
FEEDISRAEL
2027
REBUILDING EVERYDAY LIFE



The war ended in April. For thousands of families, **nothing went back to normal.**

Around 6,476 homes were lost and more than 5,500 people were put out of them. Seven months after the ceasefire, many were still waiting to be rehoused.

A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM

WHAT YOU PAID FOR THIS YEAR

Dear Friend,

We want to begin with something that has nothing to do with money.

On an ordinary Wednesday in October, our volunteers in Israel laid out lunch at the center we keep for elderly people and Holocaust survivors. They cooked, they carried the plates, and then they did the part that does not appear on any budget line. They sat down next to people. They asked how the week had gone. They listened to a story that had been told before, and they listened to it properly.

One of the team wrote that evening that what we do is not only food for the body, but food for the soul. We have thought about that sentence every day since, because it describes exactly what your giving bought this year, and the part of it hardest to put into a report.

This has not been an easy year to describe. In February the country went to war again. For six weeks families slept in stairwells and safe rooms, and our volunteers drove through it to keep the routes running. The ceasefire came in April, the cameras left in May, and the part nobody filmed began. Six and a half thousand homes were gone. The people from them went to relatives, to rented rooms, to hotels, and a great many of them are still there.

We have come to think that the real test of an organization is not what it does in the six weeks everyone is watching. It is what it does in the eleven months afterwards.

We should say plainly what this book is and is not. It is not a list of everything we would like to do. It is an account of what your money actually bought in 2026, what the year in Israel actually looked like according to Israel's own institutions rather than according to us, and what we are committing to for the year ahead.

You are reading it because you gave, and because we think people who give are owed the unvarnished version.

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So we want to tell you what we did in those eleven months, as plainly as we can.

We kept the weekly box going. Not the holiday box, which is the one that gets photographed, but the ordinary weekly delivery that arrives when nothing is happening in Israel worth reporting. Staples and fresh produce, carried to the door by somebody who lives in the same city. For a person who is eighty-eight and cannot manage the stairs any more, that delivery is the difference between eating and not eating that week.

We kept the center open, every week, with a hot meal and a chair and somebody in the chair next to yours.

And we put a holiday table in front of families four times, before Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Passover and Chanukah, so that a festival in a house with no money still looked like a festival.

There is one more thing we owe you, and it is uncomfortable to write in a thank-you letter.

The shekel has strengthened a great deal against the dollar. Two years ago your dollar bought 3.56 shekels. Today it buys about 2.96. That is good news for Israel and hard news for us, because it means the gift you sent last year, repeated at the same amount this year, buys roughly a sixth less food than it did. Nothing about the need has changed. The arithmetic has.

We would rather tell you that than quietly ask for more without saying why.

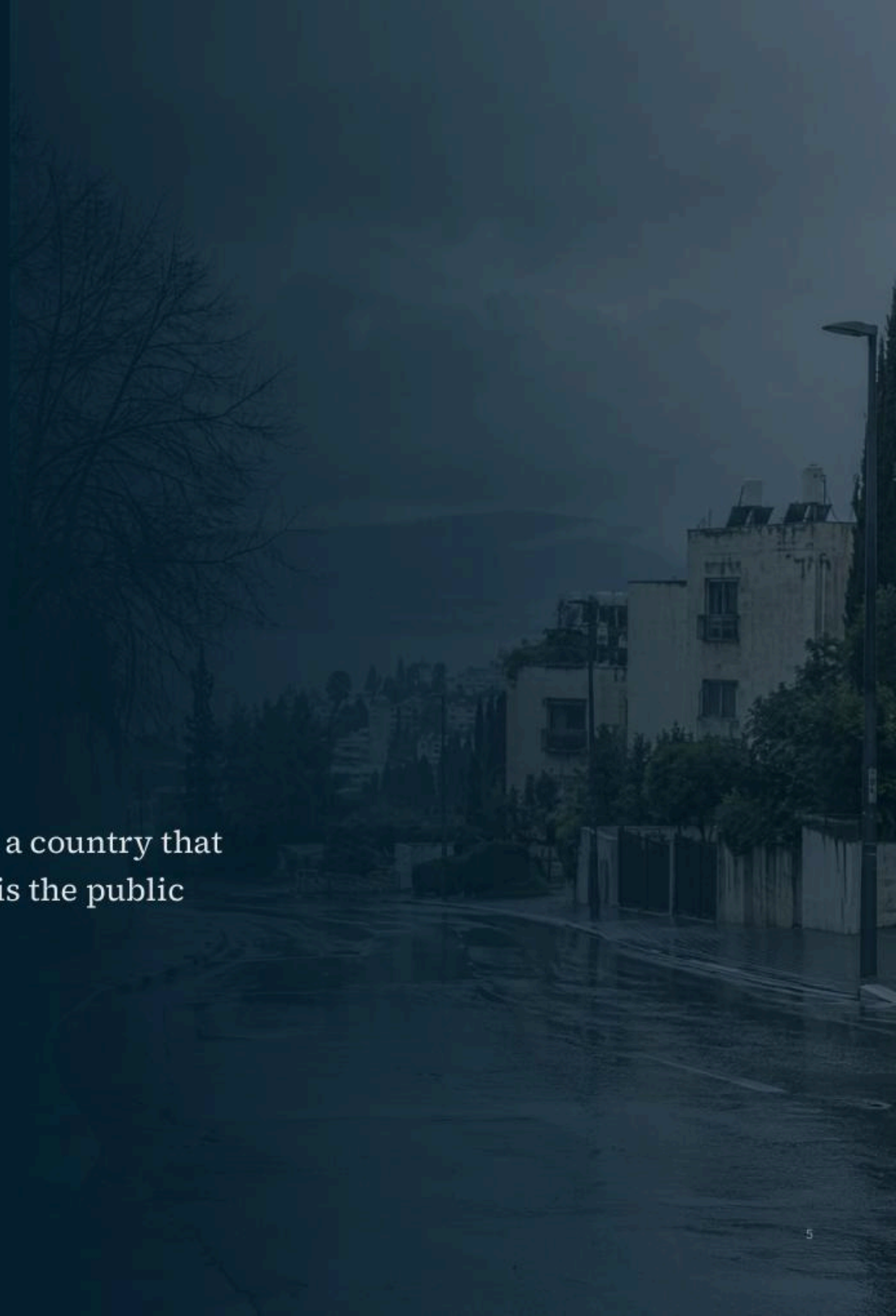
Thank you for standing with these families through a year that asked a great deal of them, and of you. What you gave did not disappear into an organization. It went up a staircase in somebody's hands.

