



## An Update on Our Lifesaving Work in Ukraine and At Its Borders

As the Russia-Ukraine war rages on, already into its fourth week, we want to keep you and our partners and supporters informed on the vital lifesaving work we are doing with your assistance. Below is a very brief update that we encourage you to share.

- **So far, 7,000 Ukrainian Jews** have come to Israel as *olim* (immigrants) or as eligible to make Aliyah. Just this week, we are expecting at least another 1,000 to arrive, bringing us to a total of 8,000+ olim. As our operations continue, we expect this number to surpass 10,000 olim in the next two weeks and approach 15,000 shortly after. **This is five times the annual number of olim from Ukraine in all of 2021.**
- We continue to operate **18 facilities at 5 different border crossings** with thousands of refugees, many of whom will make Aliyah. Some have come on the almost 300 buses we've coordinated with local organizations while some have come on trains by themselves; most arrive with just the clothes on their backs.
- We launched a new initiative called "**Aliyah Express**," with approval from the Government of Israel. With this program, we're now able to expedite the Aliyah process so Ukrainian Jewish refugees can get to Israel quicker, shortening their stays in our temporary housing in neighboring countries which then allows us to take in more refugees.
- In a joint operation with Beilinson Hospital and United Hatzalah, a number of seriously ill Ukrainian refugees who had fled the fighting in their country were transported to Israel on a **specially chartered medical evac flight**. Prior to their evacuation, the patients were housed at a Jewish Agency facility in Bucharest, where they received medical care from Jewish Agency employees and medical staff from Beilinson Hospital who were on location.
- Last week, a delegation of Knesset Members, as well as our Acting

Chairman Yaakov Hagoel visited The Jewish Agency's center in Budapest, Hungary, before flying back to Israel on March 24 on a rescue flight carrying new immigrants. A mission of 30 leaders of Jewish Federations from across North America visited our Warsaw center near the Polish-Ukrainian border as well; two more Federation missions are coming up in early April.

- Next week, Jewish Agency lay leaders Michael Siegal (Chairman of the Board of Governors), Beth Kieffer-Leonard and Steven Lowy (Members of the Board of Governors) are going to the field to see our actions on the ground at Ukraine's borders firsthand and meet with Jewish refugees. They will volunteer alongside our staff at our Poland and Hungary centers.

**Going forward, we'll continue to send you timely updates on our lifesaving work in the Ukraine region.**

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