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20 Children Saved on 92nd Rescue Mission

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On Friday, December 10, 2010, Chabad's Chil-CHERNOBYL dren of Chernobyl's (CCOC) 92nd rescue mission touched down on the tarmac at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Arriving in Israel on two planes (one from Belarus and the other from Ukraine) were 20 precious children who were rescued from the contamination surrounding the site of the Chernobyl nuclear



accident. One of these chilya, 9 years old, who was on the flight from Belarus and was

greeted at the airport by her grandfather Eliah. This marked a very special and heart-

felt moment for Tanya and Eliah as well as the CCOC staff, as it was the first time the two family members met. Eliah



moved to Israel from Belarus before Tanya was born. When Eliah was asked how he recognized his granddaughter without ever seeing her, he said "I felt it in my heart."

Evacuating the children from the dandren was Tan- gers of Chernobyl is of primary importance, and CCOC does whatever is necessary to get these children to safety in Israel- even if this must be done on two separate, simultaneous flights. As soon as these children are comfortably settled into their new homes in Israel, they receive medical checkups in order to establish a full health care

regimen. More than 80 percent of the children rescued by CCOC are reunited with their families.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that CCOC offers its deepest appreciation to everyone who participated in this year's Children at Heart benefit gala which resulted in the funding for this lifesaving and crucial rescue mission— Flight #92. We thank each and every one of you for helping make this flight



happen. We look forward to continuing our partnership as we continue to save the lives of

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many more children endangered by the hazards of the contaminated Chernobyl region.

Oscar Nominee Jesse Eisenberg Honored at Children at Heart 2010

Pictured (Clockwise): Oscar nominee and CAH Guest of Honor Jesse Eisenberg and "Children at Heart Award" recipient Whoopi Goldberg; "Lifetime Achievement Award" recipient Joycelyn Engle and husband Joseph DiPalma; boxing champion Yuri Foreman, wife Leyla Leidecker, and Leah Adler; Glee's Josh Sussman and Robert Land, Sr. VP for Government Affairs and Associate General Counsel, who accepted the "Dreams Take Flight Award" on behalf of JetBlue Airways; CCOC's Executive Director Esti Herman, Amy and Bob Book, and Nancy Spielberg; CCOC's International Director Yossi Swerdlov and Jody Durst; Whoopi Goldberg and WNBC-TV's Bruce Beck; Edith and Norman Weisfeld; Julia and Norman Bobrow; Elaine Gold, renowned artist David Kracov, and Karen Giberson; "Humanitarian Award" recipient Harvey Krueger, wife Connie, and Consul General of Israel in NY, Ido Aharoni; and Consul Harris Toibb (Chair) and granddaughters; Jeanie and Jay Schottenstein, Nancy Spielberg, and Shimon Y. Katz; Ameri*ca's Got Talent* stars and performers of the evening, Fighting Gravity; the Spielberg family (Melissa Katz, Jessica Katz, Shimon Y. Katz, Nancy Spielberg, Leah Adler, and Sue Spielberg) with Glee's Josh Sussman. ine Daveta Photograph





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Donor Sponsors New Computer Lab

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this, the girls will be able to type school work and create class projects using the new computer lab. CCOC and our generous donor will make it possible for these children to have an opportunity

has recently sponsored a computer lab for the girls' dormitory in Israel. Donated in his parents' memory, the computer lab will make a great addition to the CCOC campus in Kfar Chabad, as it is crucial for the children to keep in touch with their parents back at home. The ability for the families to connect through technology assists the children emotionally and provides a new type of interaction for the par-





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Jon Voight Visits CCOC in Israel



Jon Voight, award-winning film and TV actor who has been involved with CCOC for the past 15 years, visited Israel in January. During his trip, he made a stop at the CCOC campus in Kfar Chabad, where he met with the staff, played with the children, and brought smiles to everyone's faces. Jon has been to Israel with CCOC on several occasions, and we look forward to many more fun trips and visits in the future!

Young Professionals Come Together to Fundraise for CCOC

Comprised of young professionals from the New York Metropolitan area, CCOC's New Leadership division is making quite an impact. To date, the group has raised several thousand dollars by hosting its own events and fundraisers to save children from the devastated region of Chernobyl. Mickey Penzer who is highly involved in the New Leadership division raised money by asking her friends to donate in honor of her birthday and hosting a tournament with entry fees donated to CCOC. Another exciting fundraiser spearheaded by the New Leadership division was a Super Bowl Pool which was followed with much enthusiasm and support.

The New Leadership division meets the first Tuesday of every month and is currently planning many more upcoming activities. President Josh Chaitovsky is organizing industry panels for those looking for networking opportunities through CCOC's remarkable, talented and well-established donors and supporters. Also, do not miss **CCOC's Fourth Annual Purim Bash on Thursday, March 17 at Amnesia NYC!**



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