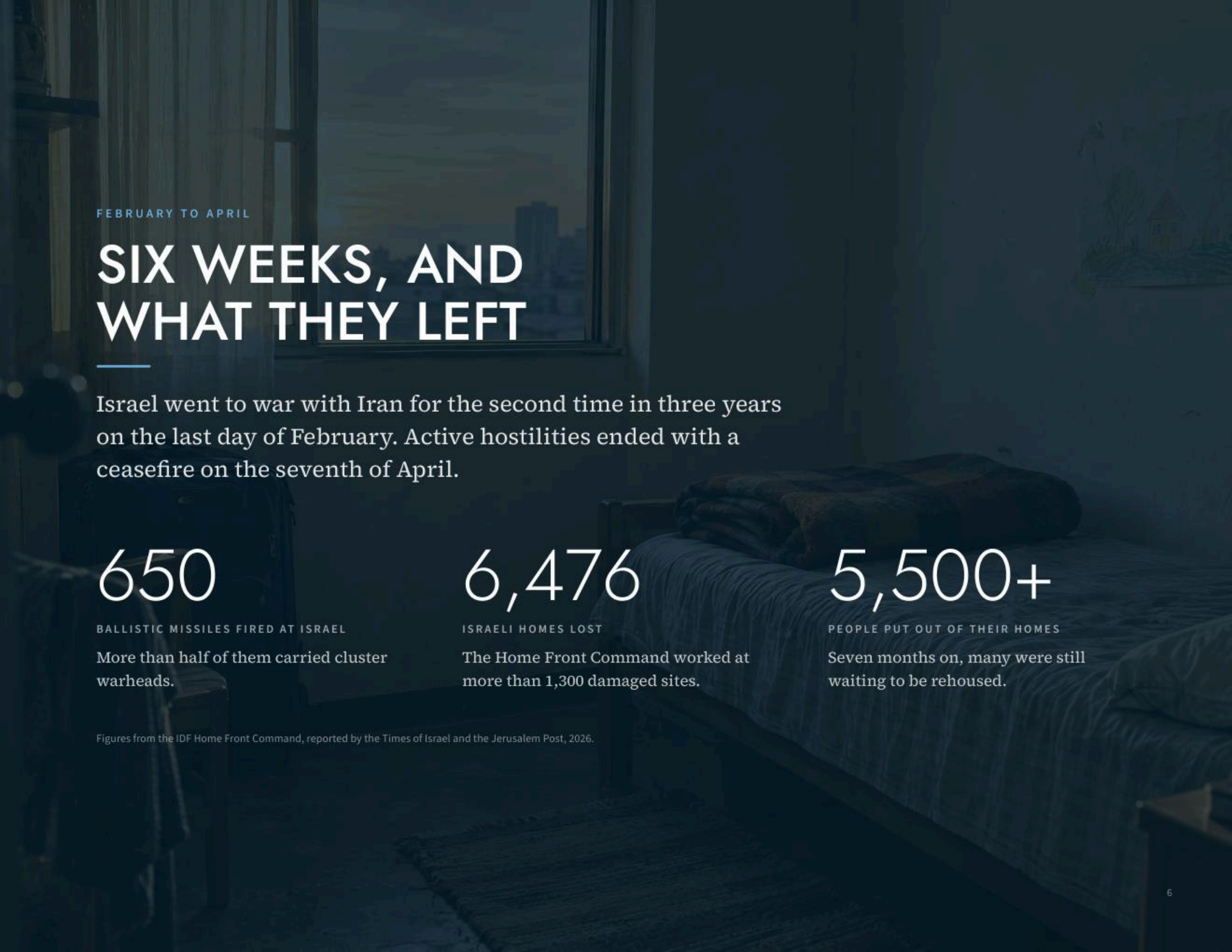
The Feed Israel Team

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THE YEAR ISRAEL HAD

A war in the spring, a ceasefire in April, and a country that did not go back to how it was. What follows is the public record, from Israel's own institutions.





