



United Hatzalah of Israel

Highlights of the week in Israel 23 October 2008

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This has been a crazy busy past couple of weeks with all the holidays, our concert, yet another terror attack along with the regular day-to-day emergency response activities.

Our donor of the week focuses on Bank Leumi Private Banking and their long-standing support of United Hatzalah.

Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend,

Sincerely,

Eli Beer

Chief coordinator

Terror Attack in Jerusalem

23.10.08

In today's stabbing attack a young terrorist stabbed a policeman who had approached him asking for identification. The terrorist managed to stab the policeman numerous times in the back and chest and the policeman managed to fire off a few shots, at least one of which hit the terrorist in his torso.

The terrorist managed to run away despite his injuries. He came upon 86 year old Avraham Ozeri and fatally stabbed him in the chest. The terrorist was eventually stopped by a passerby. United Hatzalah and MDA medics who raced to the scene treated the victims. Valiant but eventually futile efforts were made to save Mr. Ozeri's life through resuscitation efforts at the scene, on the way to the Shaarei Tzedek hospital and at the hospital itself.

Prof. Avi Rivkind, head of Surgery and Trauma at Haddassah Medical Center and United Hatzalah's medical director operated on the wounded policeman and provided an optimistic prognosis for him.



Meet the new Ambubikes

22.10.08

The 'ambubike' unit was launched in Tel Aviv in an impressive ceremony that included the Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv-Yaffo Rabbi Yisrael Lau, Head of the Green party and Deputy-Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yaffo Pe'er Visner and dozens of local residents, volunteers and supporters.

Chief Rabbi Lau recalled in an emotional address the horror of the series of bus bombings in Jerusalem; in particular the bus bombing in the Beit Yisrael section of Jerusalem when the roads became congested and ambulances had great difficulty in getting through. One could only imagine how helpful these bicycles would have been. "I come here to bless you and show my appreciation for your commitment to the public good and for establishing this new unit that will literally breathe new life into the citizens of Israel".

The first five United Hatzalah 'ambubikes' will be assigned to various congested districts in the greater Tel Aviv area. Effy Fischer the United Hatzalah Coordinator for Tel Aviv explained "The unique challenges and needs of Tel Aviv make the 'ambubike' the ideal solution for emergency calls where numerous shortcuts and alleys allow for only the nimblest of vehicles to get through. There are areas inaccessible by ambulance and even the ubiquitous United Hatzalah 'ambucycle' would not be able to get through. In addition the fact that the 'ambubikes' are environmentally friendly with no air or sound pollution is particularly endearing to ecologically-minded individuals."



Concert Recap

19.10.08

On October 19, during the Succot holiday, hundreds of people came to the Jerusalem Theatre for a concert to support our lifesaving activities in Israel. It was truly an evening of celebration.

It was a time for laughter and a time for tears.



The performers Avraham Fried, Dovid Gabay and Dedi and Shea Rubenstein were all supremely enjoyable and inspiring.

Avraham Fried captivated the audience with his powerful and inspiring voice.

The audience was also treated to an emotionally powerful tribute to the United Hatzalah volunteers.

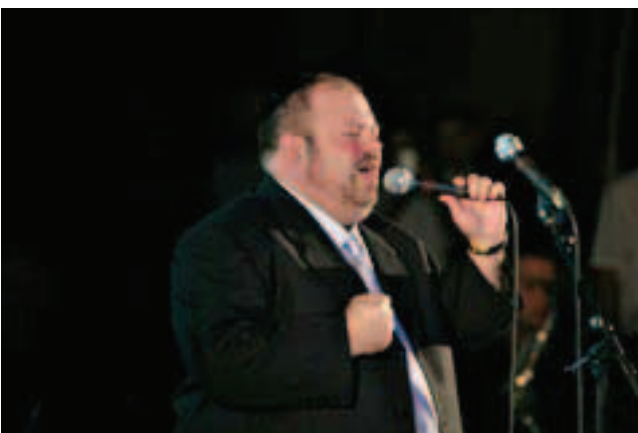




Photo of the Week

United Hatzalah volunteers assemble for briefing before securing the Birkat Kohanim Ceremony at the Kotel

Donor of the Week



Leumi Private Banking has once again been a proud sponsor of the Israelife Succot Concert. In their own words “we are proud to associate ourselves with the volunteers of United Hatzalah who go out of their way to save lives”.

We at United Hatzalah are pleased with their sponsorship as it increases corporate awareness of the work of our volunteers. Many of our volunteers have to deal with delicate employee/employer relationships with regard to saving lives and responding to calls in the vicinity of their place of work. Leumi Private Banking has taken the lead in Corporate Social Responsibility.

**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.