

“LAPID” MEANS TORCH OF HOPE

Rehabilitation – Educational Center for children-victims of terror in Israel

In the past 5 years since September 2000, over 1,000 people were killed and about 7,000 people were injured in terrorist acts in Israel. About 20% of victims are recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Hundreds of children were injured, many had several surgeries, and some were left disabled for life. Thousands children have lost parents, grandparents, siblings or close friends and suffer from the psycho trauma or post-traumatic disorder. “The children of Israel have been living with abnormally high levels of stress for more than two and a half years,” says Ruth Pat-Horenczyk, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist and director of child and adolescent clinical services at the Israel Center for the Treatment of Psycho trauma in Jerusalem.

Many children have to be treated for several years; they fall behind the rest of their class and need individual tutoring. Many have serious medical and psychological problems which parents unable to resolve. Sometimes, parents of injured children themselves are in critical need of psychological, social and legal help. Families of recent immigrants with injured children are especially in desperate situation. The initial screening of 50 such families revealed that each of them has multiple problems. *The Vadim Nurzhits International “Lapid” School (Rehabilitation – Educational Center)* has been organized in 2003 for comprehensive rehabilitation of injured or affected children. Headquarters of the “*Lapid*” School is located in Or Akiva in Israel, but it serves children in Haifa, Tel-Aviv, Sderot, Jerusalem, Hadera, Beer-Sheva, Holon, Rishon LeZion. 20 teenagers with their parents and representatives of AAJFSU came to the official opening of the school which took place in Or Akiva on September 24, 2003. The “*Lapid*” School doesn’t have yet paid personnel and financing, but its volunteers – medical doctors, psychologists, teachers and social workers – evaluated injured or affected children, revealed problems of each child and try to resolve them. The injured children are happy to see volunteers of the “*Lapid*” School. “*You just started, but your Torch throws already light upon our painful path and helps us and our injured children to survive and to overcome our difficulties. Thank you!*” – Maxim Malchenko’s mother wrote to the “*Lapid*” School (he was injured in the terrorist act at the Tel-Aviv Disco “Dolfi,” on June 1, 2001).

Considering the work of the “*Lapid*” School exceptionally important, the American Association of Jews from the Former USSR, Inc. (AAJFSU) and the World Congress of Russian Jews (WCRJ) decided to support its enthusiasts and started fund-raising for the “*Lapid*” School. The AAJFSU opened a special account for the school (100% of the collected money transferred to the “*Lapid*”). In 2004, a minivan was bought and psychological treatment of the first “*Lapid*” students started. The collection goes on. **These injured Israeli children, victims of Arab terror, badly need our help! We have to help!**

To donate money to the “*Lapid*” School - please address a check or money order to the AAJFSU and write in *Memo*: “*Lapid*”. Send it at the following address:
AAJFSU, 100 Church Street, Ste. 1608, New York, NY 10007. Donations are tax-deductible.
Inna Arolovich, Vice President, American Association of Jews from the Former USSR,
Coordinator of the Commission on Victims of Terror of the World Congress of Russian Jews

The Vadim Nurzhits International “Lapid” School
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List of patients-students for 2005-2006 school year

1. Katya Akkerman, Tel-Aviv - daughter of mother, killed in Tel-Aviv on 11/01/04
2. Larisa Aziatski, Rishon LeZion - injured at the discotheque “Dolfi” bombing on 06/01/01
3. Moisey Amiramov, Rishon LeZion – injured in bombing at the park on 05/22/02
4. Oksana Dyatlov, Tel-Aviv – injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
5. Mark Feizulaev, Or-Akiva - injured in the bus bombing on 10/18/02
6. Lyudmila Lakir, Jerusalem - injured in the bus bombing on 06/11/02
7. Maxim Malchenko, Tel-Aviv – injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
8. Vadim Mikhaylov, Givat Shmuel - injured in terrorist act in Hadera on 01/15/02
9. Aaron Nazarov, Or-Akiva - injured in the bus bombing on 10/18/02
10. Katya Pelin, Rishon LeZion – injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
11. Alex Pelin, Rishon LeZion – brother of the injured at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
12. Alex Medvedenko, Tel-Aviv - brother of the killed at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
13. Alex Sorokin, Rishon LeZion - injured himself and son of Vladislav who was killed in bombing in Netania on 05/18/02, mother was also injured
14. Natalie Rabinovich, Holon - injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
15. Boris Malyuga, Beer Sheba - injured in the bus bombing in Beer Sheba on 08/31/04
16. Olga Malyuga, Beer Sheba - injured in the bus bombing in Beer Sheba on 08/31/04
17. Slava Hanukayev, Sderot – father was killed in Sderot in April 2003
18. Vadim Hanukayev, Sderot – father was killed in Sderot in April 2003
19. Sergey Zvezdin, Haifa - injured in the bus bombing on 12/02/01
20. Amir Ibragimov, Netania - mother was injured on 05/18/02
21. Alina Ibragimov, Netania - mother was injured on 05/18/02
22. Yana Grishshenko, Hadera - mother was critically injured on 10/25/05, still in coma

Under wardship

1. Iliya Arosov, Jerusalem - injured in the bus bombing on 01/29/04
2. Daniel Isakov, Or-Akiva – grandfather was killed on Bat-Mitzva in Hadera on 01/15/02
3. Victoria Barkagan, Jerusalem – daughter of critically injured mother on 06/11/02
4. Daniella Barkagan, Jerusalem – injured herself and daughter of critically injured mother on 06/11/02
5. Konstantin Belyakovich, Jerusalem – injured in the battle in Hebron on 11/15/02
6. Anna Bilyak, Afula – injured in terrorist act in Afula on 03/17/02
7. Svetlana Oggi, Rehovot – sister of the injured at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
8. Alexander Vasiliev, Holon - injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
9. Liora Goldman, Rehovot - injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01
10. Daniel Faizakov, Bat-Yam – parents were killed at the Taba hotel bombing on 10/01/04

Note: Ida Hizgiyaeva, Hadera, orphan, who lost her sister-soldier in the bus bombing on 06/05/02, and Anna Oggi, Rehovot, injured in bombing at the discotheque “Dolfi” on 06/01/01, have graduated from the **Lapid School**. Ida Hizgiyaeva serves in the IDF since May 1, 2005. Anna Oggi studies in the Hebrew University since September 1, 2005. Ida and Anna received High School Diploma.