



United Hatzalah of Israel

Highlights of the week in Israel

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IsraeLife's LifeCompass Heralded at Presidential Convention

14.05.08

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IsraeLife's state-of-the-art The Irving and Cherna Moskowitz Life Compass mapping technology was showcased at this year's Presidential Convention where the nation's most innovative companies and inventions were recognized.

This year's convention, which took place last week, was attended by an extraordinarily distinguished group including, U.S. President George W. Bush, Israel's President Shimon Peres and an array ministers and senior Israeli officials. Mr. Peres singled out IsraeLife for its remarkable life-saving technology by saying: "The software you have initiated and developed is a pride to the state of Israel."

Moskowitz Life Compass was developed exclusively for IsraeLife by Matrix, a leading Israeli IT company. Thanks to the boundless generosity of the Irving and Cherna Moskowitz Foundation, Moskowitz Life Compass will unify the entire emergency and medical forces in Israel. It will vastly improve the emergency response system by dispatching the rescue and emergency teams that are closest to the scene of the accident.

At the convention in Binyaney Hauma, IsraeLife had the opportunity to present Life Compass. Sadly while the convention was underway, the grad missile came crashing down in the Ashkelon Mall and the participants were able to hear first hand the work of the volunteers at the field as it unfolded live over the radio system, making the need for this vital technology all the more apparent.

Representing IsraeLife at the convention, Eli Beer thanked the dignitaries for their recognition and said, "This is a great honor for "the Moskowitz foundation" and for "IsraeLife". Most of all it is a pride for the state of Israel which we represent. Thanks to innovative software such as Moskowitz Life Compass, Israel is now in the lead when it comes to life-saving work."



President Shimon Peres learning more about LifeCompass from Eli Beer



Elie Wiesel a good friend to Israel and to Hatzalah



Mikhail Gorbachev with Eli Beer



Benjamin Netanyahu



Sheldon Adelson with myself and Eli Beer



Mayer Of Jerusalem Mr. Uri Loployanski and Natan Sharansky

Lag Ba'Omer

22.05.2008

The United Hatzalah volunteers are busily preparing for the Lag Ba'Omer celebrations taking place across the country. Every year hundreds of thousands of families partake in the festivities marking the end of the counting of the Omer period by lighting traditional Lag B'omer bonfires in the city, streets and wadis. In Meron alone, hundreds of thousands are expected to celebrate.

United Hatzalah volunteers believe Lag B'Omer is an exciting time for the country, as it unites everyone and infuses our nation with levity and happiness. However, we are also aware of the potential dangers that could arise related to the bonfires and large crowds. Every year our volunteers rapidly respond to hundreds (!) of fire-related emergency of Lag Ba'Omer.

To ensure that this year's Lag B'Omer festivities are safe for everyone, we are preparing our teams to handle possible emergencies.

United Hatzalah issued a public service notification warning adults of the accidental hazards of the holiday and strongly recommending that they closely supervise all bonfire activities and to stay near their children. In addition to this reminder, we are doing everything possible to prevent the tragic event of two years ago when a young man died after a flammable was mistakenly thrown into a bonfire causing an explosion. c exploded in a bonfire.

For your safety, please find some important first aid tips to follow should an emergency arise: Remember: When it comes to first aid, time is of the essence. A quick response can help lessen the extent of the injury.
you should:

- 1. Stop the burning process by removing or destroying the source of heat. Note: If clothes are on fire, "STOP, DROP and ROLL."**
- 2. Remove belts, all jewelry, and all tight clothing, especially anything around the person's neck. Burned areas will swell immediately. .**
- 3. Cover burns with a clean, dry dressing bandage or sheet.**
- 4. Keep the person warm with a blanket.**
- 5. Seek medical attention immediately.**

FIRST AID DONT'S:

- 1. NEVER pour cold water on a burn.**
- 2. NEVER pack burned area with ice.**
- 3. NEVER apply butter or ointment immediately.**

Any of the above can actually worsen the injury.



Yarden Area - bus turnover

19.05.2008

A bus turned over at the Yarden junction. United Hatzalah of Yarden area rushed to the scene. Most of the passengers were injured lightly. One was in severe condition. United Hatzalah treated them until a chopper came and took the severely wounded passenger to the hospital. The other passengers were taken by ambulance to the hospital and were released later that day.



Petach Tikvah - missing person search

20.05.2008

Volunteers of Petach Tikvah received an emergency call of a stabbing in the city. The volunteers rushed to the scene only to discover a bloody floor with no victim. The wounded man fled from the scene and was nowhere to be found.

At the police request the volunteers from Petach Tikvah, Bnei Brak and Elaad began a full area search and found the wounded man after a few hours lying in a field in moderate condition. Many Thanks to the volunteers for taking their time out for the search and treatment of this man.

**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.