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<b>Title</b>	<b>Zoglobek Workers “intimidated and threatened” by Scientology Practitioners</b>
<b>Source</b>	<b>“Shema Yisrael”</b>
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Workers in the Zoglobek food factory in the North have recently presented shocking testimony to the heads of the Pe'ilim-Lev L'Achim organization's Department for the Battle Against Cults. They describe the prolonged pressures exerted on them to participate in workshops in methods of the Scientology cult. "We live in constant fear and feel threatened," say factory employees.

At the same time, grim testimony has been presented by workers who have been fired from their jobs at Zoglobek after refusing to yield to pressure exerted upon them to participate in activities of the Scientology cult. It has also been learned that a number of workers have suffered from trauma as a result of membership in that cult.

Last week, a group of factory workers met with representatives of Lev L'Achim's Department for the Battle Against Cults, asking for protection for them and their fellow workers. Members of the group hope that Zoglobek's directors will to come to their senses and call an immediate halt to these terrible occurrences. The group is also worried about the possible outcome of a public battle against Zoglobek, which employs approximately 1,000 workers in a number of factories throughout the country.

Lev L'Achim has launched a widespread public battle against Zoglobek. It adamantly demands that Zoglobek's directors stop wielding their power as employers in order to force workers to join this dangerous cult. It is providing fired workers with legal counsel. Lev L'Achim has demanded that the Labor and Welfare and the Health Ministries, as well as the Histadrut protect the rights of the workers.

The Scientology cult has been outlawed in many countries throughout the world. A number of years ago, a Knesset investigation committee headed by then-MK Taasa-Glazer determined that Scientology was a most dangerous cult which exerts tremendous pressures on those joining.

As the battle against Zoglobek gains impetus, Lev L'Achim has approached the bodies granting *kashrus* certification to Zoglobek products, apprising them of the severity of these goings-on at the factory.

Lev L'Achim has announced that it will continue its struggle against the company. "It is inconceivable that an Israeli company use its authority to compel workers to go against their religion and beliefs and join this dangerous cult," they announced.

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Lev L’Achim wages Battle against Scientology Cult</b>
<b>Source</b>	<b>“Shema Yisrael”</b>
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Activists of Lev L'Achim's Anti-Cult Department are currently waging a stubborn battle to close a kindergarten and school recently opened by followers of the cult of Scientology in Tel Aviv. Scientology is one of the most menacing cults in Israel, and Lev L'Achim is conducting all-out efforts to halt its very dangerous activities.

A number of months ago, Lev L'Achim learned that cult members were trying to open a kindergarten and elementary school on a rented site in the agricultural village of Mikveh Yisrael, south of Tel Aviv. Dozens of boys and girls already enrolled in these schools.

Heads of Lev L'Achim's Anti-Cult Department appealed to the Education Ministry, showing them a vast amount of material explaining the serious dangers of the cult. The Glaser-Taasa Report, which warned specifically against the cult of Scientology among many others, was among the information presented.

Education Ministry officials announced that the school has not and will never receive a license to operate. They add that such operation as a unrecognized and the unofficial institution is illegal.

In the wake of this activity, Education Ministry personnel informed directors and inspectors of the education departments in the local municipality that parents who register their children at the Scientology school are violating the Law of Compulsory Education.

Despite this, the cult's school is continuing to function again this year, in violation of the law.

Rabbi Moshe Lachover, one of the heads of the Department for the Battle Against Missionaries and Cults of Lev L'Achim, said that the ongoing activity of Lev L'Achim against the Scientology cult has resulted in an increased awareness - on the part of many official as well as professional bodies - of the dangers of this cult.

A number of months ago, when it became known that cult members planned to place their propaganda into public libraries, Lev L'Achim activists approached libraries throughout the country, warning them against the danger. As a result, the Education Ministry issued a ruling forbidding public libraries from handling material published by that cult.

“We know that the members of the Scientology cult make tremendous efforts to fight against the Lev L'Achim activists, but we will not be deterred. We will continue in our just struggle to make the Scientology cult illegal, as is the case in many enlightened countries throughout the world. Recently, the French government banned the activities of this cult throughout France, after it was proven that many people had lost their sanity as a result of their affiliation with the cult. The French authorities prosecuted the heads of the cult, and sentenced them to prison terms,” according to Lev L'Achim.