



## United Hatzalah of Israel

*Highlights of the week in Israel* 25 December 2008

*Dear Friends and Supporters,*

I have just gotten back from my snowy visit to the US (see photo below). While the cold weather and recent financial concerns made much news in the press and daily conversation of the people I met, it was in fact heartwarming to hear from so many people that despite it all everyone realizes that saving lives in Israel, particularly as war looms, is a priority for all of us.

I share with you some Chanukah thoughts, stories and opportunities to participate in our “Daily Miracles of Lifesaving Campaign”.

May the miracles that accompanied Chanukah of our forefathers accompany all of us as we band together in peace, health and happiness.

Chag Sameach

Sincerely,

**Eli Beer**

Chief coordinator

*Light a beacon  
of hope  
and healing  
by purchasing  
equipment  
critically required  
by United Hatzalah  
for its wartime  
preparedness*



## Chanukah Miracle

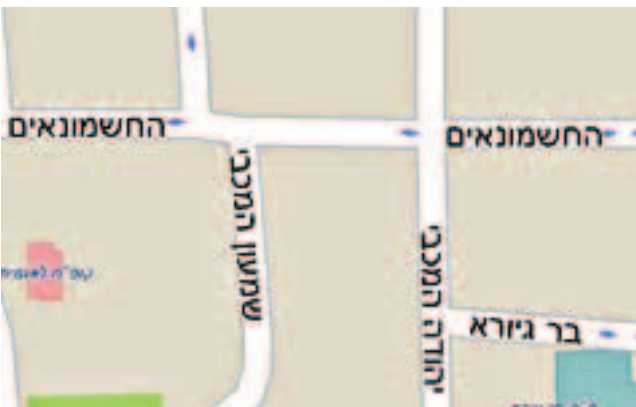
This week we look at the **miracles of Yehuda Maccabee Street** in Jerusalem's central district. **Yossi Rafaeli is the district coordinator** for the central district and lives on Yehuda Maccabee Street. When he got a call some time ago he was unaware of the chain of events that would develop.

The quiet of a **Shabbat morning** was broken by the **shouts of neighbors** and alert on Yossi's pager indicating that there was an **unconscious child on Yehuda Maccabee street**. Yossi hopped on his ambucycle and was **on-scene in under a minute**. The child was in fact unconscious, not breathing and pulseless. **Yossi began CPR** on the child while a nervous crowd gathered around. The ambulance crew arrived and assisted Yossi with his lifesaving efforts. The **child's pulse returned** and the child eventually recovered fully.



**Something bothered Yossi.** Why wasn't there anyone in the crowd who knew **bystander CPR**. Those initial moments are critical. Yossi knew what needed to be done. He spoke with the **United Hatzalah trainers** and arranged a series of bystander CPR courses. **Over 700 people eventually took the course!** The story doesn't end here.

Not so long ago, **Yossi's own 1-year old son, Natan**, was crawling around in his playgroup when he spotted a **colorful piece of plastic**. He put it in his mouth and **was soon choking**. The alert caregiver scooped up little Natan, called for help and began to **clear the obstruction** just as she had learned in the course Yossi had initiated.



## Chanukah presents for United Hatzalah medics

With the help of "**Hamakom Hanachon**" (The Right Place) chain of men's clothes each United Hatzalah medic received a **fleece lined, reversible United Hatzalah all-purpose jacket**. In addition the clothing chain presented each medic with coupons for a **free tie** and **hundreds of shekels in discounts**.

Kudos to **Shalom Levenharts** and the entire staff of "**Hamakom Hanachon**" for their **professional assistance**.



## *Photo of the Week*

So this is Snow!



## *Donor of the Week*

**SideTick.com** has not only created a great **social networking concept** but has also pledged to **donate 1 dollar** to United Hatzalah for everyone who **signs up** to the new network. Don't worry **it's free** seems pretty cool. Sign up, get some great gifts and **help United Hatzalah** in the process.

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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.