



United Hatzalah of Israel

Highlights of the week in Israel

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

The United Hatzalah family joined with friends and family worldwide who mourn the victims of the terror attack in Mumbai. Over 80 United Hatzalah volunteers took the time to continue to spread the light of kindness as only they know how, by helping others at this most tragic time.

I share with you a glimpse from the scene where the rapid response of our volunteers prevented an accident from becoming a tragedy.

Vision 2010 is slowly becoming a reality as United Hatzalah continues it's expansion in Northern Israel.

Our friends from LA were most hospitable and I invite you to visit them online or in person when you are in LA.

Thanks and have a great week.

Sincerely,

Eli Beer

Chief coordinator

Mumbai massacre victims buried

By now the searing images from Mumbai are burned into our collective consciousness. United Hatzalah volunteers joined in the mournful throngs who gathered to pay their respects to the valiant couple and their guests who were murdered in cold blood and brought to Israel as their final resting place.

The responsibility to care for the medical needs of the tens of thousands of visitors who were on hand for the eulogy in Kfar Chabad, the procession to Jerusalem and the burial on the Mount of Olives fell to United Hatzalah District Coordinator of Kfar Chabad Chaim Friedman and United Hatzalah Logistics Coordinator Zeev Sofer. During the course of the 10 hour funeral there were 31 calls for medical assistance responded to by the over 80 volunteers who were on scene.





Shocker!

A plumber working on the roof of a building literally got quite a shock when an overhead power line came down near where he was working.

United Hatzalah volunteers raced to the scene and took immediate initial steps to protect themselves and the plumber from further injury by distancing everyone from the live wire.



The medics on the roof radioed down to arriving forces to stay below and block the street because the wire ran across the street, a car and some children's bicycles. When the fire department and the electric company arrived the situation was well in hand and thankfully the plumber was the only injury and he is expected to make a full recovery.



Vision 2010 - North

This week marked an important milestone in our Vision 2010 - Emergency Preparedness Plan. Based on lessons learned from the Second Lebanon War, United Hatzalah is moving towards centralized strategy with regional tactics. This includes regional strategic reserves in the vulnerable north and south of the country.

The Galilee region under the able leadership of Nachi Klein helped us dedicate our Strategic Reserve and Logistics base in Tzefat.

The base is an underground secure facility. Various local dignitaries from the military, emergency medical services and the general community joined us for an enjoyable and meaningful evening.



Photo of the Week

United Hatzalah volunteers in providing medical response for the Shabbat Chayei Sarah weekend in Hebron.



Friend of the Week

Tzvika Brenner, President of Hatzolah of Los Angeles invited me to join them for a recent Emergency Preparedness event with all the major players entrusted with the regions health and security. Hatzolah of Los Angeles has over 120 volunteers and has earned the respect of all the government agencies. I enjoyed chatting with other professionals and sharing United Hatzalah's unfortunately broad experience in dealing with emergency incidents.



**Thank you to all who have given us the opportunity to continue our work.
We hope you will continue to support us in the future.**

United Hatzalah is the largest emergency rescue volunteer organization in Israel which, working hand in hand with MDA has the endorsement of the leading Rabbis in Israel.

United Hatzalah has branches in almost every city in Israel from the Golan Heights in the north to Eilat in the south.