

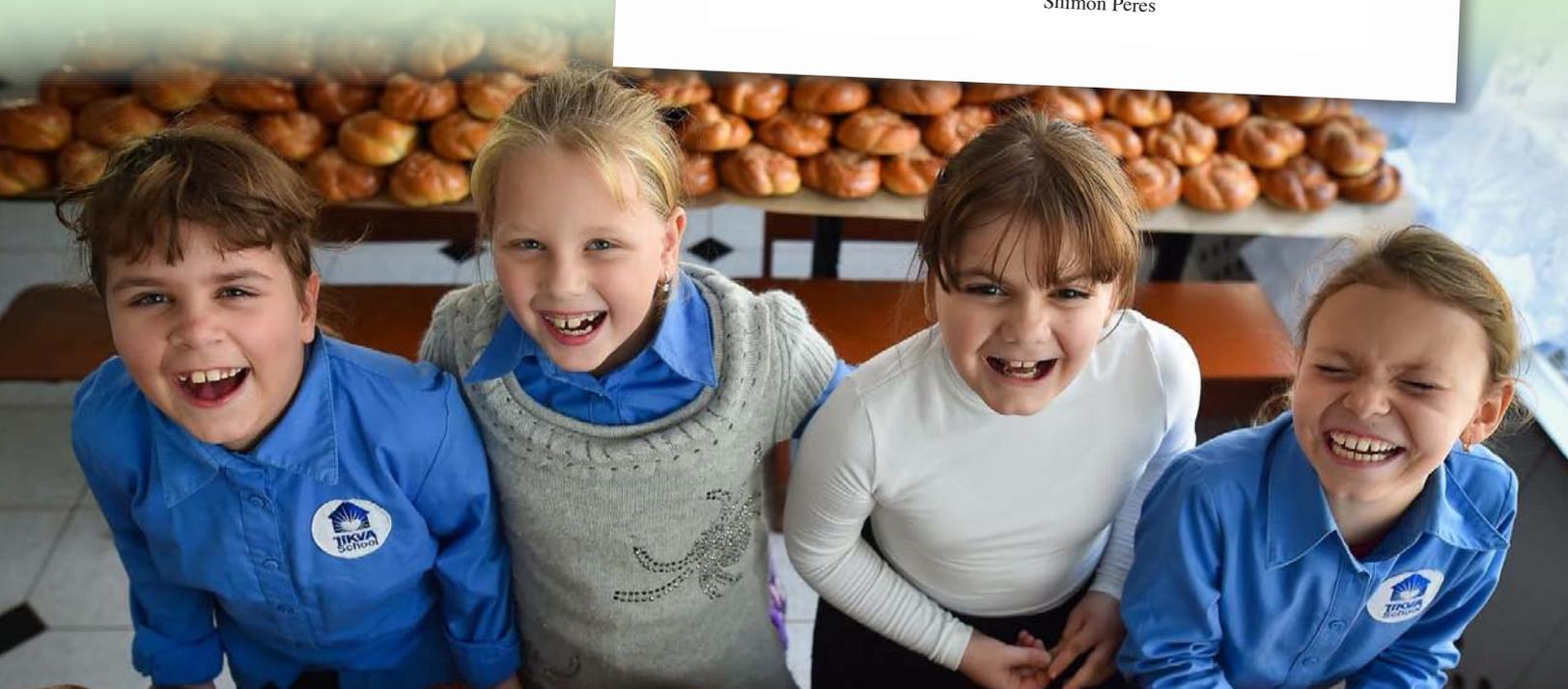
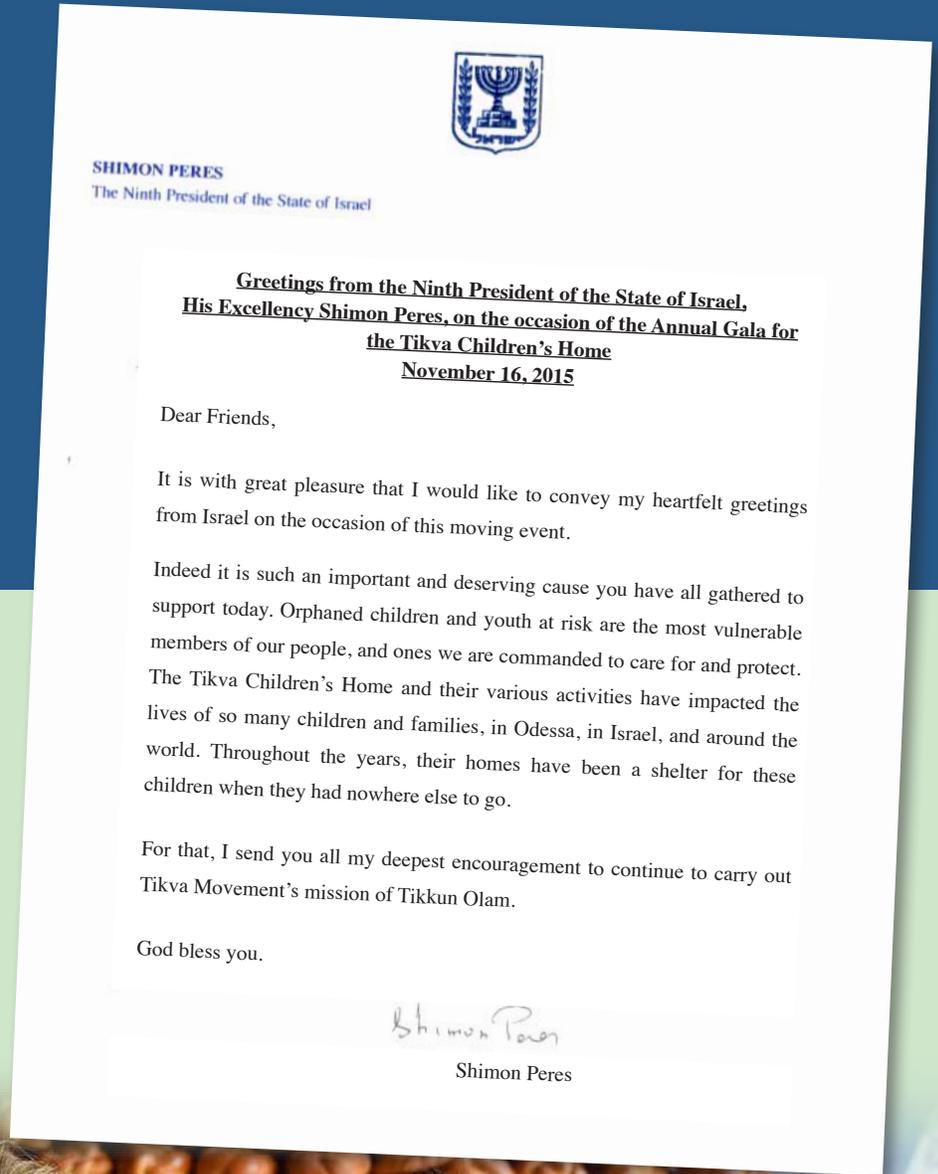


