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# The Schechter Institutes – Israel Emergency Campaign

**Helping the City of Ofakim** Ofakim was targeted by terrorists on October 7<sup>th</sup>, who murdered 51 people. The town needs money to help the families of the victims; the families of many who were injured; the families whose homes were damaged; the many people who were traumatized; and to fund two soup kitchens.

**Marpeh Spiritual Care Hotline** Marpeh, Schechter's clinical pastoral care training program, is staffing a spiritual care hotline. Alumni and current students operate the hotline, providing emotional and spiritual support to Israelis in this time of acute crisis, every evening from 8pm to midnight.

**TALI's Emergency Educational Programming** TALI's professional team is sending out daily resource kits to 9000 educators in response to the war. In addition, the TALI staff is running free activities for children evacuated from the south and the north. Here is a link to the daily emails sent out by TALI (in Hebrew): <https://tali.org.il/tali4u/>

**Schechter Rabbinical Seminary Students Strengthening Communities** The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary is sending students to communities in need of a rabbinic presence at this time. Students will teach classes, run programs for children and adults, and spend Shabbatot at the communities.

**Supporting Young Russian and Ukrainian Immigrants** Many Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking artists arrived in Israel as new immigrants this past year, escaping the war in Ukraine. Neve Schechter in Tel Aviv runs a group to improve their integration into Israeli life. It is now adding a series of group sessions with a psychologist and a stipend to help them sustain themselves during this difficult time.

**The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary Hotline on the Laws of Mourning** The Schechter Rabbinical Seminary (in partnership with The Rabbinical Assembly of Israel) opened an emergency hotline for halakhic questions on burial, funerals, mourning, the missing and the kidnapped. Staffed by Masorti rabbis, and offered also in English and Spanish, volunteers staff the hotline from 7am to 10pm.

**The Schechter Institute Graduate School** is offering 75% M.A. scholarships to people who were evacuated from their homes in the North and South of Israel and to tour guides who are now unemployed.

To make a tax deductible contribution, please donate here:

<https://schechter.edu/schechters-activity-during-the-emergency/>

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