



United Hatzalah of Israel

Highlights of the week in Israel

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Our friends in the US are marking the transition to a new president, in Israel we are transitioning to a wary cease-fire and our newsletter is transitioning to new format. I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Sincerely,

Eli Beer

Chief coordinator

Home Front War Recap

- 4 Civilians Killed
- 346 Wounded
- 820 Missile/Mortar Strikes
- Over 3000 calls responded to. This number includes routing and war related incidents.



Many times United Hatzalah medics had to evacuate the sick and wounded during a missile attack. Medics credited the Irving and Cherna Moskowitz LifeCompass Command Center for helping coordinate the communications between the various emergency response agencies.

Missiles to Smiles

United Hatzalah Hertzliya-Raanana Coordinator Niv Granot arranged a relaxing day trip to a park in Northern Israel for the families of United Hatzalah volunteers .

15 people trained hard to earn a spot on the the United Hatzalah Southern “team” under the able leadership of Moshe Evron. They will quickly be brought “up to speed” and 3 more ambucycles were dedicated to strengthen the region as well. More work is needed and your help is critically needed to enhance southern Israel emergency preparedness.



Very Rapid Response

Once again the ever vigilant United Hatzalah squad from Elad was on the scene. This time it was a Ford Transit taxi van that lost out against a Subaru sedan.

10 United Hatzalah medics were on scene to help treat and evacuate 12 victims in under 15 minutes.

Doctors at the hospital reiterated the value of having a rapid response to this type of call. The difference between a minor injury and major debilitating one lies in the treatment received during those first golden moments.



Medics of the Week

United Hatzalah of Beit El

United Hatzalah Medics of Beit El led by District Coordinator Shalom Galil have earned a warm spot in the hearts of many residents of the south for their frequent rotations to relieve their overworked friends. For this and many other reasons a festive event was held in Jerusalem to encourage a unit that is frequently on the frontlines but not always in the headlines.

At the event an “ambubike” was dedicated to close-knit community of Beit El. The pleasant meandering paths that wend their way throughout Beit El are pleasant for recreation but are a nightmare for emergency medical services. The “ambubike” was United Hatzalah’s response to this special need.



**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.