FEBRUARY TO APRIL

SIX WEEKS, AND WHAT THEY LEFT

Israel went to war with Iran for the second time in three years on the last day of February. Active hostilities ended with a ceasefire on the seventh of April.

650

BALLISTIC MISSILES FIRED AT ISRAEL

More than half of them carried cluster warheads.

6,476

ISRAELI HOMES LOST

The Home Front Command worked at more than 1,300 damaged sites.

5,500+

PEOPLE PUT OUT OF THEIR HOMES

Seven months on, many were still waiting to be rehoused.

Figures from the IDF Home Front Command, reported by the Times of Israel and the Jerusalem Post, 2026.

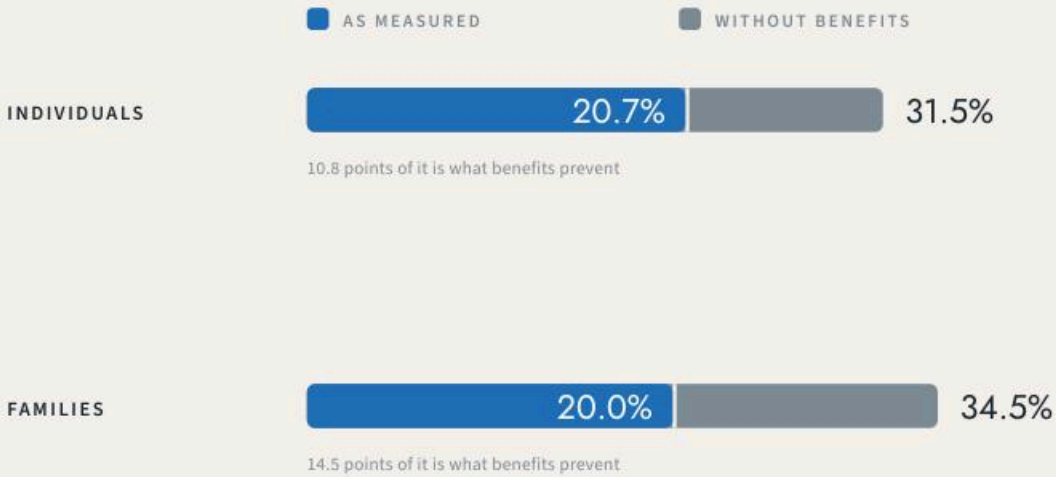
WHAT POVERTY LOOKS LIKE NOW

A SAFETY NET ALREADY STRETCHED

Israel's National Insurance Institute published its poverty report in January. It describes a country where hardship has stopped being an emergency and become a condition. About two million people live below the poverty line, among them roughly 880,000 children.

The figure worth sitting with is the second one on this chart. Take government benefits out of the calculation and poverty in Israel would stand at 31.5 percent of individuals and 34.5 percent of families.

The net is holding about a third of the country off the floor. It is carrying as much as it can, and charities are what sits underneath it.



Source: Israel's National Insurance Institute, poverty report published 30 January 2026.

