



**GAZA FIGHTING KILLS TWO U.S. BORN LONE SOLDIERS
FJC MICHAEL LEVIN LONE SOLDIER FUND PROVIDES FUNDS FOR
LONE SOLDIER SUPPORT SERVICES**

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New York – FJC, A Foundation of Philanthropic Funds was saddened to learn of the recent deaths of Sean Carmeli, 21, of South Padre Island, Texas, and Max Steinberg, 24, of Woodland Hills, CA. Messrs. Carmeli and Steinberg were among 13 Israeli soldiers killed during fighting with Hamas on Sunday, July 20. USA Today reported (July 22) that “they were ‘lone soldiers,’ the designation the Israel Defense Forces gives to 6,000 soldiers whose parents do not live in Israel. The military says 1,100 are from the USA.”

In 2006, the family of Philadelphia-native Michael Levin, an Israeli lone soldier who was killed in Southern Lebanon while fighting Hezbollah, created a memorial fund. Levin had lived in Israel for three years.

The Michael Levin Lone Soldier Fund, a program of FJC, has raised over \$1 million since its establishment. The fund has provided grants to: the Lone Soldier Center in Israel, the Jewish National Fund, The Good People Fund (which provides funds to grass-roots non-profits in the United States and Israel which have found creative means to ease poverty, hunger, disability, and social isolation) and more.

“Michael Levin’s memory continues to serve as a heroic inspiration for many generations,” said Leonard Glickman, Chief Executive Officer of FJC. “The deaths of Sean Carmeli and Max Steinberg illustrate, validate, and commemorate how we can turn these tragedies into something good. We hope that this fund will continue to provide comfort to those brave individuals who have committed themselves in support of their beliefs,” said Glickman.

Contributions to this memorial fund can be made by sending a check or money order made payable to **FJC – A FOUNDATION OF PHILANTHROPIC FUNDS** and with “Michael Levin Memorial Fund” written in the memo line to:

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