



United Hatzalah of Israel

Highlights of the week in Israel 19 September 2008

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This week we had a heartwarming tribute to the 3 victims of the Jaffa Street Tractor Terror Attack. Israeli TV and newspapers ran with the story as well.

Our 4th squad of ambucycle medics completed their advanced driving course, though many of the people they treat could have benefited from such a course as well.

We close with a review of car flips responded to by nearby ambucycle medics.

Have a great weekend,

Sincerely,

Eli Beer

Chief coordinator

Fighting back with Life

When 3 fine Chicagoans heard about the Jaffa Street tractor terror attack their first response was 'What can we do to help?'. Our friend Eli Elifant explained to them what it is like on the scene of a terror attack.

Eli explained that one of the most critical areas of Incident Management is Access to Scene. During a terror attack or other MCI, a perimeter is established around the incident but the resultant traffic jams can lead to citywide gridlock.

This problem was particularly acute since the attack was on Jaffa street, the main artery running East/West through Jerusalem.

The solution, of course, was the ubiquitous United Hatzalah ambucycle. Ambulances were forced to be stationed near open access routes and ambucycle medics raced in to treat and evacuate the wounded.

Chicagoans Jeffery Aeder, Larry and Elliot Wiener decided in short order that each of them would donate an ambucycle to Batya-Friends of United Hatzalah, in





memory of each of the 3 victims of the attack.

In a heartwarming ceremony this week families of the victims got to meet the United Hatzalah rescuers, the donors as well as the brave young British tourist, Jeremy Aaronson who saved baby Efrat Unterman from the sad fate suffered by her mother Batsheva.

Jeremy was presented with a certificate of commendation by the father of Batsheva Unterman and United Hatzalah medic Daniel Katzenstein who was with the baby on the scene of the attack.



Ambucycles for Motorcycles

This week was a tough one for motorcyclists. On Route 5 a motorcyclist was killed when his bike clipped a stolen vehicle that had been haphazardly abandoned on the shoulder of the road. Another biker was seriously injured when he was hit by a car at the La Guardia junction of the Ayalon Freeway. The third serious incident involved a moped that was crushed by a truck on Route 6.

What is most frustrating about motorcycle accidents in particular is that they are often preventable. United Hatzalah take ambucycle driving very seriously and provides each ambucycle medic with advanced emergency driving skills.

This week the 4th class of 12 ambucycle medics from across the central region of Israel graduated from the course. Ambucycle medic Mickey Cohen pointed out that understanding how a motorcycle is perceived by the driver of a 4 wheeled vehicle is far different from how the motorcyclist perceives himself. His advice for motorcyclists is “take an advanced driving course, we see too many drivers who haven’t...”





90,180 and 360

When the driver of the car on the left took the turn too fast and flipped his car 90 degrees into a tree he had a United Hatzalah medic less than a minute away.

The ambucycle medic stabilized the patient and was then assisted by additional ambucycle medics and the ambulance crew to extricate and evacuate the patient.

The 2nd «off-road vehicle» rolled 180 degrees off Route 444 into a ravine and landed “belly-up”. United Hatzalah medics responded from both the north and southbound lanes to help the lightly wounded driver.

When the driver of the car below took a scenic turn too fast he rolled his car for complete «360» and landed “on all 4”.

Wearing seatbelts was what left the passing United Hatzalah ambucycle medic with not much to do other than bandage the scrapes and bruises of the 3 shaken occupants of the car.

In each incident the ambucycle medics credited their nimble lifesaving machines with providing them the opportunity to help.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the donors who have donated ambucycles because you are the ones who make this all possible.



**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.