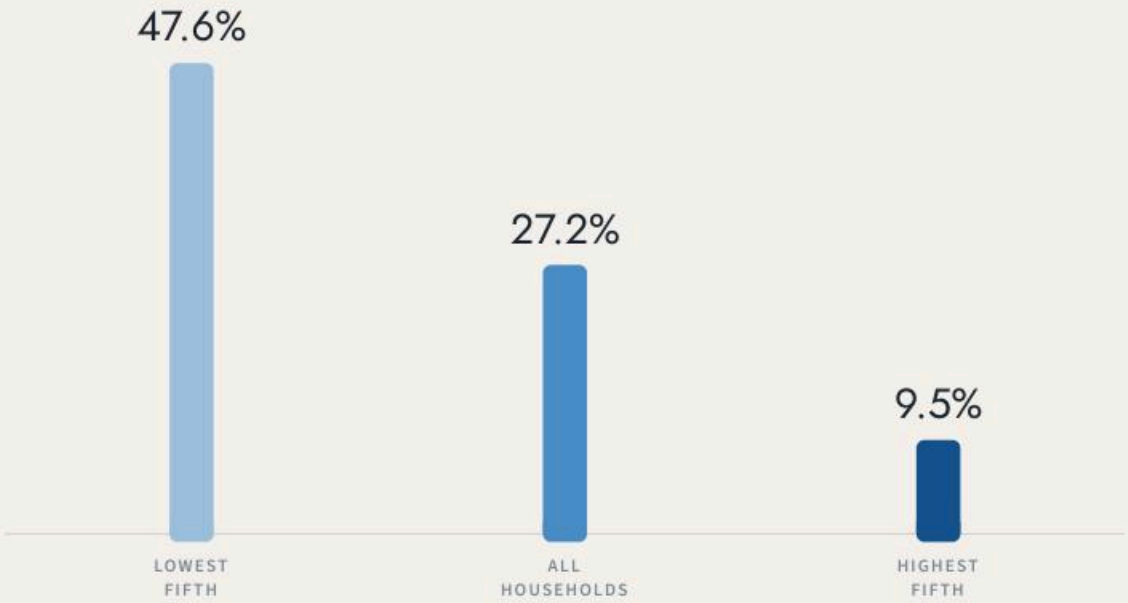
FOOD INSECURITY

MORE THAN A QUARTER OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS

27.2 percent of Israeli households live with food insecurity, which means going without meals, or going without the right ones, for want of money.

It is not spread evenly. In the lowest fifth of households by income it is close to one home in two. These are the households municipal welfare departments already know about, and they are the lists our volunteers work from.

83 percent of the households that ask for food aid have at least one working adult. Almost nobody on these routes is outside the economy. They are inside it and still short.



Source: Israel's National Insurance Institute, 2024 survey published January 2026.

THE PEOPLE AT OUR TABLES

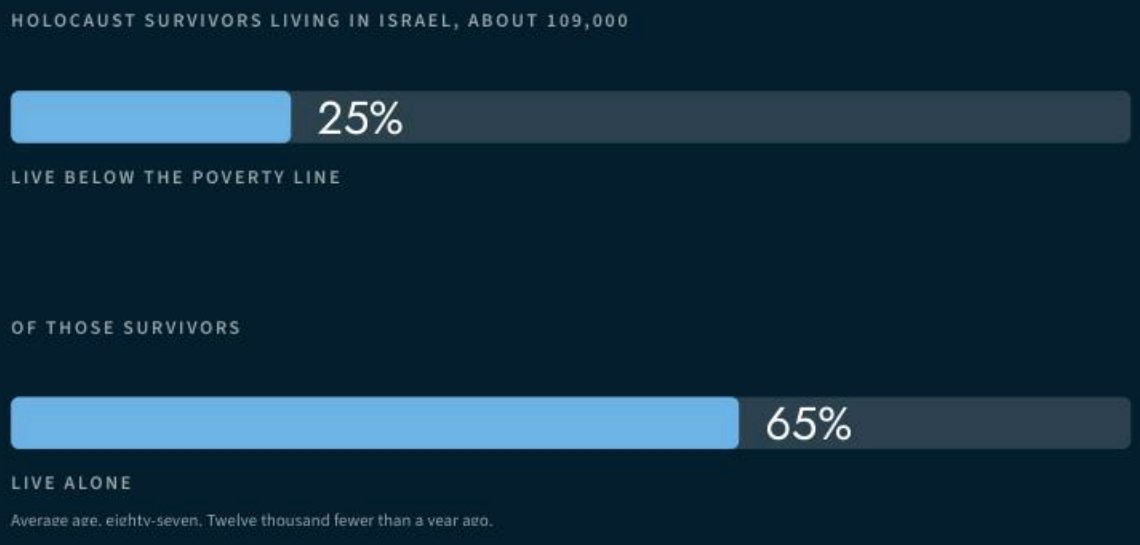
A WINDOW THAT IS CLOSING

About 109,000 Holocaust survivors are living in Israel today. That is twelve thousand fewer than a year ago. Their average age is eighty-seven.

Around a quarter of them live below the poverty line, and roughly sixty-five percent live alone. Those two facts together describe the room our volunteers walk into every week.

There is no version of this work that can be postponed. Whatever is going to be done for this generation has to be done now.

Sources: Israel's Holocaust Survivors' Rights Authority and the National Insurance Institute, 2026.



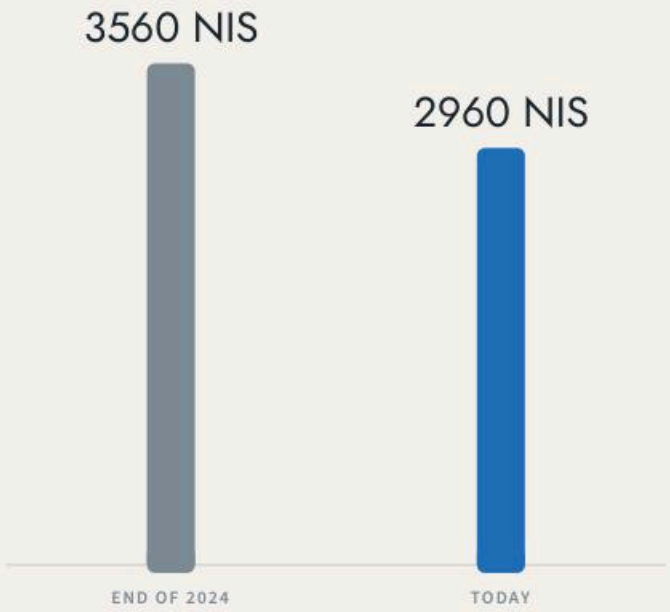
SOMETHING THAT CHANGED QUIETLY

YOUR DOLLAR DOES NOT BUY WHAT IT BOUGHT

At the end of 2024 one American dollar bought 3.56 shekels. Today it buys about 2.96. The shekel has strengthened, which is good for Israel and difficult for a charity funded in dollars.

