



## United Hatzalah of Israel

### *Highlights of the week in Israel*

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*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

This week we look at the concept of saving the lifesavers by paying tribute to our dear Philly friends at the JFGP. Living proof of this idea came in the form of a dramatic rescue by a United Hatzalah medic who, he himself, was once in need of a dramatic rescue.

To wrap it up we look at a tireless medic who educated our brave soldiers how they can save perhaps even their own lives while they are protecting the lives of all of us.

To our US friends have a great Labor Day Weekend,

Sincerely,

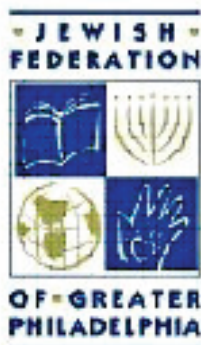
**Eli Beer**

Chief coordinator

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### Readiness and Philadelphia

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In Israel we can only take lulls in attacks as time to increase preparedness. We have teams evaluating lessons to be learned from attacks in the North and the South. One of the key lessons we learned is “Take care of those who take care of others”. At the most basic level that means to protect the volunteers from the dangers that they respond to.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (JFGP) has been a supporter of United Hatzalah for many years and over many projects. We salute the JFGP for recognizing this need to “Take care of those who take care of others” and have dedicated another 5 sets of personal armor to our volunteer first responders.

We salute the co-chairs of the Center for Israel and Overseas of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Cindy Smukler Dorani and I Michael Coslov for their vision and leadership.

The appreciation was summed up quite succinctly by Nachi Klein from Tzefat when he told us that when he put on his personal armor when the air raid sirens are blaring he felt protected by the “Kevlar hug of brotherhood”.



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## Circle of Life

Eyal Noked was once shot in the line duty and left for dead. He was fearlessly responding to a shooting in Hebron when he was shot in the back by terrorists waiting for the first responders. Miraculously no major organs or critical nerve centers were hit and Eyal was evacuated to the hospital with the victim he came to treat.

Recently, fully recovered, Eyal was selected to join the United Hatzalah Ambucycle unit. Eyal was in top form this week when he make a dramatic rescue at the central bus station in Jerusalem.

Stopping off for a bite at the shwarma stand at the central bus station, Eyal heard a commotion. All senses went on high alert and the shwarma was promptly forgotten. Eyal ran to the crowd and discovered an unconscious 15 year-old boy.

Eyal immediately began CPR and his crew from the ambulance brought the rest of the equipment including the defibrillator. Eyal ripped the protective backing off the electrode stickers and prepared to administer shocks. 2 sets of shocks later and one more round of CPR. The boy began to move.

To the pleasant surprise of all involved and in an amazingly fast recovery the boy inquired about his surroundings. A nearby MICU ambulance was alerted to bring the young boy to the hospital for observation and further treatment.

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## Protecting the Protectors

Yossi Rafaeli is a soldier's soldier. He was not content to let the soldiers in his reserve unit go out with the basic medical training given to all soldiers but shared with them his advanced medical training.

Yossi explained that you never know when and where the need for medical attention will arise.

He further explained that it just as well could be that the medic is going to be the one needed the treatment so the higher the overall level of medical training in the unit the better off everyone will be.



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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.