During last summer’s Gaza conflict, the BBE executive committee organized a Solidarity trip to Israel. As part of the program, organized by Alan Schneider, Director of BBI World Center Jerusalem, the participants visited several small towns and Kibbutz closed to the Gaza Strip. They met with Yair Farjun, the Mayor of Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, who advises them of their needs, one of them being the portable school shelters.

Upon their return, the participants recommended to BBE to follow up this worthy project.

In May 2015, during the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism in Jerusalem, the President of BBE, Erika van Gelder, together with other members of BBI, met the Mayor of Hof Ashkelon, Yair Farjun in order to discuss the details of the project.

BBE is proud to announce that a donation on 10,000 euro, for a portable shelter, was sent to the Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, Hofim elementary school which is situated at less than 2 miles from the border with the Gaza Strip.

Photo: left to right: Eduardo Kohn (BBI, Director for Latin America Affairs), Alan Schneider (Director of BBI World Center Jerusalem), Erika van Gelder (BBE President), Yair Farjun (Mayor of Hof Ashkelon Regional Council), Dan Mariachin (BBI Executive Vice President)

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