

# Lilith

independent, Jewish & frankly feminist

## HAPPENING

### Avoiding rocket fire

Shlomit Ekstein leads Afikim baNegev, a group of 150 people who moved to Sderot, in order to strengthen this Israeli town of 24,000 which has been the target of Kassam rockets for the past eight years. And then there's Sharon Yosef, who directs social services in the small town of Shomi, on the Mediterranean border near Lebanon, a town being revived after years of terror incidents, unemployment and crime. These women are featured in the final report of the Ziv Tzedakah Fund which Danny Siegel is closing down after 27 years. His fund has specialized in supporting grass-roots

"mitzvah heroes," many of them women. Siegel has taught about tzedakah to thousands in various settings and the fund has been a conduit for millions of dollars, supporting individuals doing good deeds and repairing the world. Read about amazing people and their projects at [ziv.org](http://ziv.org) and learn about a new fund set up by some of Siegel's students at [mitzvahheroesfund.org](http://mitzvahheroesfund.org)

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