"Lema'an Achai is the greatest degree of Chesed." Rabbi Dr. Abraham J. Twerski | Psychiatrist and Author

"It's unquestionably a great mitzvah to generously support this outstanding chesed organization." Rabbi Avishai David | Rosh Yeshivat Torat Shraga | Rav, The RBS Torah Center

"If G-d forbid things don't work out in life, there is somebody to turn to. This is a sense of security for every single person, no matter how comfortable, and for those supporting the needy in our community - to know that there's an organization that really knows how to give. We need experts... Lema'an Achai are those experts." Rabbi Yaacov Haber | Ray, Kehillas Shivtei Yeshurun, Ramat Beit Shemesh

"At the point where I could no longer afford to send my children to school with bread, I turned to Lema'an Achai. Lema'an Achai empowered me, enabled me to be independent and believe in myself. I'm now advancing and feeling stronger than ever."

Elisheva, Former Client

## Smart Chesed: A Case Study



Avi and Shira worked hard all their lives. Both come from large families and knew they could not rely on their parents for assistance. They were careful with their money and planned their lives well in advance. Both went to study a vocation: he for a technical career, she in a traditional profession. He completed his studies and was able to find full-time employment. He works hard at his job but does not earn enough to support the family alone. She had a serious accident midway through her studies and was unable to return.

In their mid-thirties, with three children and no support from their families, they were unable to make ends meet. Debts mounted. Stress accumulated. Hope was dissipating. Their rabbi suggested they call **Lema'an Achai** for help.

Our financial advisor stepped in to assist them with budgeting, while our employment counselor worked with them to plan for suitable employment. A solid debt restructuring plan was implemented. With our encouragement and support, Shira returned to school, successfully completed her degree and licensing exam, and found work in her profession.

As the Singers worked toward getting back on their feet, they received free dental treatment, holiday packages, and other forms of material aid that helped facilitate their rehabilitation process. Along the way, social workers were available for the family to talk through their difficulties.

Today, the Singers are once again **financially independent**, and have become grateful donors to - and volunteers for - **Lema'an Achai**.



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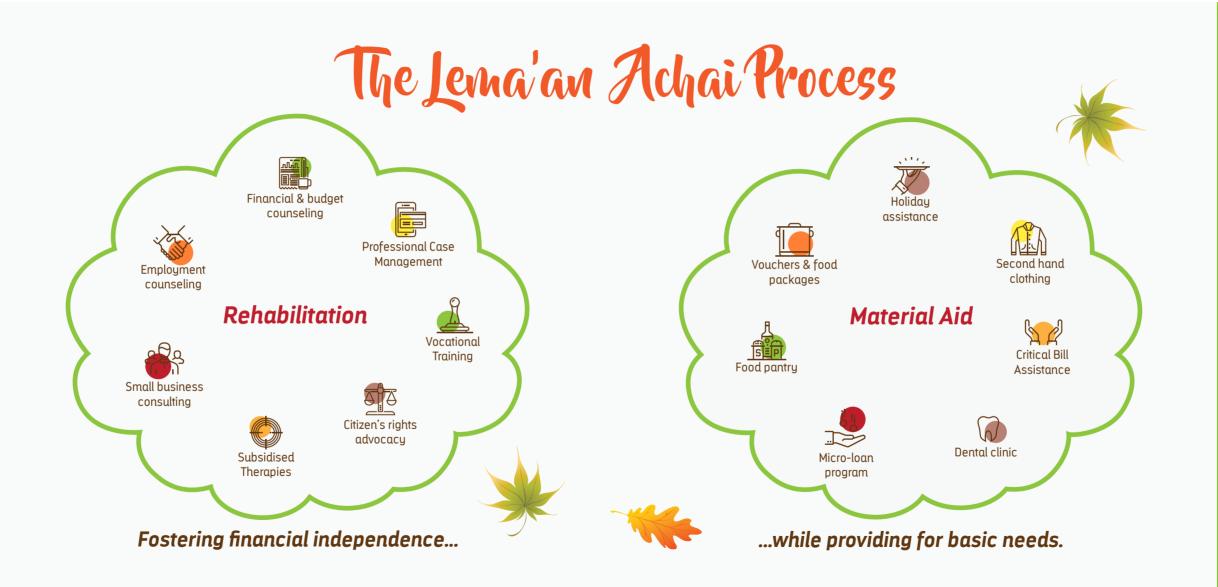
A hand up. Not (only) a hand out. Smart Chesed aims to help people through - then out of - crisis, by providing impoverished families with the tools to cope with the financial, and other, challenges in their lives.

When a family comes through the doors of Lema'an Achai they are greeted by professional compassionate staff, who thoroughly assess their situation. A comprehensive rehabilitation program is tailored to address the needs of each family member.

Since its founding in 2000, Lema'an Achai has assisted hundreds of families in poverty and crisis to rebuild their lives with a fresh start.

"The greatest level. above which there is no greater, is to support a fellow Jew by ... strengthening his hand until he no longer need be dependent upon others."

Rambam





Simcha Leftovers