

CHEVRA REPORT



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CHEVRA USA

Chevra is the American entity for our international effort. Chevra's work is a way people can make a real difference in the lives of many people in need.

VITAL SERVICE IN WAR ZONES ▶



Greetings from Chevra. We are so very thankful to everyone who has partnered with us, to help our work.

As the refugee problem in Ukraine goes on from the fighting in the eastern part of the country, our soup kitchens have become more vital for the Jewish people who come to us for help. We are helping as many as we are able, and there are many more we would like to help, but our funds are limited. When we invite people to the soup kitchens, it's a commitment. We can't invite them and later send them away, so we

really need monthly giving commitments. It costs us only \$33 a month to feed someone five days a week for the entire month. We are a very small organization, but we can do a lot with very little. If you can help support one or more people, it goes a long way to helping them survive. When I visit the soup kitchens, people are extremely grateful for our help. They say it is saving their lives.

In addition to the war zone, we are operating soup kitchens throughout the small Jewish communities of central Ukraine. In all these areas,

the needs are great, because the poverty is great. I am making a trip there this fall. We sponsor food parcels, and would like to extend our soup kitchen work, but we lack funding.

Michael Schiffman

Rabbi Dr. Michael Schiffman
Director of Chevra

NOTE FROM UKRAINE ▶

Greetings to you, dear brother.

God has put desire into my heart to write you a message of gratitude for many years of your faithful and devoted ministry! I've received so many spiritual and material blessings for all the years since I've met you.

I give praises to the Lord for all mercies He revealed to us through you! I'd like to wish you, your family and congregation, where you serve, all the richest blessings from above in this year. May He continue using you for His glory!

Nowadays Chevra in Ukraine has 30 charitable soup kitchens, where 1,500 needy people receive free lunch meals five days a week. These soup kitchens are situated on the territory of

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Ukraine from west to east (Mariupol, Kherson, Nikolayev, Odessa, Zhitomir, Lvov, Ternopol, Ivano-Frankovsk). There are also programs for orphans, children from unfortunate families and refugees from the western part of Ukraine.

Also our fund helps for hospital of our town and region with functional beds and other medical equipment.

Services take place in Zhitomir, Kiev, Novograd Volinskiy, Berdichev, Korosten where God continues to bless people.

I often give thanks to God that once He made it possible for us to meet. Give our warmest greetings to your wife and children!

I hope God will provide us a meeting. With love and gratitude,

Arkadiy

NOTE FROM IREK IN POLAND

For 25 years my wife Maryla and I are working to serve the Jewish people. In the beginning (early 1990s) we were involved with group of Polish people in many countries of former Soviet Union, especially Ukraine and Moldova with helping the young Jewish Messianic groups and congregations, organizing and distribution humanitarian aid in Jewish communities in the cities and small towns. We were also helping a big wave of *aliyah*.

We focus on the poor, lonely, Holocaust survivors, orphans and widows in Ukraine,

organizing the soup kitchen in Zaporoshia (50 miles from the war area) where there are many refugees. In cooperation with Jewish Messianic leaders we feed Jewish people near Kiev and in Lvov in many ways we would like to be blessing by medical treatment, cleaning apartments and renovation, food parcels, clothes. We are visiting Jewish people in their homes, praying with and for them, bringing hope and trying to build human dignity. One of the parts of our serving is the music, which opens the hearts of people, brings joy and peace.

In the last five months, we lost sponsorship for US \$550 per month. It has put us and put our family budget in a difficult situation. If you can help us, we would appreciate it. We need your help.

Note: Irek has been my ministry travel partner for the last 25 years. We work well together, and I could not do what I do if he did not do what he does. His family is in great difficulty at this time. If you can help support his part of our work, it would meet a great

need. He helps and blesses many of the poor Jewish people whom we serve. He needs regular monthly support. He has a wife and four children. If you can help, please note it on your giving.

Thank you all so much for your help and continuing support for Chevra. Your help makes our work possible. If you would like to have me come and speak about our work, please contact me at drschiiffman@gmail.com.

Thank you again,

Rabbi Dr. Michael Schiffman
 Director of Chevra

