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To:  
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David Schizer – Executive Director the American Jewish Joint Distribution  
Committee  
Barbara Ribakove - Founder and Executive Director North American Conference on  
Ethiopian Jewry  
Joseph Feit – Head of SSEJ

Dear friends,

As you know, the State of Israel has passed several resolutions pursuant to which the remaining Jews in Addis and Gondar will be brought to Israel. A number of Knesset delegations have visited the communities, most recently several weeks ago.

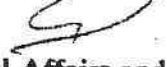


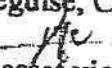

We found them to be living in appalling conditions and in dire need of medical, nutritional, educational and other forms of humanitarian assistance.

In light of your exemplary longstanding devotion to Ethiopian Jews, we would like to request the resumption of such assistance to the communities in Addis and Gondar as soon as practicable. There are lists of the people who remain in Ethiopia, despite the fact that they have been awaiting Aliyah for up to twenty years. Thus the commitment would be limited both in time and scope.

As heads of the committees most closely involved with this situation, and as people who have made personal inspections of the situation, we would regard it as a great blessing if you could provide them with the maximum assistance possible.

On this holiday of Jewish redemption, let us attempt to complete the redemption of these Jews, most of whom have first degree relatives in Israel who desperately await their Aliyah.

Yours truly,

MK David Bitan, Coalition Chairman   
MK David Amsalem, Chairman, Internal Affairs and Environment Committee   
MK Elie Elalouf, Chairman, Labor, Welfare and Health Committee   
MK Dr. Avraham Neguise, Chairman, Committee for Immigration, Absorption and  
Diaspora Affairs   
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