

# Program to bring doctors to Israel

A fellowship program is being launched to bring more doctors to Israel. The *aliyah* group Nefesh B'Nefesh, in conjunction with Israel's ministries of health and immigrant absorption, is attempting to address the serious shortage of doctors projected to occur in Israel over the next few years. The Physician Aliyah Fellowship is targeting American- and British- trained doctors younger than 40. It will provide an initial grant upon arrival in Israel and monthly supplementary income for the first two years, for a total of about \$60,000. Doctors must be willing to practice at least nine months a year in Israel. "While currently many physicians making *aliyah* prefer to continue their practices abroad, this fellowship will enable doctors to remain in Israel and sustain their careers domestically," said Rabbi Yehoshua Fass, a Nefesh B'Nefesh co-founder and its executive director.