To our Dear Friends and Generous Donors at Edith Stein Schule,

It has been a little over a month since we last reported to you about our intentions to purchase b aby supplies for young families from the town of Shlomi, a kilometer from the Lebanese border. The town has been under frequent attacks from Hizballah rockets and the citizens have been told it may be several months until they can return to their homes.

Since report #1, the social worker in charge of the citizens of Shlomi evacuated to Haifa, has received appeals for aid from 46 young families who are living in 9 hotels in Haifa. She sent us a comprehensive list of urgent needs, which listed sizes of diapers, & specific baby formulas their child can tolerate.
We put in an order at an Israeli pharmacy chain and waited for the huge order to arrive in Haifa. We had ordered 4 packages of diapers per child, plus 3 big tins of formula per baby. To that, we added diaper rash cream and baby wet wipes.

This past Monday, March 11th the order arrived in Haifa, where with our lovely Druze van driver Wissam, (he has worked at Leo Baeck for over 20 years) along with 2 students, we went to pick up the order at the local pharmacy.

Monday afternoon and most of Tuesday was spent dividing up the order according to what requested for each hotel, then labelling and closing the boxes.

Yesterday, at 10:00 am we started loading up the van according to areas in Haifa. (the hotels are in 4 different areas of the city) We received the cellular number of a contact person at each hotel, and called before arrival so they would meet us on arrival. After returning to load the van a second time (the van was too small to hold all the boxes in one trip) by 14:00 we finished dropping of all the boxes.

Each representative at the hotel received a letter explaining the relationship between Edith Stein School and Leo Baeck Education Center, and a brief history of Edith Stein herself.

Needless to say, they were overwhelmed with your generosity.

We will likely be receiving some thank you letters (which may be in Hebrew) which we will translate and send along to you.

At this stage we have spent close to 2/3 of your generous donation and before the Passover vacation which begins in the middle of April, we plan on purchasing holiday clothes, books or toys, for many of the evacuee children – the specific town of evacuees has yet to be decided as we are waiting for the social workers' reports. We will send you our next report in April.

Attached are photos from the last three days.

We thank you again for your generosity.
Wishing you all a Happy Healthy Easter

Sincerely,

Leo Baeck Education Center

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