

Speech – JNF Delegation at Eshkol Pais

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Mr. Russell Robinson, Chief Executive Officer of JNF in USA

Adv. Alon Badihi, executive Manager of JNF in Israel

Dear guests, distinguished donators to the state of Israel,

Members of the City Council,

Department Managers,

Today is a special day for me, a day of celebration, as I have the opportunity to host some of the most important Jewish American donators who visit our beautiful town K.Bialik as representatives of JNF.

None of you has any personal connection to K.Bialik. Nevertheless, I asked my friend, Adv. Alon Badihi to bring you to our town in order to be able to thank you, in order to express our appreciation and gratitude for your support and help to the state of Israel.

Your generosity and willingness to help, **has touched** us deeply. As a mayor of the town of K.Bialik, I want to tell you that we are one people and one society. Your contribution to Jerusalem, Shderot, Haifa or any other place is a contribution to the Israeli society and the Israeli people as **a** whole.

This is why we are proud of you and why we love you so much.

We have a wonderful young generation here, in K. Bialik.

Their achievements in many fields of interest are among the best in the country. They represent the state of Israel abroad, in various occasions. The percentage of recruitment to the IDF

is one of the highest in the country. Since K. Bialik was founded, one hundred thirty- four soldiers (male and female) have fallen in wars.

K. Bialik is a green and well nurtured town which is in a permanent drive for more and more achievements. It has a population of 42,000 citizens.

In the future K. Bialik will be the largest town in the krayot region and will expand on thousands of dunams on which new neighborhoods will be built and the population will grow to more than one hundred thousand citizens.

I am very glad and proud of the special relationships we have created with JNF and especially with Mr. Russell Robinson and with my good friend Adv. Alon Badihi. Very soon we are going to complete the establishment of "Park Esther" whose dedication will take place on December 25th, this year.

With the help of JNF we have built a beautiful six dunam park which will include special play facilities for youngsters, fitness devices, benches, paths, and gardening.

The park will be adapted for disabled people. We also intend to build a café near the park.

Thank you to the Bigman family, the donators, and thank you to the JNF organization.

I would also like to thank to each one of you for coming tonight to K.Bialik. K. Bialik is your home;

K. Bialik loves and appreciates you.

Thank you very much.