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Dear Immigrants,

The State of Israel welcomes you, and wishes you an easy and successful absorption.

This booklet describes the financial assistance to which you are entitled upon arrival in Israel, and which is intended to allow for maximum independence during the initial absorption period. The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption pays this assistance during your first year following aliyah. At the conclusion of this period, if you have not found employment, you can then investigate your rights to assistance from the National Insurance Institute.

The Absorption Basket

The Absorption Basket is financial assistance to help with initial arrangements, with renting an apartment, and with living expenses during the period of ulpan study.

Eligibility

The following are eligible for the Absorption Basket:

- Immigrants from all countries who are authorized by the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption to receive new-immigrant benefits, including immigrant citizens and returning minors, on condition that they do not reside in Israel for longer than 18 consecutive or cumulative months during the three years prior to receiving new immigrant status.
- New immigrants from specific countries are also entitled to a Customs Grant. (See the “Guide for the New Immigrant,” available from the Publications Department, for details.)

Note: New immigrants are only entitled to Absorption Basket assistance during the first year following receipt of immigrant status.



Receiving the Absorption Basket

A. The first installment of the Absorption Basket is given to immigrants upon arrival at the airport, in order to facilitate initial arrangements. This payment is partly in cash, and partly in the form of a bank transfer, which means that you have to open a bank account.

If you receive new immigrant status in Israel, you will receive the first payment from the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption branch office nearest your place of residence.

B. The remainder of the Absorption Basket is transferred automatically to your bank account in monthly payments.

C. Supplementary grant: In the final month, a supplementary grant is transferred to your bank account. This grant is to cover the cost of housing during the second half of the first year of aliyah. The amount varies according to age and family status.

Note: you will only begin to receive rental assistance from the Ministry of Construction and Housing from the 13th month following aliyah. Keep this in mind when planning housing expenses.

Opening a Bank Account

In order to receive the monthly payments, it is necessary to open an account at the bank of your choice, and to provide the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption with the account number. It is recommended to do this within a few days of your arrival in Israel. Note: when opening an account for a family or a couple, both spouses must be present at the bank.



Note: It is not recommended to change bank accounts in the first few years following aliyah. If you must do so, it is crucial to inform the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption immediately. In the event that you have any problem receiving the Absorption Basket, consult with the nearest branch office of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

Assured Income

During the period when the Absorption Basket payments have ended, and until you find employment, you may be entitled to assured income payments (havitachat hachnasa). The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption pays assured income from the end of the Absorption Basket period until the end of the first year of aliyah to:

- Immigrants registered with a personal absorption counselor in order to devise a vocational plan and look for work.
- Immigrants studying in preparatory courses for licensing in their profession, or training or retraining programs.
- Immigrants who are unable to work for medical reasons.
- Individuals approaching retirement age.

Consult with a personal absorption coordinator for details.

Absorption Basket - Tables of Financial Assistance

(All Amounts are in New Israeli Shekels)

***Note:** The legal pension age is 67 for men who were born following May 1952, and 64 for women who were born following May 1953. The retirement age for those born prior to those years will be gradually raised. For details, consult the National Insurance Institute, www.btl.gov.il.



Note: For more information on the National Insurance Institute, consult the booklet entitled "National Insurance," available from the Publications Department.

New Immigrants That Make Aliyah From 1/1/2011

	Family/ Couple	Single- Parent Family	Single	Couple before Retirement	Single Parent Before Retirement	Single Before Retirement	Retired Couple	Retired head of Single- Parent Family	Single Retiree
Cash Payment at Ben Gurion Airport	2,500	2,300	1,250	2,500	2,300	1,250	2,500	2,300	1,250
Bank Transfer	3,511	1,378	1,378	3,509	1,381	1,371	3,510	1,383	2,125
1st Installment	4,660	4,188	2,532	5,965	5,026	3,230	3,689	3,231	2,556
2nd Installment	4,660	4,188	2,532	5,965	5,026	3,230	3,689	3,231	2,556
3rd Installment	4,660	4,188	2,532	5,965	5,026	3,230	3,689	3,231	2,556
4th Installment	4,660	4,188	2,532	5,965	5,026	3,230	3,689	3,231	2,556
5th Installment	4,660	4,188	2,532	5,965	5,026	3,230	3,689	3,231	2,556
6th Installment	4,660	4,188	2,532	5,965	5,026	3,230	3,689	3,231	2,556
Total	33,971	28,806	17,820	41,799	33,837	22,001	28,144	23,069	18,771



	Child Age 0-4	Child Age 4-18	Child Age 18-21	Supplement for a Family With 6 or More Members
Cash Payment at Ben Gurion Airport	250	250	250	-
Bank transfer	2,987	2,970	3,000	-
1st Installment	1,217	630	1,005	810
2nd Installment	1,217	630	1,005	810
3rd Installment	1,217	630	1,005	810
4th Installment	1,217	630	1,005	810
5th Installment	1,217	630	1,005	811
6th Installment	1,217	630	1,005	811
Total	10,539	7,000	9,280	4,862

Additional Information

Further details, information, and guidance are available from personal absorption counselors at the Ministry of Absorption branch and district offices. For your convenience, you can also obtain informational booklets on various aspects of absorption such as employment, housing, education, health, National Insurance, military service and more.

You can visit the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption website: www.klita.gov.il.

The information contained in this booklet is based on data provided by various official sources. Details are subject to change. In case of any discrepancy, the regulations of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption and other bodies will prevail.



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