



Explanation of the Application form

for allocation from the "Maror" funds, intended for collective goals
in the community of ex-Dutchmen in Israel.

Dear applicant,

Herewith you will find a short explanation of

- A. *the background of the "Maror" funds for collective goals in Israel*
- B. *the most important information for the applicants - based on the allocation regulations*
- C. *explanation of the application form itself*

The following brief background information about the "Maror" funds and the explanation of the application form for a contribution from the "Maror" funds for collective goals for the benefit of the Dutch-Jewish community in Israel, is not a replacement of the articles or regulations and therefore no rights can be derived thereof.

A. Background

- *What are the mentioned funds and where do they come from?*

In various countries, among which The Netherlands, more than 50 years after the Second World War, investigations were initiated as to the treatment of Jewish property during and after this horrible period. The Dutch committees of inquiry, assigned by the government, established severe deficiencies concerning the so called lawful restitution, treatment of the survivors and the establishment of the amounts that should have been paid back to the Jews for private as well as business properties which were looted by the Germans and their auxiliaries.

After publication of these inquiries several years ago, these shortcomings were acknowledged by the Dutch government, insurance companies, banks and the Stock Exchange. Negotiations about restitution were completed in the years 1999 and 2000, resulting in agreements between the Dutch-Jewish community, represented by the umbrella organizations "Centraal Joods Overleg voor externe belangen" (CJO) in Holland and the "Stichting Platform Israel" (SPI) on one hand and the Dutch government, insurers, the banks and the Stock Exchange on the other hand. The issue is a partial restitution of Dutch-Jewish assets of the Second World War (WWII), in total FL. 764 million, of which FL. 714 million, approx. € 325 million, for the Dutch – Jewish community. For a part of this amount claim-foundations were erected for individual claims on recovered bank balances, stock property and life insurance policies.

Due to the large number of murdered Dutch Jews and the many decades that have passed since, for the largest part of the restituted sum no beneficiaries were expected to still be alive. Therefore after extensive deliberations by the Dutch-Jewish organizations in Holland and Israel, it was decided to declare this large part as *collective property of the Dutch-Jewish community*, and give it two destinations: a. as personal payments to individuals. b. as allocations for collective goals in the Jewish community, all in line with the agreement with the Dutch government.

- ❖ Payments to individual applicants:
Almost 80% of the available amount has been paid out in three payments in 2001, 2002 and at the end of 2003, to survivors of WWII or their direct descendants, all according to the appropriate regulations.
- ❖ Allocations for collective goals:
20% is available to be spent on collective goals for the benefit of the *present* Dutch-Jewish community in Holland and elsewhere., i.e. the Dutch-Jewish communities in Israel and other countries.
- ❖ With the help of censuses and recent demographic research the size of the present Dutch-Jewish communities in Holland and Israel has been established and used as a base for the distribution of the amount intended for the collective goals in the *present* communities. As division of all funds, meant for collective goals, CJO and SPI decided:
 - 74% for the Jewish community in Holland
 - 26% for the community of ex-Dutchmen living in Israel (approx. €16.6 million + interest).
 Allocations for approved requests from Dutch-Jewish groups in other countries shall be paid by both communities in the ratio 74/26.
 The organizations in the Dutch-Jewish community in Israel, united in the Platform Israel Foundation, which drew up the rules for management and distribution of this amount, decided to guarantee that the money
 - Will support the Dutch-Jewish community in Israel for many years.
 - Will only be granted on grounds of to be submitted project proposals.

You hereby request a part of the "Maror" funds available for collective goals for the benefit of the Dutch-Jewish community in Israel (also: the community of ex-Dutchmen living in Israel.)

Why are these funds called "Maror" funds?

Maror are the initials of Morele Aanspraak Roof en Rechtsherstel. (Moral claim on booty and rehabilitation). This name was chosen because of the alternative meaning of the word Maror for us Jews, a remembrance of many bitter times of which the Shoah was the nadir.

B. About requests, assessment, decision, allocation and supervision.

Footnotes refer to articles and regulations of the Stichting Collective Maror-gelden Israel (SCMI), the Foundation for Collective "Maror" Funds Israel.

