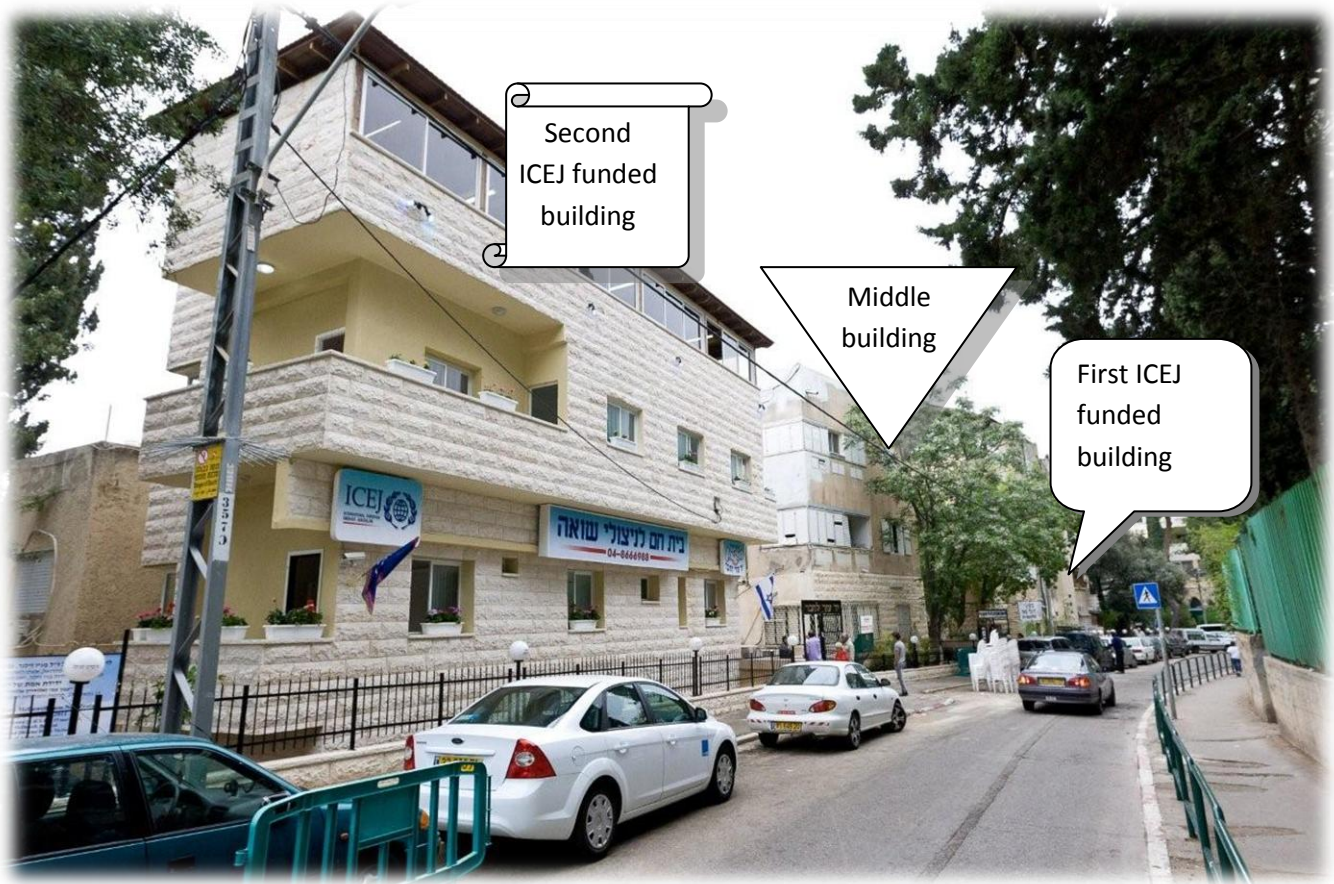


THE COMMUNITY OF KINDNESS



This is the name that *Yad Ezer L'Haver* calls the street in which the Home for Holocaust Survivors is located.

A Project Still in Progress

On a recent visit to the Home, ICEJ staff felt the sense of goals nearly reached. Various areas are still under renovation, finishing touches were being added in other areas, furniture was being delivered. Some frustrating setbacks are slowly being overcome.

Most importantly, new survivors are moving in. *"I was so lonely",* one of the ladies told us over lunch, *" My recent health problem made me feel embarrassed and wanting to hide from people, now I am making friends and am so happy to be here."*

Come for a tour through the Haifa Home complex...

First ICEJ Funded Building: Each mealtime residents gather in the ground floor dining room of the first building. This room also doubles as a recreational area, or sometimes a synagogue.



Upstairs are two floors of residential rooms. We called in on Sarah who has made her home in one of the rooms. She took us out to the balcony. *"I have to share this with the couple in the next room, but we have become such good friends and it is not a problem."*

Middle Building: A walk along the street takes us to a smaller building that once housed the offices of *Yad Ezer L'Haver* but is now going to provide more accommodation. The lower ground floor continues to serve the needy families of the area with food and clothing distribution, part of *Yad Ezer 'Haver* 's extensive aid organization.



Sarah takes the elevator from the dining room.

The Second Building Funded By ICEJ: This was opened at the end of April this year and is where the offices have been relocated. Also the dental clinic is there. Above them, survivors have begun to move into the new rooms. As soon as the elevator is completed, hopefully by the end of September, others can be welcomed.

A Special Place



We find a quiet corner at the end of the second building, shaded by trees. Funded by the New Zealand Branch it was developed and dedicated this year as a memorial to Ruth McDowell, wife of Derek McDowell ICEJ N.Z. Director, now with her Lord. The dedication took place during the ICEJ Directors' Conference and by then it was already being referred to as 'Ruth's Corner' by the residents. Shimon Sabag had a sign placed close to the street as well as a plaque in the Corner. Although he did not know her, she represented for him the love and support he saw demonstrated through the

ICEJ and it has indeed touched many passersby with its message of love for Israel. Ruth worked alongside her husband in the N Z Branch and this blessing for holocaust survivors is a fitting memorial for Ruth who as a young person spent time in Israel and had interacted with many survivors.



Derek McDowell meets with residents in Ruth's Corner.



Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

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