Tikva Children's Home mourns the passing of Shimon Peres, Israel's most renowned elder statesman, former Prime Minister, President and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize.

May we all renew our commitment to his quest for peace.

“Israeli children should be taught to look to the future, not live in the past. I would rather teach them to imagine than to remember.”

- Shimon Peres, 2000



UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Tikva,

I am honored as your Executive Director to represent an organization built on compassion and driven to deliver hope to the Jewish children of Odessa where the overriding scenario has been that of despair. Tikva fuels the faith and optimism of thousands of abandoned and abused children whose lives have endured incredible levels of suffering.

Building a future for these vulnerable children is at the heart of our mission and the essential foundation for them to believe that their lives matter - they certainly have not been forgotten.

Instilling the necessary confidence in these children to overcome past adversity, Tikva creates an environment where they can flourish, explore their heart's desire and live lives worthy of their dreams.

On this Rosh Hashana, we at Tikva are expanding our outreach to include the ongoing assistance to Holocaust survivors of World War II in Odessa who also live in despair. The thousands of elderly who we

are going to aid are living well below the poverty level and suffer from depression, loneliness and neglect.

Using our Tikva facilities, the love of our children, teachers, psychologists and staff - we are embarking on a program to further engage these people - to embrace them, their needs and in doing so help them to live lives of dignity.

The compassion for our children of Tikva will be extended to these elderly for whom there has been very meager assistance. Our children will benefit in ways beyond the tasks of the day as they learn from generations past what it means to have loving contact with people who care for their well being.

As we embark on the New Year, please join us in supporting our enhanced efforts to heal the Jewish community of Odessa.

