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Dear Members of the Cleveland Community,

An individual from Israel recently received a letter from the Vaad Hatzedakos to raise funds in Cleveland. It has come to our attention that upon a review of their accounts, a member of the community noticed that a check given to this individual and written to Chasdie Tovim Meoros was used to create a dummy (fake) check, which was then deposited. While we cannot be sure if this individual was responsible, the individual was flagged in the database that we share with a number of cities around the country.

We are notifying you so that you can review your accounts.

In light of this incident, it is worth reiterating that individuals raising funds in Cleveland should be encouraged to obtain a certificate from the Vaad Hatzedakos. The Vaad is available every day and is easy to contact. Participation in this program helps prevent questionable activity and ensures that members of the community can have confidence in their philanthropic activities.

Thank you,

Rabbi Mordechai Mandel

Vaad Hatzedakos of Ohio