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Hon. Judah Gribitz  
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Dear Mr. Gribitz,

Attached you will find a proposal requesting funds to provide services to needy  
Nazi victims.

Your consideration to fund these projects will be greatly appreciated by the  
Holocaust survivors.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Moshe Rothschild  
General Director

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**PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF HOSPICE  
SERVICES FOR TERMINALLY ILL HOLOCAUST  
SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES - WITH  
SENSITIVITY TO TRADITIONAL JEWISH VALUES**

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*Comfort, dignity and hope for patients and families*

## **II. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

The sponsor of this new community based program is the Bnei Brak Hospital - Ma'ayanei Hayeshua. Standing proud and tall on the outskirts of Bnei Brak, the edifice known as the Bnei Brak Hospital, "Ma'ayanei Hayeshua", looms high above the landscape. It's more than a hospital, so much more. The unique and innovative approach to healing at Ma'ayanei Hayeshua has revolutionized modern medicine as it has dramatically altered conventional patient care. Its very existence is testimony to the fact that the very best in modern technology can be combined with centuries of ancient wisdom to create outstanding results.

Several years ago, the Bnei Brak Hospital was only a dream. It's hard to imagine, but the thriving bustling community of Bnei Brak was sorely bereft of adequate medical facilities. Emergency patients had to be transferred at great risk to alternate medical centers a great distance away.

Expectant mothers were left to worry about poor traffic conditions as their due date approached. And elderly patients received their routine medical services in strange and distant geriatric centers.

But all that has changed.

Through the vision and foresight of Dr. Rothschild, the Bnei Brak hospital finally became a reality. Today the hospital enjoys a reputation as one of the leading medical centers in the State of Israel. The statistics speak for themselves. Although it exists for only six years, over 800,000 patients have already been treated at Ma'ayanei Hayeshua. Over 200,000 individuals are treated on an outpatient basis each year. And over 50,000 babies have been born. Hundreds of big operations are done with up to date methods every month.

But statistics are only part of the story. Statistics don't reveal the great care and compassion that each patient receives during his treatment at "Ma'ayanei Hayeshua". Numbers cannot communicate the extraordinary dedication and devotion of the staff at this unique medical center. Some of the greatest doctors, nurses, and attendants from the world's most prestigious medical centers and universities have gathered at Bnei Brak hospital. Their exceptional skill and expertise combine with their genuine respect and consideration to create superior medical treatment for its patients.

Visit the Bnei Brak Hospital and be amazed. Each department is fully equipped with the very latest hi-tech equipment. In the maternity ward, every woman is given a private birthing room equipped with a fetal monitor. Operating rooms are situated nearby, should the need for them arise. Special treatment facilities are available for high risk pregnancies, as well as prenatal and neonatal complications. In the pediatric ward, glass partitions separate each room, enabling the staff to oversee the children more efficiently. The cardiac care unit boasts a unique multidisciplinary center addressing acute, chronic and rehabilitative needs. From ultrasound to

X-rays, from respirators to EKG monitors, from IVAC units to oxygen tents, only the most innovative modern equipment is used at Ma'ayanei Hayeshua. The geriatric division is known for its compassionate care.

Yet, what ultimately distinguishes Bnei Brak Hospital from other state of the art medical centers is its unique approach to the traditional community. Torah laws are strictly adhered to at all times. Doctors consult with Rabbinic advisors on a regular basis when questions regarding medical issues arise.

At Ma'ayanei Hayeshua, the laws of Shabbos are strictly enforced. A unique air pressure system allows patients to signal for a nurse without electricity. A similar system opens the lobby door, thus avoiding desecrating the Shabbos. And patients' bedside lighting is equipped with special shutters that darken the room without turning off the lights. Each of these innovations provides additional relief and comfort to the Orthodox patients. They can rest assured that their spiritual as well as their physical needs will be met at Ma'ayanei Hayeshua.

The warmth with which all patients are received, no matter what their faith or nationality, and the capacity to reach out with true compassion to its pious and G-d fearing community and the sensitivity to Holocaust survivors is what makes this hospital the most unique healing center in the world. And ultimately, this may be the true secret behind its incredible success.

At the present time there are 36 people in the geriatric department who receive 24 hour care and 40 patients in the internal medicine department.

## **TARGET MARKET - ELDERLY HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS**

There are approximately 20,000 holocaust survivors residing in the target area. Several hundred, are in dire need of this service. Advances in palliative care including the use of analgesics and pain management techniques have made it possible to generally control what many patients describe as almost unbearable pain. The hospice movement has claimed a particular expertise in the use of palliative care. Hospice is a philosophy of care which presents a holistic approach to addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients. For patients who are not receiving curative treatment, comfort and pain management become the primary focus of care.

Hospice programs formulate an individualized plan of care to anticipate pain needs before they actually begin. This differs from the classic acute care model, which medicates in response to pain that has already started. The pain management regimen is carefully devised to assist patients to remain as alert and functioning as possible.

How do patients enter hospice programs? Many terminally ill individuals are referred upon discharge from the hospital upon being told that all possible opportunities for caring are no

longer possible.

Patients often plead with physicians and family members to grant them one last request: "I want to remain in my own home." Common perception is that hospice is a place where people go to die. However, hospices can be designed to be life affirming, with the overwhelming majority of care actually being provided in the home. This approach is predicated on the belief that patients respond best when remaining in a familiar environment, in the comforting company of loved ones. Hospices also have short term inpatient facilities available to treat emergency situations, with the goal of returning patients home as soon as possible.

