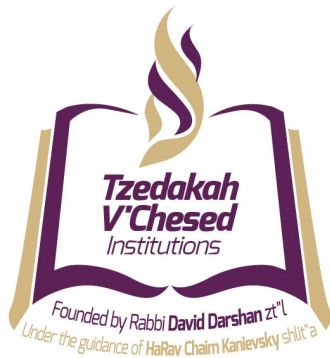
- **Reopen our classrooms** and welcome back 100+ children
- **Restore full-time programs** like our after-school club (\$55,000/year)
- **Provide Passover meals** for hungry families (\$28,000)
- **Outfit children** with new clothing and shoes (\$13,000)
- **Eliminate urgent debt** that threatens our survival

A one-time gift or monthly commitment can transform lives. We are a fully registered nonprofit, with proper management certification and audited finances. Donations are tax-deductible under **Israeli Section 46.**

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Help Us Keep the Doors Open

In a city ranked among the lowest socio-economically in Israel, where war, trauma, and poverty intersect—you can be the reason a child is not left behind.

We don't need charity. We need **partners** in compassion.

Help us give these children a warm meal, a safe space, a future.

A Personal Appeal

"I've led this institution since I was 24, after my father's passing. I've never taken a salary. I've lived on faith. But this year, I cannot do it alone. We haven't paid salaries in three months. We are still feeding children, still opening doors—but we are barely holding on.

If we close, these children will have nowhere else to go. I beg you—with all my heart—help us continue this holy work."

Rabbi Yisrael Darshan, Director

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