

# Physician Aliyah Fellowship launched

**J**ERUSALEM – Nefesh B’Nefesh, an organization dedicated to revitalizing aliyah from the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, is launching a fellowship program for physicians from North America and the UK to help solve the serious shortage of doctors projected to occur in Israel over the next few years.

In response to figures released by the Council for Higher Education’s Planning and Budgeting Committee, suggesting that in the next 10 years, Israel will experience a serious shortage of doctors, Nefesh B’Nefesh is teaming up with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption to bring an increased number of western doctors to Israel. According to the report, due to a projected population increase – especially among the elderly – coupled with the noticeable trend of doctors leaving the medical profession, the current ratio of 3.5 physicians for

every 1,000 Israelis is predicted to plummet to less than 2.5 per thousand in the next few years.

Nefesh B’Nefesh is introducing the Physician Aliyah Fellowship to encourage North American and British physicians to move to Israel. Significant grants are being provided. The grants, in the form of an initial fellowship upon arrival in Israel, and monthly supplementary income for the first two years, total approximately \$60,000. These grants are available for doctors under the age of 40 who have completed their training in North America and the UK and are willing to practice at least nine months a year in Israel.

Founded in 2002, Nefesh B’Nefesh is dedicated to revitalizing aliyah from North America, Canada and the UK by removing or minimizing the financial, professional, logistical and social obstacles of aliyah. For information, visit [www.nbn.org.il](http://www.nbn.org.il). □