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On behalf of everyone at Nefesh B'Nefesh, it is both an honor and pleasure to pay tribute to Shapell's/Darche' Noam as it celebrates 40 years of service to the Jewish people.

We are particularly impressed by the fact that not only have you successfully connected so many men and women to Israel, but that over 1,000 of your alumni have made Aliyah! These alumni and their families are making an important impact on Israeli society. The Olim couples among your honorees – Tammy and Baruch Labinsky, Shelley and Peretz Katz, and Ellen and Amos Levi – are shining examples of Olim who are positively impacting their communities here in Israel. I would be remiss if I did not single out Baruch Labinsky, who has helped countless Olim properly plan for a successful financial transition to life in Israel.

We appreciate not only that a Shapell's/Darche' Noam education has helped lead so many people to choose Aliyah, but also the support you provide these Olim as they become members of their new communities. Among their many contributions and merits, the advice and counsel that Rabbi and Mrs. Hirshfeld have provided alumni Olim has no doubt contributed to successful acclimation in a wide variety of Israeli communities.

Just as we at Nefesh B'Nefesh look forward to helping future Shapell's and Midreshet Rachel v'Chaya students and alumni who choose to make Aliyah, we look forward to the support and counsel you will continue to provide which will help these Olim succeed. May our work continue to benefit both Israel and the Jewish people as a whole.

Mazal tov to the entire Shapell's/Darche' Noam family, Rabbi and Mrs. Hirshfeld, and the alumni honorees.



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