Israeli food prices have been close to flat, with headline inflation running at roughly 1.5 percent, the lowest since 2021. So this is not a story about prices running away. It is an exchange rate quietly cutting what every American donation is worth by the time it lands.

The chart shows the same gift, sent twice. A repeat of last year's amount is, in practice, a smaller gift.



What a $1,000 gift converts to, in shekels.

Exchange rates as reported through 2026. Inflation: Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, July 2026.

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THE WORK ITSELF

Who Feed Israel is, how the food actually reaches a door, and what your giving paid for across 2026.





FEED ISRAEL

WHO THIS IS

Feed Israel was founded in 2012 to put food in front of people in Israel who cannot reach it on their own, and to work on the longer problem underneath that through education and advocacy.

The foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity based in Brooklyn. In Israel our volunteers do the work on the ground, coordinated with the welfare departments of municipalities in the country's eight largest cities, so that help reaches the households those departments already know are most exposed.

Elderly people and Holocaust survivors. Families with children. Single parents and large families. Working households that cannot cover the food bill. Reservist families. Families still displaced by the war.

Advocate. Educate. Satiate.

On the logo since 2012

WHAT YOUR GIVING DID THIS YEAR

What our volunteers carried in 2026, in cities across Israel, from the first week of the year to the last.

Every week

FOOD AT THE DOOR

Weekly boxes all year, carried to homes in cities across Israel by volunteers who already know the door.

Hundreds

OF VOLUNTEERS

They pack the boxes, drive the routes and sit down at the center's tables, in the same cities as the families they serve.

Every chag

HOLIDAY BOXES

Before Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Passover and Chanukah, so that a festival table looks like a festival table.





A kitchen in Be'er Sheva, the week before Sukkot.

THE CENTER

FOOD FOR THE BODY, AND THE OTHER THING

Volunteers arrive in the morning and cook. A hot lunch goes out to every seat, and then the part that is harder to put in a budget line begins.

They sit down next to people. They ask how the week went. They listen to a story that has been told before and they listen to it properly. For a woman who lives alone, and who survived something most of us have only read about, the meal is not always the point.

Around sixty-five percent of the Holocaust survivors living in Israel live by themselves. A room with other people in it is not a small thing to offer them.

Not only food for the body, but food for the soul.

The Feed Israel team in Israel, October 2026



ONE OF THEM

YOSEF ALWAYS ARRIVES EARLY

Yosef is eighty-one. He was born in Lodz in the last months of the war, came to Israel as a small boy in 1949 on a boat he still describes as crowded, spent forty years setting type in a printing house in Tel Aviv, and buried his wife six years ago. His daughter lives in Ashdod and calls on Fridays.

In the spring he spent eleven nights on the landing outside his flat, because the stairwell was the safest place in the building and he could not get down to the shelter quickly enough. A neighbour brought him tea. When the sirens stopped he found that getting out to the shops had become something he could no longer do on his own.

He comes to the center on Wednesdays now. He arrives twenty minutes early, every week, and sets out the chairs before anybody asks him to. When one of the volunteers tried to take the chairs from him, he said he had not been given a job to do in four years and he would like to keep this one.

That is the whole story. He eats a hot meal, he sets out the chairs, and he is not alone on a Wednesday.





A doorway in September, the evening before the holiday.

FOUR TIMES A YEAR

A TABLE THAT LOOKS LIKE A HOLIDAY

Before Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Passover and Chanukah the packing runs late and the routes run later. The boxes carry festive food and the ordinary staples underneath it, because a holiday that arrives without the rest of the week attached is not much of a holiday.

