



## United Hatzalah of Israel

### *Highlights of the week in Israel*

18 May 2008

*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

Wednesday late afternoon at approximately 6PM, the Hatzalah radio system went off with a volunteer exclaiming: “a missile just hit the mall.”

Tens are injured buried under the rubble. Through the emergency radio system I can hear the volunteers as they scramble through the debris for search of wounded.

Although I was sitting kilometers away, I was able to imagine each of the volunteers receiving the call, dropping what ever it was they were doing at the time, horridly putting on their bullet proof gear and jumping on to their vehicles to rush to the scene.

This is the life of a volunteer in Israel.

This is the essence of United Hatzalah.

Let's pray and hope we will not have emergency calls like this ever again.

Sincerely,

**Eli Beer**

Chief coordinator

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### **Ashkelon, Missile hits the mall**

14.05.08

A grad missile, launched by Palestinian terrorists, hit a crowded mall falling directly into a small clinic for women and children.

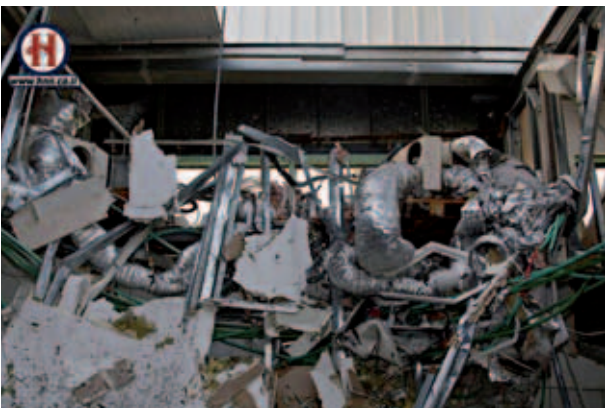
As a result, 81 people were wounded. Among them, a young woman and her baby who are in bad condition.

United Hatzalah volunteers immediately rushed to the scene and started treating the tens of wounded.

Unfortunately, the missile alert of Ashkelon did not go off and the tens of people who were shopping at the mall did not get a warning when the missile came crashing down.

“It was a total disaster» says one of the volunteers who was in the mall at the time of the bombing “one minute I was walking around with my wife and a second later I was running to the center of the catastrophe to treat wounded people».





Over 50 volunteers joined the police and fire department in search of wounded who were trapped under the debris. “I have recently moved to Ashkelon from the north of Israel» explains the volunteer. “I have responded to hundreds of calls in Shderot area but never did I imagine the attacks coming so suddenly with out warning so close to home.” A woman and her baby were severely injured and were rushed to the hospital where they were treated for further injuries.

Please have them in mind in your prayers:  
Avital Bat Pnina and Tair Bat Avital.



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## United Hatzalah Rescue Workers at all Times and at all Places

08.05.2008

As every year on Israeli Independence Day, the Israeli Air force presents an aerial exhibition for thousands of participants.

This year, exhibition took place in the sky above Israel and hundreds of thousands on onlookers gathered along the coast of the Tel-Aviv beach.

An Israeli Paratrooper that participated in the exercise was supposed to land in the middle of the beachfront, far from the excited onlookers. However, unfortunately, the strong winds hurled him from his path and he landed directly on the people that were sitting in the first rows.

The unexpected landing brought about an extremely difficult outcome. United Hatzalah rescue volunteers together with the Tel-Aviv area emergency crew needed to treat eight severely wounded victims.

Three of them required immediate resuscitation at the scene of the untimely event.

The poor ground conditions made it very difficult for ambulances to reach the site. The rescue workers had to maneuver through a huge crowd of people in order to reach the wounded victims.



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## No One Has Immunity from Traffic Accidents

08.05.2008

United Hatzalah rescue workers treated the former Police Inspector General, Shlomo Aharonsky. The former Police Inspector General was injured in a traffic accident on the 443 highway on route to Jerusalem.

After receiving first-aid treatment by emergency workers in the vicinity, he was taken by ambulance to the hospital for continued treatment.



Commander Shlomo Aharonsky served as Inspector General between 2001 and 2004. He expressed his gratitude towards the volunteers who came to his assistance.

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**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.