



Israel president Moshe Katzav shakes hands with Aviva Tessler of Potomac, one of the founders of Operation Embrace. Katzav greeted the members of a recent Operation Embrace mission at his residence in Jerusalem.

“Most of all, the world needs dreamers who do”

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Israel's president last week honored members of a recent Operation Embrace mission. At his request, President Moshav Katzav greeted the 15-member mission at his residence in Jerusalem and thanked them for their service to his countrymen.

The organization, founded in November 2000 by four Potomac women, conducts semiannual missions to Israel as part of its effort to support injured Israeli victims of terror and their families.

On this mission which ran from Nov. 20 to Nov 28, participants visited terror victims, their families and social workers throughout Israel. In Haifa, they visited the post traumatic stress syndrome treatment center at Rambam Hospital that they had funded, it is Israel's first such center.

Mission members then escorted two Israeli victims of terror and two social workers back to Washington for the group's annual Friends of Operation Embrace dinner, which took place Nov. 30.

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