



Dear Colleague,

Each of us is searching for ways to assist achenu bnei Eretz Yisroel during these troubling times. Certainly, making efforts to bring simcha to the lives of yesomei Eretz Yisroel partially meets that goal. Recently, we were introduced to a new charity organization dedicated to such a mission.

WEDDINGS FOR ORPHANS IN ISRAEL

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Simchat Tzion, formed a few months ago by a group of volunteers, provides Israeli orphans with respectable, yet inexpensive weddings free of charge. Simchat Tzion has hired one of Jerusalem's premier caterers to cater all Simchat Tzion sponsored weddings at a reduced cost without compromising the caterer's standards. Consequently, Simchat Tzion's beneficiaries are able to celebrate their weddings in a joyous atmosphere. To date, Simchat Tzion has sponsored close to fifty weddings. Some of us have been privileged to attend these weddings and can attest firsthand to their quality and beauty.

Until now Simchat Tzion has raised funds for its weddings from several large benefactors. However, the Israeli orphan population is large and to keep up with the demand Simchat Tzion is currently seeking to develop a national base of donors. We ask you to join us in helping it meet that goal. Described below are two methods of introducing Simchat Tzion to your congregation. Furthermore, we have enclosed a brochure describing additional sponsorship options.

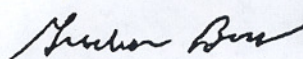
Community Sponsor-a-Wedding Campaign

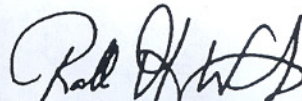
Under this program, a congregation (or several congregations working together) would sponsor one or several weddings as a community. The cost of sponsoring a single wedding is \$4,000.

Partner Weddings

Under this program, members of your congregation making a wedding for their own child sponsor all or part of a Simchat Tzion wedding on the night of their own child's wedding.

Simchat Tzion has provided us with the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvos of hachnosas kallah and providing for orphans. Furthermore, Gedolei Yisroel throughout Eretz Yisroel have warmly endorsed its activities. It would certainly be a tremendous zechus for Eretz Yisroel for Jewish communities across the United States to support the work of Simchat Tzion. If you would like further information about introducing a Simchat Tzion fund-raising campaign to your congregation, please call Rabbi Leiby Gutman at (718) 692-0481, Rabbi Larry Teitelman at (718) 639-6293 or Rabbi Shlomo (Kenny) Schwartz at (973) 591-1317.



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