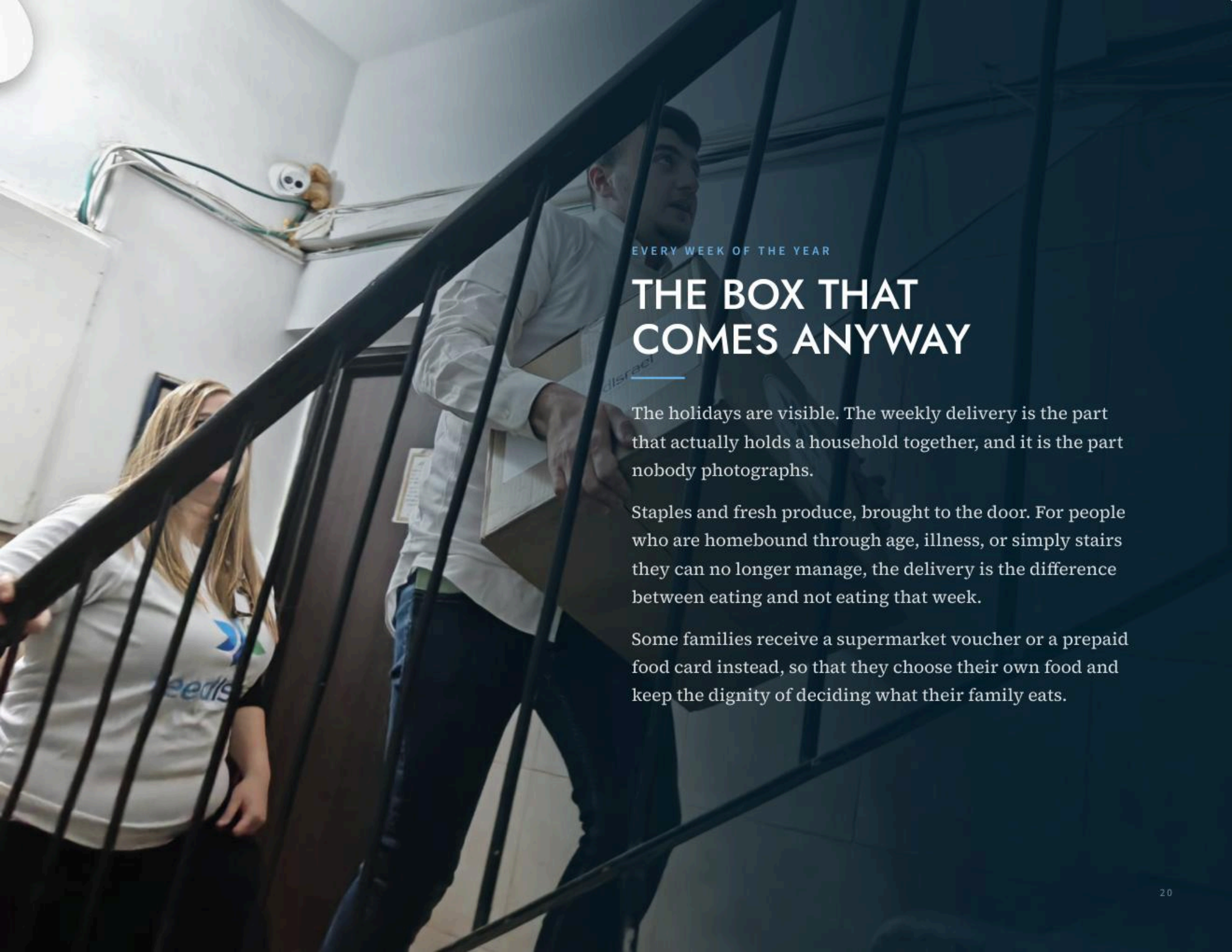
The lists come from municipal welfare departments, so the boxes go to households already known to be at the edge rather than to whoever happened to ask.

Last autumn the volunteers were still driving at midnight before the holiday came in, going door to door to reach one more elderly person, one more single mother, one more family.

They leave their own homes, and their own holiday preparations, to get to one more door.



A box handed over at the door. The weekly route, not a holiday one.



EVERY WEEK OF THE YEAR

THE BOX THAT COMES ANYWAY

The holidays are visible. The weekly delivery is the part that actually holds a household together, and it is the part nobody photographs.

Staples and fresh produce, brought to the door. For people who are homebound through age, illness, or simply stairs they can no longer manage, the delivery is the difference between eating and not eating that week.

Some families receive a supermarket voucher or a prepaid food card instead, so that they choose their own food and keep the dignity of deciding what their family eats.



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This is the true power of volunteering. People who simply put everything aside for a moment and go out to do good.

NATI, FEED ISRAEL VOLUNTEER, SEPTEMBER 2026



The sirens stopped in April.
The families from those buildings are still somewhere else.

Rebuilding six and a half thousand homes is a job measured in years. Until it is finished, those households are paying rent in one place while they still owe money on another.



Before a holiday, in a home on one of the routes.

WHERE THE WORK HAPPENS

ON THE GROUND

Our volunteers work with the welfare departments of municipalities in Israel's eight largest cities. The routes named most often in this year's reporting were Jerusalem, Be'er Sheva, Ashkelon, Tiberias, Sderot and Dimona.

The lists come from those departments, so the food reaches households that social workers already know are most exposed, rather than whoever is loudest or best connected.

Every grant is checked before it is sent. Written applications before any money moves. Regular reporting afterwards. Review of books and records. Visits on site. And screening against the United States Treasury sanctions list before a single dollar leaves Brooklyn.

None of it is glamorous. It is how a gift made in New York becomes a box on a kitchen table in Dimona.

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HOW THIS IS RUN

Where the money goes, who checks it, and what people outside the organization say about the work.



