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SUPPORTING ISRAEL – BULLETIN #4

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- I. VISIT ISRAEL – Join the “Been – There – Done – That Tour of Israel”:-A study tour to Israel for people who have been to Israel before! Tour being conducted by Marathon Jewish Center with Rabbi Gary Greene will take place from November 10 – 19, 2004. For itinerary and details contact the Marathon Jewish Center office at 718-428-1580.

- II. BUY FROM ISRAEL! – The parents of Eitan Newman, 21 a young Israeli soldier killed in his tank in Gaza this past May, has made a request of American Jewry – one that is easy and important to fill. Visitors at the shiva home of Sara and Michael Newman of Jerusalem said the Newman’s would like American Jews to go out and make a point of buying Israeli products either in a store or on – line. That’s all. Just help the Israeli people by helping the economy, which along with the morale of the country has suffered these last three and a half years of the suicide war on Israel. There are many valuable websites to assist you in ordering Israeli products. Some suggested sites are:
www.finefoodsrael.com – will tell you which supermarkets and grocery stores near you carry Israeli foods and beverages. Also try www.shopinisrael.com, www.israelshop1.com, www.israelwishes.com, www.isralexport.org, www.allforisrael.com, www.israeldirect.co.il, www.whiteplainsforisrael.org and <http://www.artofisrael.com>.

- III. SHOP TILL YOU DROP!!! – Join us at our second Israeli Vendors Fair – Jot the date down in your date book now! Sunday, November 14, 2004. All proceeds will benefit vendors whose shops and galleries are greatly suffering from the decline of tourism to Israel. “Israel’s economic situation is still critical”, said event chair Dr. Sandra Alfonsi. “The fair will feature Israeli products, such as fine and custom jewelry, beautifully crafted Jewish ceremonial objects, and original artwork”. The fair will take place at the Jewish Center of Bayside Hills, 211-06 48 Avenue, Bayside, NY 11364 from 10 am – 6 pm. Watch for a special flyer shortly.

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- IV. LEAVE A VOICE MAIL – When you make a cell phone call, and it doesn't go through, leave a voice mail. That's it! Or make calls just to leave voice mails. An Israeli company, Comverse Technology, main operations in Atidim, Tel Aviv, is the world's largest producer of voice messaging systems worldwide. Or send text messages, SMS, or pictures, or send movie clips through your cell phones. O.K., we can't do all of that yet, but they can in Korea, and Comverse systems make that possible. Comverse earned over \$700 m in revenues last year from these products.
- V. RUN A CAR WASH- Youth groups, Men's Clubs, Sisterhoods, Summer Camps on Parents Visiting Day do a car wash to assist the *One Family Orphan's Fund*. Terrorism has claimed over 900 lives in the past three years in Israel. Perhaps those who have been victimized more than anyone else are the 439 orphans, children under 18 who lost one or both parents in terrorist attacks. More than any others, their needs will continue and grow over the long term. In addition to the normal demands of growing up, these children lack the loving support of parents to help them get through the formative stages of life. *One Family* recently initiated a special Orphan's Fund to provide long-term assistance to those who have lost one or both parents in terrorist acts. This fund will care for the needs of these orphans as they grow up, and will provide a grant of \$25,000 upon the marriage of an orphan to assist in the purchase of their first home. As a basis for this fund, One Family has set a target of raising \$30 million in order to provide for the needs of all orphans of terrorism from the past three years. Our tradition holds that orphans be given special care. Contributions should be sent to *One Family – Orphan's Fund*, 777 Passaic Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey, 07012._

If your synagogue or organization is running an event to help Israel please send us the details. If you know a store which carries Israeli products please inform us so we may publicize in a future edition of this bulletin