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Shalom Uvrakhah!

I don't know how to start this letter. The head cannot think clearly when everything around me is dark and cold, without everyday communication with the world, without the possibility of working, helping all the people around you who are crying out for help. We are sitting without electricity and water supply on the third day. I am ashamed to call the employees in the nursing home and find out how things are with our wards, who have already gone through a lot in their lives. Fifty people, ghetto prisoners, survivors of the Holocaust, and just children of the war, need constant supervision and medical care. But, unfortunately, due to the second war in their life, they find themselves in a terrible situation.

Due to the destruction of power plants, we are faced with the problem of a lack of electricity throughout the country, right now, we are in a critical situation that requires an immediate solution to this problem. It means that now our primary goal is to provide electricity to all our institutions in the city.

We are praying for better days and hope that together we will be able to help the elderly in the nursing home and the other twenty thousand Jews who remained in the city. In addition, dozens of children in our kindergartens and schools, students at the Jewish University, and the other thousands who are hungry and cold now need us more than ever.

We have to purchase seven generators to provide our educational and social institutions with light and warmth. The cost of purchasing seven generators is \$315,000. The gasoline per week to maintain each generator will cost us \$1000 - a total of \$7000 per week.

Any help from you will speed up the restoration of such basic things as heating, hot water, and food. We will greatly appreciate your partnership and hope that together with you we help to go through the winter to everyone who needs it.

Thank you for your attention and future cooperation,

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