



You stare at the headstone, lay your head on its touch.

And the tears burst forth, unmatched in their pain.

A candle, a stone, a promise what else can be said?

What is there to be done so that their memory remains?



# The Tragedy of death

As the COVID-19 pandemic hit our communities, so many of our Jewish brethren R"L succumbed to its deadly wrath. Children lost their parents without ever saying goodbye. Talmidim lost Rebbeim and 307 young yesomim were added to Misaskim's Project Yedid list. As the tragedies continued to wreak havoc in our lives, we were left with a gaping hole in our hearts.

## The Power of renewal

In the coming year, Misaskim will be writing 18 Sifrei Torah to honor those that we lost. In a unifying act of achdus and strength, we will properly commemorate the victims of COVID-19 and others, bringing a sense of comfort to the lives of the yesomim and almanos.

#### Let us live with torah in their memory!

"My 7 children and I waited for Tatty to come home from the hospital. But he never did. There was no shoulder to cry on, no hespedim at the levaya. The guilt and shock is eating away at me."

-C. Lakewood NJ

"I still can't believe that our mother is gone. She was healthy and well one day and gone the next. As the oldest in the family, I feel responsible to give my siblings a sense of closure and peace."

-M.L. Far Rockaway NY

"None of Zeidy's grandchildren were able to attend the levaya. If not for COVID-19, he would have hundreds of us fill the streets. At least now we get to honor his memory in a way he would be proud of."

-S. B. Monsey, NY



#### Klal Yisroel's Sifrei Torah



הקדשת כל איש ישראל: זכות אות בתורת חיים Join Klal Yisroel and be part of the Mamed Hachaim

# 2007 -

For the first few years, the Sifrei Torah filled the need. But after several years, with the expansion of Misaskim, more Sifrei Torah were urgently needed. Misaskim often borrowed from nearby shuls when needed.

2020

In 2007, generous donors helped Misaskim write 7 Sifrei Torah to be used in shiva homes around the states. This momentous moment was celebrated in Brooklyn with thousands in attendance.

### 2013

One of the hardest years for our communities, yet also a year with the most growth and rebuilding. Join this initiative to be part of a project that will have everlasting rippling effects.



