

Passover under Fire and Inner Freedom



Dear friends,

This year, Easter and Passover overlap - a reason for double joy. Yet while a carefree and joyful Easter was celebrated in Germany and in the western world, life in Israel looks very different.

Here we are sharing two messages with you that offer a glimpse into how our closest partners in Israel are experiencing these days.



Shlomi, the CEO of the organization for widows and orphans of fallen soldiers and security forces (IDFWO), writes:

Dear Chaya, dear Harald and all supporters from ARC to Israel, the ongoing war with Iran and Hezbollah continues to disrupt daily life across Israel. Sirens, uncertainty, and fear have once again become routine.

Activities that are essential for healing, connection, and strength are suddenly difficult, sometimes impossible, to carry out. And yet, we refuse to disconnect. We remain close to every widow, every orphan, every family.

We had to cancel the celebrations we had prepared. Instead of bringing families together, we brought the holiday to them, ensuring that even in isolation, they felt remembered and embraced.

But for some families, even that is not enough. A young widow, lost her husband just seven months ago while she was still pregnant. Days after this latest escalation began, she gave birth. She cannot return home to Haifa. Their apartment has no protected space, and it is not safe for her and her newborn. Thanks to generous donations, she is now in a secure hotel where she and her baby can receive the care and protection they need.

Many widows are facing similar realities: displacement, insecurity, and emotional and financial strain layered on top of profound loss.

We have launched an emergency campaign to provide immediate financial and logistical support. From temporary housing and essential supplies to emotional care and continued connection, the needs are real, urgent, and growing.

As we sit at the Seder table and tell the story of our journey from darkness to freedom, we are reminded that resilience is built together, through community, responsibility, and action.

Thank you for standing with us and for being a source of strength to those who need it most.



And Nir, the CEO of the Rimon therapeutic centers for trauma survivors, who is currently serving as a pilot in the war with Iran, shares the following message:

Every day, we meet individuals coping with trauma, PTSD, and profound hardships. For them, freedom is the inherent ability to choose anew: cognitive, physical, and emotional freedom.

This Passover, as we commemorate our people's journey from slavery to freedom, we at Rimon Farms reflect on the concept of freedom through a profound and connective lens. For us, freedom is first and foremost a personal and internal journey arising from the depths of an individual's emotional world.

In these challenging times, alongside the complex reality surrounding us, we continue our powerful internal work, that allows us to choose life, to strengthen ourselves and others, and to grow out of a steadfast belief in our inherent capabilities. We are working to build resilience across the Western and Eastern Negev, creating a safe and nurturing environment for both our beneficiaries and our professional staff.

Dear friends and supporters from Arc to Israel, thanks to your partnership and trust, we can provide the tools that enable this freedom to thousands of people who need it. You are the driving force that allows us to sustain our existing programs while simultaneously looking ahead, establishing new projects, and reaching out to the many populations in the Negev who require a space for healing, resilience, and growth.

I thank you for being an integral part of the Rimon Farms family. May we all be blessed with true freedom, unity, and hope.



We (Chaya and Harald) would also like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous support, which has enabled us to transfer the largest donations to both organizations to date in March as well as in April.

We are deeply moved by the resilience of our partners and by the way they continue their service to affected families tirelessly, even under these circumstances. Being able to contribute and to put the call “Comfort, comfort my people” into very concrete and practical action is not only the need of the hour for us, but also a true privilege.

What we sow in tears today will bear fruit. And we will see the day when we can rejoice in what has grown from it: healing, restoration, hope, and strength among the people of Israel.

Thank you for continuing to help make this possible through your donations.

With love

Chaya and Harald

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P.S. Please indicate with your donations whether they are intended for trauma survivors (Rimon), for widows and orphans (IDFWO), or for both. **We pass on all donations 100% and without any deductions (e.g., for administrative costs) to the recipients. Let us bring hope and support together.**