



United Hatzalah of Israel

Highlights of the week in Israel

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

This week United Hatzalah crews responded to more Kassams in the south and more celebrations in Jerusalem, a near drowning in Kfar Adumim, a highway birth near Yad Binyamin, and yet another (thankfully minor) MCI in Petach Tikva.

Wishing you and your families a safe week.

Sincerely,

Eli Beer

Chief coordinator

Kassams reaching Chevel Eshkol

While the ongoing rocket attacks are not deemed newsworthy by mainstream media, we will continue to provide periodic updates. United Hatzalah volunteers in the south are being kept busy day and night with the ongoing missile and mortar barrages. This week another 3 people were wounded (including one with shrapnel wounds in the head) and were treated by United Hatzalah medics that rushed to the scene.



Photo Credit: Noam Bedlin

United Jerusalem and United Hatzalah

02.06.2008

This week Jews from around the world celebrated and joined with Jerusalemites to celebrate the 41st anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. As with any large gathering, especially on a hot June day United Hatzalah volunteers turned out to provide emergency medical response as needed.

Due to the fact that many of the events included marches around Jerusalem, it was decided that instead of setting up a central treatment point volunteers would join the marchers and maintain communication via their walkie-talkies and beepers. Thankfully beyond the occasional sprained ankle and fainting the celebrations were not marred by serious incidents.



Water Safety

03.06.2008

Tragedy was averted in Kfar Adumim due to the rapid response of Paramedic Oren Brill. A 3 year-old child fell into a small private pool and was discovered without pulse and not breathing. Oren immediately began an intensive and lengthy CPR and was joined by additional United Hatzalah members and the MDA Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

The child thankfully regained spontaneous pulse and independent breathing. The child was evacuated to the hospital in serious but stable condition. This incident highlights the responsibility of all adults in the proximity of children and water to always maintain the highest level of vigilance.



Below are a few common sense guidelines for safety with kids around water:

- NEVER leave a baby alone in a bathtub or pool even for a second. Always keep baby in arm's reach.
- NEVER leave young children alone or with young siblings in a bathtub even if you are using a bath seat or ring. Children can drown quickly and silently.
- Keep the toilet lid down, and keep young children out of the bathroom when unsupervised. Consider placing a

latch on the bathroom door or toilet lid.

- Be sure all containers that contain liquids are emptied immediately after use. Do not leave empty containers in yards or around the house where they may accumulate water and attract young children.
 - Always secure the safety cover and/or fence of your pool, spa or hot tub.
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Baby on Board

02.06.2008



On Route 3, a young couple from the south was in a cab on the way to Jerusalem to have their baby. Someone didn't want to wait. United Hatzalah volunteers from Beit Chilkiya and Yad Binyamin raced to the scene and assisted in the classic baby delivery in the cab story. The young family continued their trip to Jerusalem via ambulance for follow-up care in a local hospital. No word from the cabbie if they needed to pay for the extra passenger.

MCI in Petach Tikvah (again) - School Squabble goes Sour

04.06.2008

A 9th grade girl in a Petach-Tikvah middle school felt threatened by a classmate and unleashed a barrage of tear-gas from a small canister she carried for self-protection. Apparently the small closed rooms concentrated the affects of the gas and 15 students and teachers were affected. Members of United Hatzalah from Petach Tikvah and Bnei Brak reponded to a MCI (Multiple Casualty Incident) call involving a school and assisted in the evacuation and treatment of those affected by the gas.



**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.