HOW YOUR GIFT TRAVELS

BROOKLYN TO A DOOR IN BE'ER SHEVA

There is no mystery in the middle of this. Here is the whole route, from your gift to a kitchen table.

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YOUR GIFT ARRIVES IN BROOKLYN

To Feed Israel Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, EIN 46-0650024. Contributions are tax deductible under United States law.

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OUR BOARD SENDS IT TO ISRAEL

Every grant is approved by our board, applied for in writing, screened against the United States Treasury sanctions list, and reported to the IRS. In 2025 that was $3.06 million.

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LISTS COME FROM MUNICIPAL WELFARE

So the food reaches households that social workers have already identified, rather than whoever is loudest or best connected.

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VOLUNTEERS CARRY IT TO THE DOOR

Packed, driven and delivered by people who live in the same cities as the families they are delivering to.

Our financial statements for 2024 and 2025 were audited by an independent firm. Where the money went is on the next page.

ON THE PUBLIC RECORD

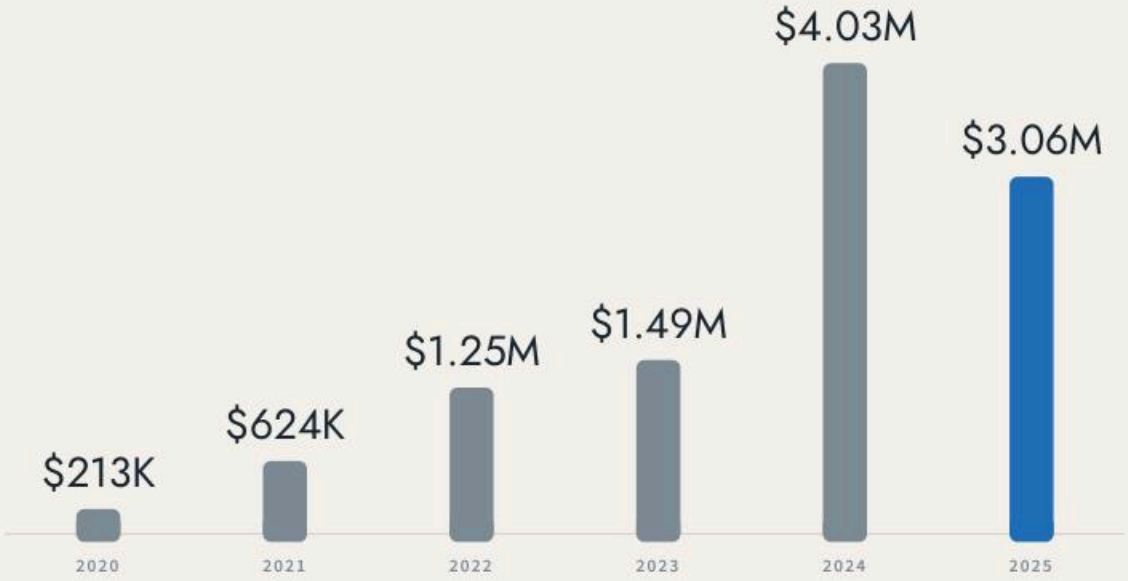
WHERE THE MONEY WENT

Our financial statements for 2024 and 2025 were audited by an independent accounting firm, as reported on our Form 990, the return every American charity files with the IRS.

In 2025, 97.8 percent of our expenses went to the work in Israel. That figure is not ours to round up or down. It comes straight from the return, and anyone can read it.

Since 2020 we have granted $10.6 million to the work in Israel. The chart shows it year by year. Any donor who would like to see our audited statements can ask us for them.

Source: Feed Israel Foundation Form 990 returns, tax years 2020 to 2025, on ProPublica.



Granted to the work in Israel, by tax year.

ON THE RECORD

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Feed Israel has been working across Israel for more than a decade. These are people who have seen the work from the outside.



ISAAC HERZOG

PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

"For over a decade, you at Feed Israel have been operating throughout the entire country, spreading light and hope in the homes of the needy. Whether it's Holocaust survivors, single-parent families, new immigrants, or anyone who is in financial hardship, you open up your heart for them, and you extend your hand."



REUVEN RIVLIN

FORMER PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL

"I was very impressed by the activity of Feed Israel. These things are in line with my own actions to promote respectful discourse and a life of dignity among all the citizens of Israel."



DAVID FRIEDMAN

FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

"Feed Israel is doing magnificent work in an important area. They deserve every honor."



