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A Second Home for Holocaust Survivors

ICEJ Aid is proud to announce that the second Home for Holocaust Survivors in Haifa was officially opened on April 28, 2011. There were many Holocaust Survivors in attendance as well as staff of the ICEJ and guest speakers. The day was a joyous celebration as some Survivors were able to see the completed rooms they would soon move into. The bottom floor of the building will act as a free medical and dental clinic servicing all Survivors in the surrounding area as well as those living in the home. Please click the link below to see how this amazing project was completed from start to finish.



[Home for Holocaust Survivors Ps 68:6](#)

Rebuilding Shattered Lives

The rock seemed to come out of nowhere, shattering their tranquility. In that moment, everything changed for Yair and Einat. Yair sustained a direct hit to his head and the car spun out of control. He lost an eye and his face was severely deformed leaving him with brain damage and a serious handicap. Einat was unharmed physically, but traumatized. Since the terrorist attack, they and their four children have faced many hardships as they have struggled towards recovery.



Some years later, in 2005, the night before their eldest daughter's bat mitzvah, the entire family was involved in a car accident on a rain-slickened road. Yair and the baby were left in critical condition. After two and half weeks in a medically induced coma, Yair slowly recovered as did the baby after undergoing surgery for a broken leg.

The family resides in a small apartment in Jerusalem and lives off minimal income from the national insurance institute. Yair sought part time work despite the challenges of his handicap, memory loss, and difficulty concentrating. Well liked in the office where he found a part time position, Yair's self esteem was greatly enhanced by being able to get out of the house and help provide for the family. Then in late 2009, Yair was diagnosed with jaw cancer and underwent surgery remaining in a nursing facility until he could recover enough to be able to go home.

Throughout all of these challenges, Einat has stood by him supported by the local social welfare

department where she attends a women's empowerment group. Prior to the terror attack, she had worked as a cook in a nursery school. Since then, however, she was needed at home to care for Yair and the children.



A terrorist attack lasts a moment; its impact lasts a lifetime. Through Atzum, an organization whose volunteers provide assistance where lives have been irreparably shattered by terror, the family was given a computer. This helps the children with their studies and has facilitated communication with Yair who with the latest illness has been unable to speak. In addition ICEJ Aid was pleased to partner with Atzum to provide two of the daughters with tutoring in several subjects where they were struggling throughout the past school year.

This year has been a very difficult year for the family. Just recently Yair passed away and Einat is now readjusting. The children are doing fine, supported at school and in their youth groups. The social worker from Atzum told ICEJ Aid, *"Your help came in the timeliest of places. I hope that in September we can encourage Einat to get a part time job. As you can see, ICEJ Aid's assistance has been extremely important and has made such a difference. Your help is deeply appreciated."*

***Names have been changed to protect privacy.*

Stepping Stones to a Brighter Future



Sometimes the smallest lift can make such a tremendous difference. That's the case in Nura's life. From a severely economically distressed family unable to care for their most basic needs. Nura and her siblings have little to look forward to from day to day. There is barely food to eat, never mind fun and enriching activities that will stimulate and challenge them in their free time. For her and many other children in Arrabe, national competitive programs in chess, ping pong, and basketball make all the difference.

Local Arrabe Council Truancy Officer, Madi Madi, shared enthusiastically about the program, *"Without programs such as these in the schools and community center, the kids can fall and end up on the street involved in criminal activities, vandalism and violence. There is a real need. We are going to lose these young people if we don't offer them something. These programs are a way to watch over them and to give them another option. Many of the children who participate come from very poor families who don't even have the basic means to provide for their children or give them any opportunity to continue their studies. This gives them something to do in their free time and helps them integrate with other children-also from the Jewish community."*

For those able to participate, it is like a dream for them. ICEJ Aid has provided the necessary equipment to get this program running. This coming year, the Local Council would like to offer additional activities to reach out to more children. Join ICEJ Aid in continuing the aid for afternoon programs such as these that encourage youth at risk toward positive growth and activities. Help us make a difference for children like Nura by giving them the opportunity to build friendships and confidence. Your aid is a stepping stone towards a brighter future for them. Gifts can be designated towards "ICEJ Aid-Minorities".