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BROOKLYN EVENTS WITH TIKVA

This summer marked the first event with Tikva inviting the Russian speaking community of South Brooklyn, NY. Guest speaker for the evening was Tikva Board Member and Olympic champion - Lenny Krayzelburg.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Russian singer Misha Botsman. Special guests from Ukraine included Rabbi Yakov Bleich, Chief Rabbi of Ukraine, and Refael Kruskal CEO of Tikva Children's Home. Rabbi and Rebbetzin Zaltsman of RAJE provided a personal story of their own experience with Tikva and how it affected them and their future. Sponsors for the evening were the Vyater Group, CitiScape Consulting, ALMAX, DietLifeStyleDelivery, Annie Couture and Ilite Realty.

This past September, Brooklyn's Orthodox community held a joint celebration with Tikva Children's Home at TFusion Steakhouse. Rabbi Plutchok spoke on behalf of Tikva to the many guests as well as a former Tikva community member Leah Lauffer. During the evening, Rabbi Zaltsman's son Hillel spoke of his recent experience visiting Tikva in Odessa. The silent auction and participation all raised funds in support of Tikva Children's Home. Music was provided by violinist Lenny K.

If you know of any other organizations that would like to know more about Tikva and our life saving work please contact Yanna Begelman, Director of Development at tikvaYB@gmail.com or phone 917-517-7879.



20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

September 27th, marked the 20th Anniversary Gala celebrating Tikva Children's Home in NYC at Espace. Over 225 friends of Tikva came to support the event and our honorees Max Kleinman and Harry & Anna Schimmel. Max Kleinman, who received the Distinguished Service Award for his generous support and leadership of Tikva from Andrew Stamelman, Board Member said it best in his acceptance speech:

"Tikva hits the trifecta. It saves Jewish children who would otherwise be lost to our people.

It educates close to 1,000 children and youth in all facets of Judaism and Jewish life.

It educates these students in secular studies and trades so that they can mainstream into Ukrainian society.

And there's more...

Hundreds of Tikva alumni are served in Odessa and for those who made Aliyah to Israel; Tikva responded to the social service needs of refugees caught in the Ukrainian civil war and is now serving the needs of poor Survivors in Odessa.

If the Talmud teaches us that saving one life is like saving the entire world, then Tikva is saving many galaxies."

Mark Schimmel from the UK was on hand with his brother Jacob to accept the Lifetime Humanitarian Award on behalf of his parents from Jeff Kaye of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

The audience was entertained by the acclaimed comedian and actor Robert Klein.

Sponsors of the event included Vitaquest, Keith Frankel, The Elliot Schnier Family, The Milstein Family, EIN Capital and Ed & Leah Frankel.

The evening of the gala raised over \$500,000 for the support of Tikva and for outreach to rescue more Jewish children in need in Odessa and the region.



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FROM ODESSA



My Dear Friends,

As we approach Rosh Hashana, I would like to wish you all you a healthy and happy New Year, Shana Tova U Metukah.

As we reach the end of year 5776 and start year 5777 everyone reflects on what has happened during the last year.

At Tikva, we look at the tens and tens of new children who we have saved this year. Children who last year were on the streets, living in squalor, in broken homes, in terrible conditions, children whose parents died during this last year and now have joined the warm home of Tikva.

These children are among the hundreds and hundreds of children who we already care for at Tikva and whose lives have been saved and changed because of YOU. As they enter Rosh Hashana in a warm and happy environment, among dedicated and caring staff they have two requests..... that those who helped them should have a wonderful year and that their friends still on the streets should be as lucky as them.

We have done so much this year to improve their lives and future. We added English programs in the Kindergartens and Schools, we added a psychological center for children who need additional help, we started a vocational program for children with less academic skills and have implemented the Moshal Scholarship Programs that ensure greater success of the Tikva University students.

In addition, the new program which Tikva and IFCJ has set up will help thousands of the Odessa elderly in need. The children of Tikva will be active in visiting these elderly and while we provide them with urgent funding for heating, food and medicine.

I can't thank you enough for your care and partnership which enabled us to help these needy children. This is something I cherish and appreciate! We look forward to helping and saving many more children together. We can do it!!

Please see a two minute film of some of the children you have helped this year: <https://youtu.be/3FtbUWBZtT0>

Shana Tova – A sweet and Happy New Year - Refael

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Visit www.KidsCanGiveToo.com. Kids Can Glve Too is a way that parents and their children can support Tikva by organizing a celebration where a portion of the funds gifted will benefit the children of Tikva. It's a great way for the children to learn the joy and importance of sharing.

Any questions please reach out to Lori Donza at lorid@tikvaodessa.org or call 917-262-1818.

Donate at: www.tikvaodessa.org