



****Congregation B'nai Israel Sends Over 16,000lbs of Supplies to Israeli Troops and Communities in Times of Need****

Boca Raton, FL - In a heartwarming display of unity and community support, Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI) is proud to announce the initiation of the "Israel Community Drive," a remarkable endeavor that underscores the power of collective action. This inspiring project was conceived by CBI's Senior Rabbi Rony Keller, CBI member Ashley Katzen, and CBI staff member Alex Cender, who recognized the need for a centralized location to send tangible donations to Israel during times of crisis. The team immediately took action securing the groundwork for this project through social media, a vast volunteer network and speedy communication. Their dedication and countless hours of effort led to the establishment of a robust network that spans continents and has already made a significant impact.

A key figure in this incredible endeavor is Sean Rudnick, a Boca resident and former IDF soldier, who, during a visit to Israel with his family for Sukkot, found himself compelled to stay back and become a vital on-the-ground source when the need arose. His dedication to Israel and constant communication with Alex and Rabbi Keller have been vital, ensuring we are sending the most crucial supplies as their needs are constantly changing. His remarkable coordination ensured that our supplies reached their intended destinations. Our emergency medical and tactical gear have already been distributed among combat soldiers directly on the front lines in Gaza, making a significant impact.

The logistics of the "Israel Community Drive" were made possible through a partnership with CBI members Sammy & Elizabeth Kaufman, owners of Kaufman Logistics, a leading shipping and logistics company and CBI members Rachel and Ian Weiner who generously donated warehouse space. This partnership ensured the seamless execution of this mission and facilitated the transportation of much-needed supplies to Israel.

The process involved the collection of items at the warehouse and CBI, meticulous sorting, careful packing, accurate counting, labeling, and stacking on pallets. A big thank you to David Rosen and his Miami-based company, Kira Labs, who provided pallets, transportation and manpower throughout this entire endeavor. With the help of all parties involved, our pallets were successfully transported to Miami International Airport and loaded directly onto planes.

The "Israel Community Drive" exemplifies the power of a caring community coming together to provide support and relief when it's needed most. Over \$16,000 was raised to fund the shipment. A total of 22 pallets made up of 331 boxes with over 16,000 pounds of supplies have successfully made their way to Israel. CBI extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in this remarkable effort and is exploring ways to continue to support Israeli communities for the foreseeable future.