- *Who qualifies for an allocation of these collective "Maror" funds?*
Israeli non-profit organizations, which according to their articles, regulations or actual activities (also) aim to organize or support projects in Israel for the benefit of the Dutch-Jewish community in Israel, in one or more of the further mentioned fields.¹
- *Which fields qualify?*
When the rules for the allocation of the "Maror" funds for the collective goals were established, the boundaries were defined so ample as to enable almost any activity from which the ex-Dutchmen living in Israel can benefit, be eligible for an allocation in one of the following fields²:
 - a. Culture
 - b. Education
 - c. Religion
 - d. Welfare
 - e. Care
 - f. Sport and Recreation
 - g. External promotion of the interests of the ex-Dutchmen living in Israel.
 - h. Remembrance
 - i. Security
 - j. Scientific research
 - k. Immigration and absorption
- *Which goals do not qualify?*
No allocation can be granted³:
 - ❖ For covering deficits or debts in the framework of the normal exploitation of an applicant.
 - ❖ As a replacement of applicant's normal income.
- *How can one apply?*
By an application form, which can be obtained in one of the following ways:
 1. At the website www.scmi.org.il
 2. A request by e-mail to scmi@netvision.net.il
 3. By phone to number 03-6241775/4 from Sunday till Thursday from 09:00 to 14:00. (Project coordinator Vardit Silberberg). When absent one can leave a message.

Use a separate application form for each project, if more then one project is submitted at the same time.

¹ See articles SCMI art.2.3

² See articles SCMI art. 3.1

³ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 4.6

- *Which factors will affect the chances of approval of a request?*
The approval of a request depends on⁴:
 - a. The project's field and target groups, in which projects to the benefit of the first generation of Shoah survivors will have preference;
 - b. The goal and the estimated success rate of the project;
 - c. The extend of co-financing of the project by the applicant and/or third parties;
 - d. The reach and the influence of the project in relation to its cost;
 - e. The location and duration of the project;
 - f. The qualities and the continuity of the applying organization.

- *Till when can one submit applications?*
Applications may be submitted during the whole year till the 31st of October⁵.

- *How long after submitting the request, a decision may be expected?*
Once a year from early November the board of SCMI will deal with the applications and will decide till the 31st of the following March⁶. The actual handling time will depend on the number of applications received.

Urgent or simple applications can be handled with priority by the board of SCMI⁷.

- *If the outset of the activity cannot be postponed till the Board of SCMI decides?*
In this case the application must be submitted *before* the new activity will be started. If the application concerns an existing (ongoing) activity, only costs that occur *after* the submission of the application can be acknowledged as eligible for an allocation of funds⁸.
It is emphasized that, if the applying organization will start this activity by its own decision and cause expenses, prior to the decision of the board of SCMI, *it will bear sole responsibility*.
The mere submission of an application is *no guarantee whatsoever* that an allocation will be granted.

- *Should projects that run longer than one year be resubmitted each application period?*
For long-term projects a request can be submitted once every four years⁹, and in the meanwhile reports will have to be submitted about the progress of the project.

- *Which binding requirements do the requesting organizations have¹⁰?*
The receiver of an allocation will be obliged to see to it that the approved project will be executed, using the received funds, that receipts and expenses related to the project will be documented properly and reported on the required points in time and that sound evidence will be available.

⁴ See Allocation regulation SCMI art. 4.4

⁵ See Allocation regulation SCMI art. 4.1.1

⁶ See Allocation regulation SCMI art. 4.1.1

⁷ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 4.1.1

⁸ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 4.6 2nd part

⁹ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 4.8

¹⁰ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 6 and art. 7

- *What is expected when circumstances change¹¹?*

The receiver of an allocation is obliged to notify the board of SCMI as soon as possible, of circumstances that can be of importance for a decision on granting,, altering or revoking an allocation.. Relevant documents should be submitted.

- *Verification by the board of SCMI¹²*

In the light of granting an allocation

- ❖ The board of SCMI may define certain terms about risks to be insured, guarantees to be submitted, rendering the accounts etc.

- ❖ The board of SCMI may (at its own expense) perform or have performed an inquiry with a receiving organization. This organization is obliged to cooperate.

- *Why first advance payments and later a fixation of the allocation¹³?*

Since one deals with plans to be executed, the following method has been chosen:

After approval of a request, one or more advance payments are made, according to the length and the liquidity needs of the project. According to reports on the factual and financial progress of the approved project a final settlement of accounts will be made. Surpluses will have to be returned for future use for other projects, while unexpected deficits will not automatically be covered.

