



## United Hatzalah of Israel

*Highlights of the week in Israel* 30 October 2008

*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

I am pleased and excited about our new TOMCAR 'Ambutractor' Search and Rescue vehicles. This will fill an operational gap that had existed for quite some time. I am encouraged by the immediate response by our friends from Philadelphia and elsewhere who join us in this new project. I will be in the states for the first 2 weeks of November and will be happy to discuss this project with anyone interested in learning more about how they can take part.

Our donor of the week focuses on the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and their long-standing support of United Hatzalah.

Shabbat Shalom and have a great weekend,

Sincerely,

**Eli Beer**

Chief coordinator

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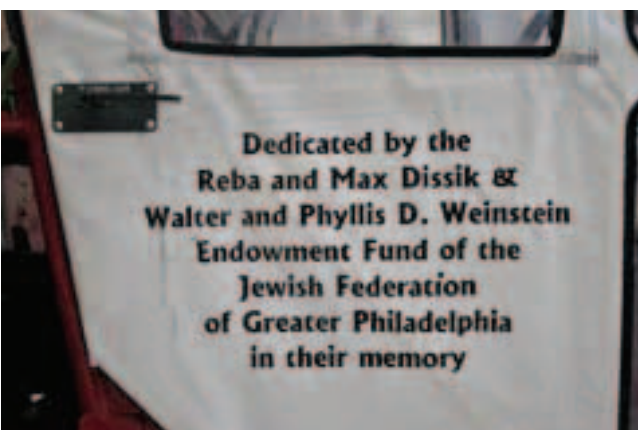
### TOMCAR Ambutractor

This week brought the dedication of the first 2 TOMCAR Ambutractors to the United Hatzalah fleet of emergency response vehicles. To the uninitiated the TOMCAR is simply a most amazing all-terrain vehicle. It was designed and built in Israel to the extreme specifications of the IDF special forces. Check out the TOMCAR videos to get a sense of what this vehicle can do.

We are expecting a wet and stormy winter along with all the resultant road accessibility issues. The ambutractors feature prominently in our winter preparedness strategy. Optimally we would like to expand the fleet to 5 for this winter. Click [here](#) to see more about our ambutractor plans.

Our first ambutractor was dedicated by the Reba and Max Dissik and Walter and Phyllis D. Weinstein Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (JFGP). The Israel at 60 Mission chaired by Murray and Ann Spain along with Elliot and Marion Fisher was on hand for a presentation of the capabilities and features of this fine vehicle.





The second ambulator was generously donated by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous to honor the memory of his father; a teacher, a man who loved helping others and a man who loved Israel. It is ever so appropriate that his legacy find expression through this fine vehicle that will race throughout Israel helping people wherever and whenever needed.

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## The Magnet and the Magnificent Medic

Last Sunday night United Hatzalah medics Aaron Goetz and Yosef Zelikovitch were traveling in Aaron's private vehicle when a message came through on the beeper of a child choking. The address was only a few buildings away from their location. The volunteer medics raced to the location and saw a large group of concerned people in the courtyard of the building.

The family members were outside, screaming for help, holding a limp baby. Goetz and Zelikovitch noticed that the child was struggling to breathe and was beginning to turn cyanotic due to oxygen deprivation. Numerous attempts to dislodge the object seemed to fail, thinking quickly, Goetz brought the baby closer to his car and examined her in the bright glare of his headlights. He noticed a slight reflection from a shiny object in the back of the throat. Carefully with his gloved hand, Goetz made a few finger sweeps and was rewarded to find the small toy magnet in his hand. Another glance at the baby and a healthy cry greeted his ears. The teary-eyed mother came running and gratefully took the baby back into her arms.



With handshakes, backslaps and warm words of thanks the modest lifesavers returned the car. Goetz mentioned how fortunate he feels to have had the opportunity to be part of a "miraculous rebirth" of a child.

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## Off Road Issues

The first serious rains of the season have begun to fall. While this is certainly beneficial for the Israel's water supply it has a tendency to wreak havoc with the road system.





Among the casualties of the recent adverse road conditions were 2 people lightly wounded when their car skidded off the road and into a wadi 50ft (15m) off the road. United Hatzalah medics were on scene to assist with the evacuation and treatment of the victims. In situations like these the ambutractor would be called in to provide support.

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*Photo of the Week*

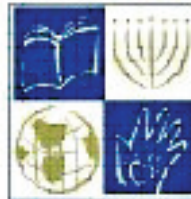
Ambutractor meets the Ambucycles

*Donor of the Week*

We salute the Center for Israel and Overseas of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia; co-chaired by Cindy Smukler Dorani and I Michael Coslov for their vision and leadership. Your assistance over the years has helped us expand our reach to help others.

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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.