

## “DON'T STOP”

Mrs. Michaeli was trapped in a bunker in Kiryat Shemona with her six children for twenty days. Cabinet Minister Marit Dannon visited the bunker to encourage and comfort those who had been confined to the rudimentary conditions. Mrs. Michaeli approached her and demanded to speak with the Prime Minister.

The Cabinet Minister was taken aback, but Mrs. Michaeli insisted: "My six children and I have been here for almost three weeks. I must speak with the Prime Minister."

In a few Minutes Prime Minister Olmert was on the phone. Mrs Michaeli told him, "Mr. Prime Minister, I have only one thing to say to you -- don't stop."

Those words of courage should be our watchword living outside of Israel. Don't stop sending money to organizations and individuals in Israel that need it. Don't stop speaking out for a country that defends the values by which we wish to live. Don't stop visiting Israel, so she will know she does not stand alone.

The indispensable virtue is courage. Courage depends upon having something worthwhile to defend. Mrs. Michaeli is in no doubt that her children's lives will be safer if hostile rockets are not aimed at her home. Dare we show less courage while sitting safely in our homes than she demonstrates caring for her children in a bunker?