



Tree planting ceremony in memory of the Late Sami Morhayim

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Sami Morhayim was a warm and beloved human being, who loved Israel and donated generously throughout the years to the children of ILAN.

He imprinted his seal in many ILAN institutions which enjoyed his countless contributions such as: a music-room in one of the schools, a treatment-room through animal care, financing of rehabilitation activities in kindergartens and more and more..... Much more than one can ever detail!!!!

believed in teaching the next generation involvement and contribution to the community and he made sure to inform his



The Morhayim family is planting the tree



the Morhayim family, Rabbi David Kaduri and Shimon Zurieli, Director General of ILAN near the commemorative plate in memory of the Late Sami Morhayim

family and friends and members of the immediate surroundings of his philanthropic activities in order to instill in them his legacy. It is only natural that his children and his family keep in touch and continue to contribute to ILAN thus perpetuating his memory. To mark the first month of Sami's passing away, ILAN held a tree-planting ceremony in the Donors Garden at ILAN Sports Center in Kiryat Haim, the ceremony was attended by his family and many dignitaries. Sami's wife, his daughter and his son came to Israel especially, they caused a great emotion in the audience while planting the tree, everyone had tears in their eyes. Among the dignitaries present were also the grandson of the Honorable Rabbi Kaduri and his son David, who gave his blessing to the children and wife of the late Sami.



Rabbi David Kaduri is blessing Eli, the Late Sami's son



"Beit Myriam" patients presenting a gift (handmade by the disabled!!) to the Morhayim family

2014 – Summer Camps in the midst of the "Zuk Eitan" operation

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ILAN summer camps this year were faced with a big challenge. Immediately with the onset of the summer camps in early July, Operation " **Zuk Eitan** " started in Gaza and the South and even the Center of Israel were under massive rocket-shelling every day.

Therefore, we had to adapt in order to provide solutions for the children of ILAN and their families who had waited and expected to participate in those summer camps, which is such a wonderful opportunity for those children for social encounters and outing during the Summer when they are not integrated within any educational framework, and for their families who are longing for some rest!

Two camps were cancelled at the first stage of the fighting (Alumim and Shefayim) and most children were assigned to other summer camps at a later stage.

The Yavneh camp started operating but had to stop in the middle upon HFC orders. The children were forced to return home disappointed, but those who could were assigned to another camp in the North and enjoyed another full week of summer camp.

The children of the Kibbutz Sa'ad camp were transferred to Kibbutz Merav. Same thing for the children of the Shapira Center camp who transferred to Kibbutz Shadmot Mehola and the children of Bnei Reem to Ashdot Yaakov. Kibbutz Shelouhot absorbed the children of Beerot Yizhak and of Ein Zurim with their teams of volunteers and staff, altogether 100 persons who were provided with food, accommodation and managed to relocate their camps and provide the children with a full range of activities using Kibbutz Sheluhot as their base!

We thank all the kibbutzim and communities that welcomed the camps of the areas under fire, we greatly appreciate their participation in this effort to provide the children of ILAN

with recreational activities and fun, while part of the team coordinators and the managing staff of the camps was drafted by special reserves order and unfortunately some members of these teams had relatives among the wounded.

Fortunately in early August the situation calmed down a little (though the fighting continued again later) and we were able to organize a visit by Avi Nissankorn, Chairman of the Histadrut, Zvi Oren, President of the Industrialists Association, CPA, Ehud Rassabi, Chairman of ILAN, and Shimon Zurieli, Director General of ILAN, on a paragliding site where the children of the Nof Ayalon camp convened and had a tremendous experience hovering between sea and sky. The guests were deeply moved and enjoyed seeing the children of ILAN being released from their wheelchairs, cheering and enjoying this unique experience, which undoubtedly, they couldn't have enjoyed within any other framework. The visit demonstrated to the guests the importance of the ongoing activities of ILAN in favor of the disabled in general and particularly of the summer camps. We are convinced that these people who are holding important public positions in Israel are good ambassadors who will attest of the importance of ILAN 's activity within all the different influential circles they evolve in.