Care is provided by an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals, including physicians, registered nurses, physical and occupational therapists, social workers, nutritionists, trained volunteers and home health aides. Medicines and medical equipment are delivered to the home as well. Despite the understandable anxiety and concern that families often have, they quickly come to appreciate the tremendous support that this broad array of personnel and services provides. Managing the patient's pain and discomfort, coupled with providing the family with support and encouragement, often allows patients and families to address the emotional and spiritual issues involved in the end stages of life.

We are requesting funds to establish a hospice home care program where a physician will be available to make home visits, nurses and home aids will be available to take care of the day to day medical and personal needs of the patients.

### **III. SUMMARY OF PROGRAM CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES**

The Bnei Brak Hospital - Ma'ayanei Hayeshua - is requesting a grant to provide Holocaust survivors a coordinated plan of hospice care for terminally ill individuals and their families. It combines physician care, skilled nursing, social work, other allied health professional and paraprofessional care, religious support, health-related equipment and medications, care management and other assistance into a plan tailored to the needs of each participant. Hospice is a philosophical approach to the provision of care that is specifically oriented to the terminally ill; it is further oriented to the "whole person" and family. Its approach seeks to affirm life, while it simultaneously provides expert counseling, education and coping skills in understanding and embracing this period of life.

The traditional hospice programs in Israel, offer care for the "dying patient". They help the patient and the family in the patient's final months deal with death. They ease the suffering of terminally ill cancer patients. They attempt to promote peace and comfort for the terminally ill patient and their families.

The hospice program that we are proposing to create will be based on an entirely different philosophy - namely Jewish philosophy. We intend to name our hospice - Arichas Yomim - which means promulgating life. We plan to develop this hospice based on the following Jewish

principles:

1. Instead of helping the patient deal with death, we will help the patient live productively. Every day, even for a terminally ill patient, must be seen as an opportunity to live in a positive way.
2. The patient must be encouraged to pray, eat and interact with others in an optimistic atmosphere.
3. Every reasonable effort must be made to prolong life and to value life.

For the holocaust survivor who has seen so much death, this positive approach to terminal illness is critical. Utilizing psychological, religious and medical professionals, we expect to help the client deal with the inevitable.

Our hospice will respect the patient's self determination; it will make every effort to keep the patient at home if the patient so wishes; if and when necessary, the patient will be brought into the geriatric division of our hospital.

Our services will include:

- ▶ Physician Visits
- ▶ Nurse visits
- ▶ Pastoral support visits
- ▶ Home health aide services
- ▶ Pharmacy services
- ▶ Nutritional counseling
- ▶ Durable medical equipment
- ▶ Respiratory services
- ▶ Speech and audiology services
- ▶ Bereavement support services
- ▶ Short-term inpatient care for acute crisis management
- ▶ Inpatient respite care
- ▶ Individualized client care plans
- ▶ Social services
- ▶ Psychiatric treatment
- ▶ Case management
- ▶ Support groups for clients and care givers
- ▶ Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- ▶ Recreational activities
- ▶ Special events
- ▶ Peer groups

The goal of hospice is to enable patients to remain in their own homes. Physical, emotional and

spiritual support of loved ones is essential during advanced stages of illness. An interdisciplinary team of doctors, registered nurses, social workers, clergy and volunteers work together to assist family and friends to maintain patient dignity and quality of life. When necessary, beds are available at Bnei Brak Hospital-Ma'ayanei Hayeshua- for short-term crisis management and respite care.

Hospice care consists of an interdisciplinary team of clinical professionals. The team includes a specially trained staff of physicians, nurses, social workers, clergy and volunteers. All staff are trained in hospice care and are dedicated to the hospice principles of quality of life. Each hospice physician specializes in pain and symptom management. The hospice medical team makes home and inpatient unit visits. Nurses trained in hospice care make regularly scheduled visits. A nurse is available by phone to assist patients and families during crises that occur evenings, weekends and holidays.

Social workers provide emotional support to patients and family members in the home and inpatient settings.

**PASTORAL CARE** - Pastoral support is available to patients and family members in the home and inpatient units. For the religious client especially the holocaust survivor, the Rabbi becomes an integral part of the team, joining the medical practitioner in devising a plan for the patient.

Volunteers play an important role on the hospice team. After completing an intensive training program, they are prepared to support patients and families with friendly visits. Personal services such as errands and grocery shopping can be arranged.

- ▶ Team of rabbis and rabbinical students who are available for counseling and to answer complex issues of medicine and Torah law and ethics. A very important part of their task is dealing with end of life questions - what should and must be done.

**IV. PROJECT BUDGET**

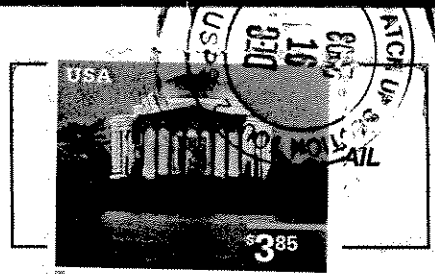
**PROJECT BUDGET - THREE YEARS**

Coordinator - will be responsible to coordinate the medical services and the religious/social needs - annual salary \$30,000.00 (3 yrs)	\$90,000.00
On call physician - \$35,000 per year (3 yrs)	105,000.00
Nurses and home health aids \$50,000 per year (3 yrs)	150,000.00
Therapists (occupational, physical) 24,000 per year (3 yrs)	72,000.00
Social worker - \$24,000 per year (3 yrs)	72,000.00
Medical pain specialists - \$25,000 per year (3 yrs)	75,000.00
Pastoral - \$25,000 per year (3 yrs)	<u>75,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$639,000.00</u></b>



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