To our generous donors at Edith Stein Schule:

Shlomi is a town of approximately 8,000 citizens in northern Israel.
The Lebanese border is one kilometer north of Shlomi and the Mediterranean coast 3 kilometers to the east.
Shlomi was originally established as a transit camp for new immigrants from Eastern Europe, mainly Bulgaria, until they found work and permanent housing. In 1952, they were joined by immigrants from Yemen & Tunisia and in 1956 many Moroccan immigrants also moved there. Shlomi has an industrial district with a sausage factory, a metal working factory, and aside from working in stores, schools, the local hostel and health clinics, many citizens also find work in the neighboring Kibbutzim, working in the orchards & chicken coops.

Since October 8th the citizens of Shlomi have been evacuated to several cities in Israel. Hezballah in Lebanon has been repeatedly firing rockets on the town and surrounding farms, and for all intents and purposes the town is closed. As in all border communities, a group of local citizens, trained by the army, stayed behind to patrol the town, provide facilities to soldiers stationed nearby,and be there to aid when rockets fall.

In Haifa, Shlomi's citizens were given temporary accommodation in 6 hotels, in addition to the Haifa Youth Hostel.
Leo Baeck Education Center has taken in about 40 students from Shlomi – in our elementary school to high school.

The social worker in charge of the Shlomi citizens in Haifa has asked us to aid 27 families with small children. The parents haven't been working since the war broke out, since their businesses and workplaces have been closed, therefore no income has been coming in.

The parents have an urgent need for baby supplies such as diapers, formula, baby bottles etc.
The social worker is also making a list of other urgent needs. You will receive another report once this further aid is decided.

Breakdown of number of family members from Shlomi

1. Parents & 3 children aged 1, 3, 6
2. Parents & children aged 10, 6, & 9 months
3. Parents and children aged 8, 5, & 1
4. Parents and children aged 1, 10 & 16
5. Parents and children aged 2 & 3
6. Parents and children aged 2 & a newborn infant
7. Parents and children aged 3 months, 5 & 6
8. Parents and child aged 2
9. Parents and children aged 6, 4, & 2
10. Parents and 6 children between ages of 8 months -16
11. Parents & child aged 1
12. Parents & children aged 1 & 3 ½
13. Parents & child aged 1
14. Parents and 4 children aged between 1 -10
15. Parents and 4 children between the ages of 1- 8 years.
16. Single parent and 2 children-aged 6 & 2 months
17. Parents & infant, and child aged 2
18. Parents & 2 children aged 2 & 6

19. Parents & 4 children aged 1, 3, 11, & 15
20. Single parent & children aged 1, 5, 9
21. Parents & child aged 1
22. Parents & child aged 1
23. Parents & child aged 1
24. Parents and children aged 1, and 2 ½
25. Parent and 2 children- infant & 1 ½ year old
26. Parents & child aged 1
27. Parents with infant & child aged 3 ½

We will add a letter about the Edith Stein Schule ,your generosity, and long-standing friendship with the Leo Baeck Education Center.