

0409026 NEWS SPECIAL Don't miss Lev U'Neshama NOTE at end!

Please Note:

I am now home from having triple bypass surgery. I will attempt to start looking at the news and sending something out in the near future but it will be very abbreviated with only titles and links You can also subscribe to one of the many Israel reviews that are mailed out daily.

Thank you for your patience. rdb

IDF warns Hezbollah fire range may expand as Israel reduces Lebanon attacks

The IDF warned Hezbollah fire may widen as Israel confirmed scaling back strikes amid talks, with Trump urging Netanyahu to show restraint <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/rysr3wshwl#autoplay>

Israel says peace talks with Lebanon to begin ASAP, rejects calls for truce first

Under international pressure to engage in diplomacy after deadly strikes, Netanyahu says disarming Hezbollah will be focus of talks, said set to kick off next week in DC

By [Lazar Berman](#), [Nurit Yohanan](#) and [Stav Levaton](#)

9 April 2026, 10:03 pm <https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-says-peace-talks-with-lebanon-to-begin-asap-rejects-calls-for-truce-first/>

UAE demands guarantees from Iran on Hormuz security, nuclear program and compensation

The UAE says countering Iranian threats must include ballistic missiles, drones and proxy groups, as the war worsens Gulf states' strategic position and exposes limits of US power, potentially pushing them to ease tensions with Tehran <https://www.ynetnews.com/article/bj6rpnbnbe>

Iran says massive Israeli strikes in Lebanon render peace talks with US 'meaningless'

Trump reportedly asks Netanyahu to scale back attacks to prevent collapse of truce; Hormuz still blockaded, data shows, as Iran nuclear chief rules out restrictions ahead of talks

By [Tol Staff](#) and [Agencies Today](#), 8:23 pm <https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-says-massive-israeli-strikes-in-lebanon-render-peace-talks-meaningless/>

IDF says it killed Hezbollah chief's secretary as some 70 rockets fired from Lebanon

No injuries or damage reported in repeated attacks on Israeli border towns; IDF: 3,000 projectiles fired from south Lebanon since March 2, proving Beirut 'lied' about disarming group

By [Emanuel Fabian](#)

Today, 2:22 pm Updated at 7:43 pm <https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-says-it-killed-hezbollah-chiefs-secretary-as-rocket-fire-from-lebanon-persists/>

World leaders hail Iran truce as stocks rally, oil prices tumble

Two-week truce and reopening of Hormuz are welcomed by both Iran's allies and Gulf states targeted by Tehran; France, Spain push for ceasefire to also include Israel's fight with Hezbollah

By [Agencies](#) and [Tol Staff](#) 8 April 2026, 3:24 pm <https://www.timesofisrael.com/world-leaders-hail-iran-truce-as-stocks-rally-oil-prices-tumble/>

Holy sites reopen in Jerusalem's Old City after over a month of closure

Muslim worshipers throng Al-Aqsa gates for dawn prayers; extended 'Ramadan hours' remain in place for Jewish visitors to Temple Mount; police gear up for Holy Fire ceremony; Western Wall reopens

By [Charlie Summers](#)

Today, 4:50 pm <https://www.timesofisrael.com/holy-sites-reopen-in-jeruselems-old-city-after-over-a-month-of-closure/>

**Government approves a record 34 new settlements, as it acts to deepen hold on West Bank
Security cabinet decision constitutes largest number of settlements okayed by any government at one time,
brings total number approved by current government to 103**

By [Jeremy Sharon](#)

9 April 2026, 6:28 pm

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/government-formally-approves-34-new-settlements-as-it-acts-to-deepen-hold-on-west-bank/>

Texas AG Candidate Tried To Force Towns To Greenlight Development Of Muslim 'Sharia Cities'

By: [Brianna Lyman](#)

April 08, 2026

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<https://thefederalist.com/2026/04/08/texas-ag-candidate-tried-to-force-towns-to-greenlight-development-of-muslim-sharia-cities/>



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STEP BY STEP

STEP BY STEP: Good news is that many friends and supporters of Lev U'Neshama (Heart and Soul) donated towards the Education Fund project to provide basic school supplies for actually 350 children within our Lev U'Neshama families.

We are grateful that the school supply part of our effort has been successful.

According to the Israel Population and Statistics office, Tzfat's population is about 40,000, and one third live at the poverty level. We do what we can so at least the children within our struggling LUN families can get the things they need.

Every week we are providing new sport shoes and eye exams/eyeglasses to the children on our request list. However, previous donations are rapidly dwindling. I am reaching out now before the fund has been emptied and we will have to say "no" to additional requests.

We work with two local shoe merchants who give Lev U'Neshama a discount but they advised us the cost of the shoes has increased. Also, we work with an accredited optician in town who also gives us a discount but his cost is stable.

Lev U'Neshama is an Israeli registered non-profit charity organization, volunteer run, no business expenses whatsoever and every \$ goes into our programs.

Shoes: \$45 per pair regular and \$60 for First Steps, baby shoes.

Eye Exam/Eyeglasses: \$60 per child.

Your support is urgently requested.

Or use the Zelle US to US bank transfer system (contact me at mortsmo@aol.com for bank information.

US Donors may also send checks made payable to

Simcha Smolensky, my son, who is also a volunteer. Send to:

Rabbi Simcha Smolensky, 6739 N Mozart St Chicago IL 60645

Your support will be appreciated.

Yaffa Smolensky