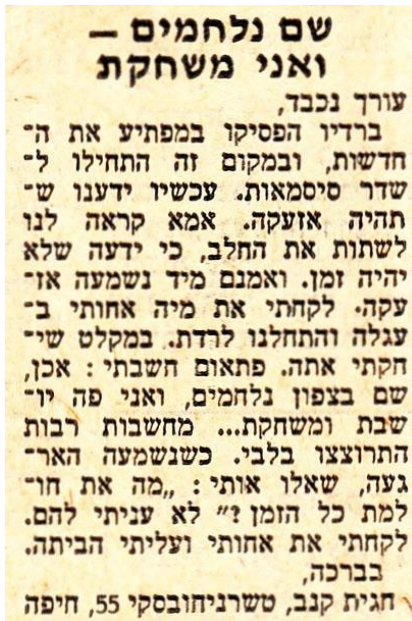


Sharing Experiences Through Letters

In NLI's collections there are [letters written by children](#) during times of war. These letters raised the soldiers' spirits and strengthened them. Writing is also a way to process emotions and reflect on our own experiences.

- **Analyze** the quotes below and try to understand the writers' thoughts and emotions.
- **Reflect** on the current war in Israel and write your own thoughts.



There they are fighting and here I am playing

"Dear Editor, the radio suddenly stopped the news and began broadcasting alerts instead. We knew now there would be a siren. Mother called us to drink our milk because she knew there wasn't going to be enough time. Indeed, immediately a siren went off. I put my sister Maya in the carriage and started downstairs. I played with her in the bomb shelter. Suddenly I thought - They're fighting there in the North, and here I am sitting and playing... many thoughts ran through my mind. When the all-clear sounded, they asked me, 'Why are you always daydreaming?'. I didn't answer them. I took my sister and went home upstairs."

Hagit Kanev, 55 Tchernichovsky Street, Haifa.

1. "There they are fighting and here I am playing" - What do you think Hagit is trying to say? What might she be feeling?

2. What might Hagit be thinking and dreaming about during those moments in the shelter?

אספנו 1210 ל"י !

עורך נכבד,
ברצוננו להביא לידיעתכם את
פעולת כיתתנו למען המאמץ ה-
מלחמתי. כל כיתה היתה צריכה
לאסוף כסף, כדי לרכוש לפחות
איגרת מלווה אחת. אנו, בשיתוף
עם מורתנו ליאורה, החלטנו לא
לקחת מכספי ההורים, אלא לתרום
משלנו. חודש עבדנו בגינות, רחצנו
מכוניות ועוד ואספנו 1210 ל"י.
אנו תקווה שפעולות כאלו יעו-
רו לנו לנצח במלחמה קשה זו.
בברכה,
שני הרצברג, ויונה דוידוביץ,
כיתה ח', בי"ס ברנדיס הרצליה ג'

We Collected 1210 Israeli Liras!

"Dear Editor,

We wish to bring to your attention our class activity for the war effort. Every class was required to collect money to buy at least one Israel Bond. Together with our teacher Liora, we decided not to take money from our parents but to donate by ourselves. For a month, we worked in gardens, washed cars, and more and collected 1,210 Israeli Lira. We hope such acts will help us win this difficult war."

Yonah Davidovitch and Shani Herzberg, 8th Grade, Brandeis School Gimel, Herzliya.

1. Why do you think it was important for these kids to take action?

2. What is the impact of these acts of kindness?

3. Give an example of something you can do in times of difficulty to contribute to others.

Scan and share
your letter/ drawing



Throughout all of Israel's wars, children have written to soldiers and friends on the home front - and NLI has preserved them for posterity.

Today, we invite you to share a letter or drawing that we will send to Israeli soldiers/citizens/kids to raise their spirits! Your contribution will be added to the NLI collections.