MICHAEL OREN

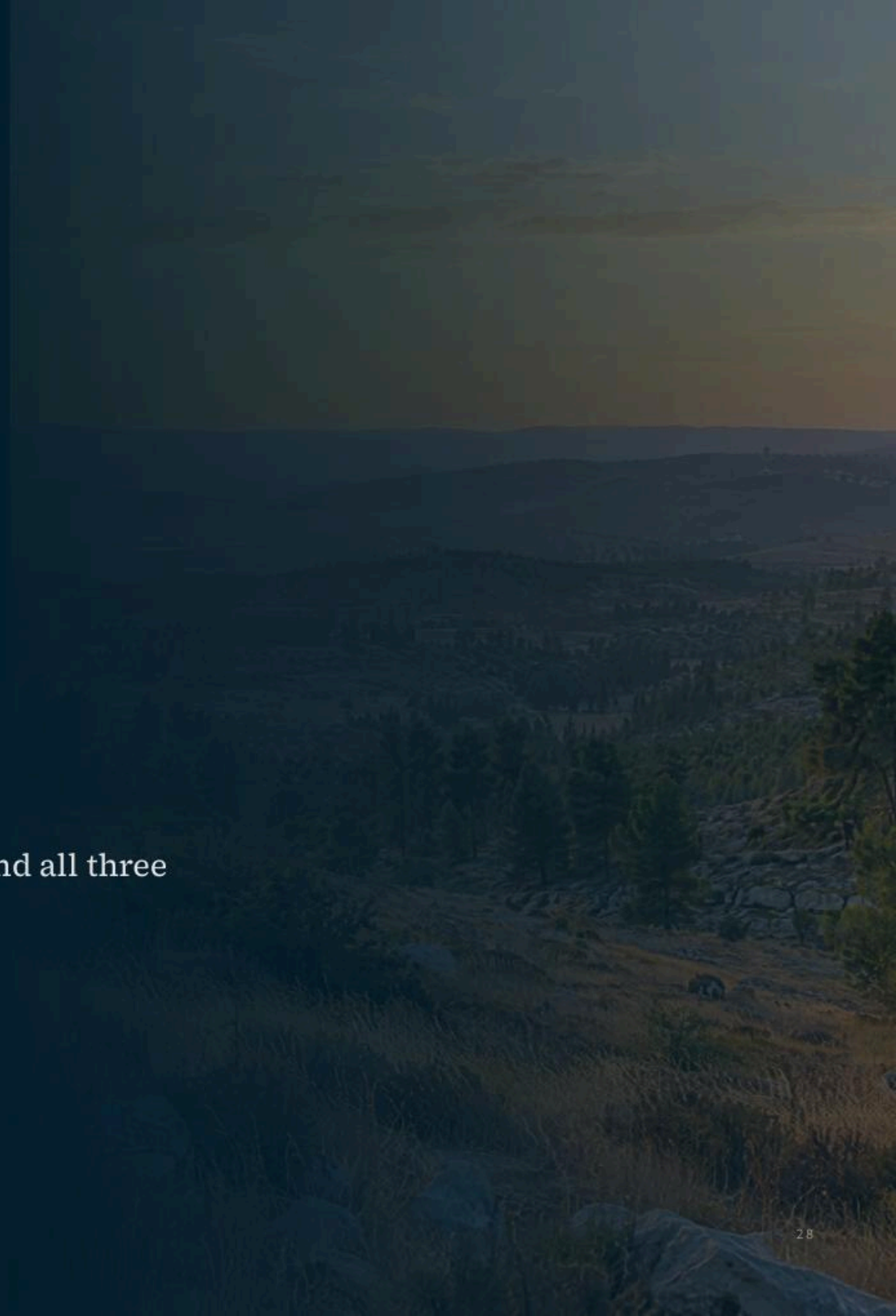
FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

"I am happy and honored to commend the activity of Feed Israel, whose volunteers work with kindness and determination to provide food to lone soldiers, Holocaust survivors and the elderly."

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THE YEAR AHEAD

Three things are already clear about 2027, and all three point the same way.





Winter on the northern routes.

2027 AHEAD

WHAT NEXT YEAR ASKS OF US

The displaced are not going home quickly. Rebuilding six and a half thousand homes is a multi-year job. Until it is done those families are paying rent in one place while they still owe money on another, and food is the line in the household budget with the least resistance.

Winter is the expensive season. Heating competes with food in exactly the households that have no room for either to win. It is the stretch of the year when the weekly box does the most work and attracts the least attention.

The exchange rate is not coming back. A dollar is likely to keep buying less food in Israel than it did two years ago. Holding this year's level of help steady will take more than this year's level of giving.

None of that is a reason for gloom. It is a reason to plan, and to say out loud what we intend to do rather than discover in March that we cannot afford it.

WHAT WE ARE COMMITTING TO

STEADY, THROUGH THE QUIET MONTHS

Not a larger promise than we can keep. A specific one.

All year

DELIVERIES THROUGH 2027

Holding the route steady through winter, when the gap between a household's income and its food bill is widest.

Every week

OUR CENTER, OPEN

Keeping the room open, and keeping somebody in the chair next to the person eating.

Every chag

HOLIDAY BOXES, UNINTERRUPTED

Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot, Passover and Chanukah, for every household already on the list.



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Acts of kindness never die. They linger in the memory, giving life to other acts in return.

RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your support is what keeps the box arriving in the weeks when nothing is happening in Israel worth reporting, which is most weeks, and which is when it matters most.

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Give online in a minute, once or every month. Every gift is tax-deductible in the US.

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