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Dear Rabbi Segal,

It is with a great deal of gratitude that I write these few words to you and your synagogue members for your contributions to our various relief programs in Israel. I write particularly to thank you for topping your pledge of \$50,000 towards the new Makom Balev bomb shelter in Sderot.

We at the Orthodox Union are particularly grateful to Mr. Seymour Kraut for his generosity and for acting as the liaison between the OU and Beth El-Atereth Israel. We stand in awe of the remarkable generosity of every contributor in your synagogue, and especially appreciate the special kindness of Mr. Ron and Mrs. Lisa Fisher.

As you and your congregation know very well, we have a variety of programs in the beleaguered town of Sderot. Your very generous contribution has indeed been designated for the new Makom Balev bomb shelter there. Now the children who participate in this social and educational program can do so knowing that, at least for the time they are there, they are secure and physically safe.

On behalf of the entire staff of the OU in Israel, I invite you and every member of your synagogue to visit our Sderot programs, and indeed all of our Israel-based programs, the next time that you visit the Holy Land.

I look forward to finally making up the weekend in your shul that I had to cancel because of illness. In the meantime, a happy Purim to all.

Very truly yours,

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb

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