- *Can granted allocations be changed or revoked¹⁴?*

When circumstances change, or unhoped-for discoveries are made of partly or incorrectly supplied information, a board decision can be revoked and the granted payment can be either altered or withdrawn.

- *Can an appeal be made against a partial allotment or complete rejection¹⁵?*

The foundation has an appeal committee and will convey the procedures for appeal in case of a partial or complete rejection.

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¹¹ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 8 and art. 10

¹² See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 7 and 9

¹³ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 11

¹⁴ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 12

¹⁵ See Allocation regulations SCMI art. 13

C. Explanation of the application form

Please fill in the application form carefully and attach all requested appendices or explain clearly why a requested appendix could not be supplied.

Underneath you will find a short explanation accompanying the questions.

Further information can be obtained via:

1. the website www.scmi.org.il
2. an Email to scmi@netvision.net.il
3. the SCMI office, telephone 03-6241775/4, Sunday till Thursday from 09:00 to 14:00. (Project coordinator Vardit Silberberg). When absent one can leave a message.

Question 1. Name of the applying organization.

Give the official name of the organization in Latin and Hebrew letters.

Question 2. Address of the applying organization

Address, if applicable P.O.B., phone number, fax number, mobile number and Email address of the applying organization.

Question 3. Contact person

State here the details of the person in your organization, who can be contacted concerning the application of your organization.

Question 4. The type of organization

Every officially listed organization in Israel is registered with a governmental Registrars office. State the details.

Question 5. If the project is executed together with or for another organization

State the details of the other organization.

Question 6. Names of the board members of your organization

State here the names of the chairman, secretary and the treasurer.

Question 7. Bank details

State all details required for money transfers to the bank account of the applying organization.

Question 8. Short description of the goals of your organization

Give a short explanation (up to approx. 50 words). The detailed project description you are requested to add is the place for a more elaborate explanation.

Question 9. Short description of the activities of your organization

Give a short explanation (up to approx. 50 words) The detailed project description you are requested to add is the place for a more elaborate explanation.

Question 10. Short description of the project

Give a short explanation (up to approx. 100words). The detailed project description you are requested to add is the appropriate place for a more elaborate explanation.

Question 11. State how the community of ex-Dutchmen in Israel benefits from the project incl. the average number of people per year of this community who will enjoy the project during the next 3 years.

Only projects from which the community of ex-Dutchmen in Israel will benefit, can be taken into account for funding. Give a short explanation (approx. 50 words). The detailed project description you are requested to add is the place for a more elaborate explanation .

Question 12. The only or main field (choose 1) to which the applied project belongs.

When the rules for the allocation of the “Maror” funds for collective goals were set, a great number of fields were defined. You are requested to state 1 field only for the applying project.

Question 13. For multi-year projects, one application.

To make things easier for you and us, you can submit one application for a project that covers more than 2 years. When approved and when eventually partial advance payments will be set, you will then be requested during the coming years to submit progress reports of the project.

Question 14. Costs and the financing of the project.

It is strongly advised that your organization will not only rely on the “Maror” funds for the submitted project, but will also find other sources. Show here how the distribution will be and send the evidence to prove it, or explain clearly in the project plan *why for this project* no internal nor external funding is available nor can be obtained.

Question 15. Planned data and division of the costs of the project.

- State for a one-time project, which is planned for a specific date, (for example a meeting etc.) the planned date and the required amount of money.
- State for a long-term project the planned beginning - and end date and one or more possible measurable phases with the then required amounts and coverage by the different sources.

Question 16. Experience with projects of this kind.

If the organization and/or the people who are in charge of the project (also in a new organization) executed similar projects in the past successfully, then it is important to state this and to add relevant material to the project application.

Question 17. Documents to be added to the application.

Send **copies** of the requested documents and not the originals.

Before you send the application:

- ❖ *Check whether all requested information is filled out, the application form is duly signed by the authorized representatives and all requested attachments have been added to the application form.*
- ❖ *Send a copy of all material by registered mail.*
- ❖ *Save a photocopy of the filled out and signed application form.*

Send one copy of the signed form by registered mail and one copy by e-mail scmi@netvision.net.il (the application form only)

Sincerely Yours,
The board of

Stichting Collectieve -gelden Israel (SCMI)