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Subject: FOUR MOTHERS MOVEMENT VIGIL  
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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FEBRUARY 4 ON THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
HELICOPTER DISASTER

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
TIME: 6:30-8:00  
PLACE: TEL AVIV, REHOV KAPLAN, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE DEFENSE  
MINISTRY IN THE KIRYAH

Please join the Four Mothers Movement in remembering those who died  
one year ago in the tragic helicopter crash and in demonstrating by  
your presence that you are sick of the continued deaths associated  
with our presence in Lebanon and want Israel to withdraw.

Wednesday will mark one year since the helicopter disaster which  
killed 73 Israeli soldiers. It was in the wake of this national  
tragedy that the Four Mothers Movement was formed by four women in the  
North of the country who held a small demonstration at Machanayim  
Junction venting their anger and frustration at what they saw as the  
government's failure to address the question of Lebanon.

They protested the fact that Israel, which had indicated its readiness  
to pull out of Lebanon in 1985, had done nothing in the intervening 12  
years to return to within its international border and had allowed the  
situation to remain unresolved. During the period since 1985 almost  
600 Israeli soldiers and untold Lebanese have been killed in this  
"silent war" which nobody in the government was even willing to  
acknowledge.

These women, who took the name the Four Mothers Movement, gained  
immediate media attention and their numbers quickly swelled,  
indicating the widespread dissatisfaction and frustration of a large  
cross-section of the country with the present status quo in Lebanon.  
The Movement now has several hundred active members and has collected  
more than 20,000 signatures in a petition drive throughout the country,  
addressed at getting the government to leave Lebanon.

We are truly a grassroots organization, not affiliated with any  
political party, drawing supporters from across the political  
spectrum, including not only mothers but all people--Men, women, with  
or without children, married or single, students, and even soldiers,  
some of whom have themselves served in Lebanon. A student branch is  
now active on the campus at Tel Aviv University and will be holding a  
meeting on campus in the near future. Other universities are also  
forming groups.