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Last night my son Eliyahu was in a taxi in Yerushalayim on a ["Your man in Jerusalem"](#) mission and the driver shared with him his beautiful simcha. His wife had given birth to a baby just two weeks earlier.

During their short conversation the taxi driver received a phone call from the Israeli Army. He was instructed to report for reserve duty on a particular corner of Jerusalem at midnight last night, where he would be taken into the Gaza Strip. He told Eliyahu that he is a tank driver and an expert in the area of the Gaza Strip battlefield. He also told him that his name is Yaakov ben Tikva. Eliyahu said he will keep him in his prayers. I have been doing the same.

During the Second Lebanon War my wife Bayle suggested that everyone of us that is not actually fighting the war should adopt one Israeli soldier to care about, pray for and keep in mind while studying Torah.

Today I learned that thanks to the wonders of modern technology the mechanism has been put into place and "Operation Tefilah, Torah & Troops," has been launched. Endorsed and guided by Rabbi Simcha HaCohen Kook, the Chief Rabbi of Rehovot, Israel, and the Bostoner Rebbe (Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Horowitz) of Har Nof, Israel, people from around the world are partnered with soldiers in the IDF. Each person who takes part in "Operation Tefilah, Torah & Troops" is paired with an Israeli soldier, and is responsible to say tefillot (prayers), learn Torah, and do special acts of chesed (kindness) on behalf of that soldier.

Rabbi Kook and the Bostoner Rebbe note that this concept is one that has been a part of the Jewish people for thousands of years. When Moshe Rabbeinu (Moses) led the Jewish people to war with the nation of Midyon, for every person who went to battle, there was a designated person who was responsible for praying and learning for him. Throughout his reign, David HaMelech (King David) utilized this practice as well.

To participate in "Operation Tefilah, Torah & Troops" and receive the name of an Israeli soldier who needs your prayers,

send an e-mail to the office of Rabbi Kook at maortlmo@gmail.com.

Every Tefillah makes a difference! It's the least we can do.



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