

# Nefesh B'Nefesh

Aliyah: Live the dream

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The Administration of the Fund Awarding  
The Leonore and Larry Zusman -JDC Prize  
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To whom it may concern,

We are currently experiencing a resurgence of North American Aliyah accompanied by a renewed spirit of Zionism, ideology and a pioneering energy. At the same time, we are faced with the challenge of integrating these precious Olim into Israel society so that they do not just survive but, rather, thrive in their new homes and are prepared to build their future.

Each Oleh has his/her own dreams and hopes as well as specific needs and challenges. It is an almost impossible task to create one system, one staff, that services the dynamics of such a large and varied group of individuals without a few falling through the cracks or not having their specific needs effectively addressed. In order to ensure that each and every Oleh receives the care and professionalism that he or she deserves, we at Nefesh B'Nefesh have partnered with multiple agencies, including Kav L'Noar.

Kav L'Noar, under the leadership of Dr. Ronny Wachtel, was established to fill a gap that existed in the Israeli social system and, specifically, to address the needs of adolescents at risk. Its mental health center and clinic provide guidance and therapy to troubled adolescents suffering from emotional and behavioral difficulties. We have always felt that Kav L'Noar's staff was skilled and adept in providing the rehabilitative therapy that was needed and have had the confidence in their team of professionals to refer them to families who need this specialized assistance.

Although this is a project that I hope will not have the need to grow exponentially, it is worthy of lauding for the tireless efforts of its team of professionals in ensuring that every child, every family, has a chance for stability, healing and joy.

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Ronny Wachtel, representing Kav L'Noar to receive the prestigious Leonore and Larry Zusman-JDC Prize.

Sincerely,



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