In August, some camps took place within the new framework while those which were planned in the North and in the West Bank were held as planned. The Karnei Shomron adult summer camp was held at full capacity just like every year. MK Karin Elharar came to visit and met with the students, telling them how she made her way to the Knesset and how she copes with the handicap. The MK infused all participants with lots of strength and encouragement during this empowering talk, and we thank her very much in the name of the ILAN Board and all ILAN-members for her support and involvement.

We send our best wishes of full recovery to the wounded and we are very grateful to all the volunteers of the ILAN summer camps for their dedication and their sense of a mission for the sake of granting days of fun and great entertainment to the children of ILAN who had eagerly awaited this moment the whole year through !! You are the beautiful face of Israel!! We all hope that ILAN summer camps will be held as planned next year and that Peace and Security will prevail in the entire country.



from left to right: Mr. Shimon Zurieli, Director General of ILAN, Zvi Oren, President of the Industrialists Association, an ILAN student, Mr. Avi Nissankorn, Head of the Histadrut, CPA, Ehud Rassabi, Chairman of ILAN



From right to left: CPA, Ehud Rassabi, Chairman of ILAN, Mr. Avi Nissankorn, Head of the Histadrut, Mr. Shimon Zurieli, Director General of ILAN, in the center, an ILAN student is being prepared for the "gliding experience".

A new Ilan Center for the Disabled in Haifa was inaugurated

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On Tuesday 1.7.14 the new ILAN Day Center, "Beit Miriam", was inaugurated in Kiryat Haim during an impressive ceremony. So far, the Center's activities took place in an old and crowded building, quite inappropriate to the extensive rehabilitation activities which were carried out there. Until now, the Center was unable to expand its operations and to absorb many disabled who were waiting in line impatiently. "Beit Miriam" has been dedicated to Miriam Loewenstein (Marusia) who founded the ILAN-Haifa branch and managed it for many years, volunteering in the Haifa area until a very short time before her death at a golden age. The ceremony was attended by: Mr. Joseph Silman, Director General, Ministry of Social Affairs, Mr. Shai Abuhatzira- Deputy Mayor of Haifa, Attorney Yitzhak Sabato- Director of the National Insurance Funds Division, Mr. Shmuel Weinglass, Rehabilitation Fund Manager at the National Insurance (Bituah Leumi), CPA, Ehud Rassabi, Chairman of ILAN, Mr. Shimon Zurieli, Director General of ILAN, Mrs. Sara Loewenstein, Chairperson of ILAN-Haifa branch and daughter-in-law of the late Mrs. Miriam Loewenstein, Mrs. Miriam Loewenstein's four sons and their families, local and international donors supporting ILAN and of course the disabled being cared at "Beit Miriam" flooded with joy and happiness at the sight of the new building they will transfer to in a few months! The dignitaries present at the ceremony stressed the cooperation between the various parties and promised to maintain and even expand it. ILAN's Chairman Mr. Ehud Rassabi presented the key of the premises to Amos Loewenstein, the son of the late Miriam, who is also a dedicated volunteer at ILAN-Haifa. Mr. Shlomi Zohar, who attends "Beit Miriam" presented the dignitaries with handmade gifts by the "Beit Miriam"'s patients and the children of the "Ofakim" School's choir entertained the visitors. The new building extends to approximately 1200 square meters and serves approximately 50 disabled adults. Patients at the new center will have the full range of paramedical and social services,

including social support, occupational therapy, physical therapy, enrichment activities, employment, social activities, recreation and more. A multidisciplinary professional team will be employed at the center, in addition to dozens of volunteers. ILAN has managed to raise over ten million NIS for building of the new center One of the largest and most significant contributions came from the Adelis Foundation. Tribute was paid to this generous contribution on an engraved rock placed in the middle of the beautiful square by the entrance of the building.



Cutting of the Ribbon - New Beit-Miriam building inaugurated



Beit Miriam patients at the entrance of the new building



Adelis Square