

Israeli Government

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The Honorable Mr. Bernard Alpert
Committee for Ethiopian Jews
Chicago, Illinois U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I am turning through you to all the communities of our brothers, sons of Israel all over the Diaspora to come and help as much as they can for our brothers, the Falasheem as was written in the books of the Law-Givers that they are Jews from the Tribe of Dan -- to come out from Ethiopia and make aliyah to eretz Israel and to be unified with the other Israeli tribes in order to be able to live a Jewish life according to our holy Torah.

Be Blessed all who are undertaking this holy work to bring freedom to prisoners, to call out those who are captives, and to save those who are in darkness.

They shall be blessed by all blessings from the Torah.

Long life, and all good things.

With the blessing of the Torah

/s/ Ovadia Yossef