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NEW YORK, Jan. 4....Israel's massive rescue and resettlement efforts for Ethiopian Jews today drew the ardent praise of Howard I. Friedman, president of the American Jewish Committee, who called the relief work "a stirring display of compassion and generosity by the Israeli people."

At the same time, Mr. Friedman stated that the AJC was continuing its efforts to alleviate the suffering of all victims of the Ethiopian famine. He announced that membership donations to the agency's Ethiopian Relief Fund had topped the \$200,000 mark this week, doubling contributions of less than a month ago. The funds are being apportioned to three relief organizations helping famine victims in Ethiopia: the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Catholic Relief Services and Church World Service.

"The vast tragedy of human suffering in Ethiopia has deeply touched the heart of the entire American Jewish community and has caused an unprecedented response among our own members," Mr. Friedman said. "We will continue to work on behalf of all the victims of this catastrophe until the crisis has been mitigated."

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