



**Rut Perez, an attendee of the Supernova music festival on October 7<sup>th</sup> recently discovered murdered with her father, Eric Perez**



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## Israel's Invisible War Victims

**Seeking Support for People with  
Disabilities in Distress due to the  
 Hamas-Israel War**



# The Depraved, Bloody Hamas Terrorist Attack

More Jews were killed on October 7th than on any day since the Holocaust

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the joyous holiday of Simchat Torah, Hamas terrorists **launched a series of rocket strikes** that hit major cities across Israel. They **broke through the border fence at 40 locations.**

An **estimated 3000 terrorists** broke into southern Israel. They **raided police stations, army bases, kibbutzim, and border settlements.**

They set homes on fire to force people out, **slaughtered everyone in sight, burned people alive, beheaded children, raped women,** and took people as hostages back to Gaza.

At this writing, the Israeli **death toll has surged above 1400**, hundreds are still seriously wounded, and worst of all, the savage **Palestinians say they have 199 hostages**, including the elderly, people with disabilities, women, children, babies, and men.

The situation is bad. In every conversation and in every news bulletin, we encounter someone's family member who has died or disappeared. Each person's pain is felt by the entire nation.

**The devastation and destruction in Ashkelon and the surrounds is also horrendous.** There are those whose homes have been hit by missiles. People are terrorized by fear.



Armed Hamas terrorists in Israel



A murdered child's bed at a kibbutz near Gaza



An Israeli mourns her murdered loved one



Hamas abducts Israeli civilians



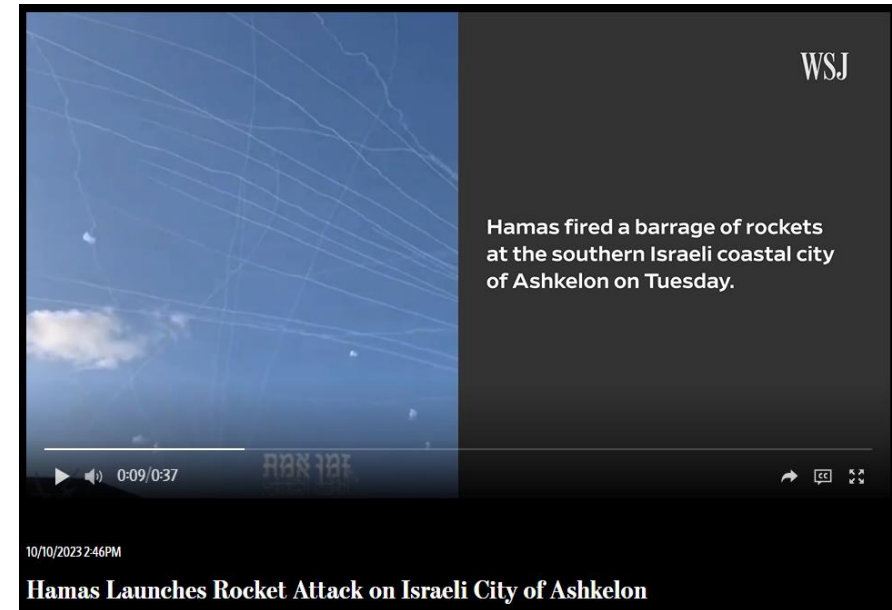
A bloodied and likely raped Israeli is taken to Gaza



Hamas terrorist captures Israeli babies



# Ashkelon Under Rocket Fire



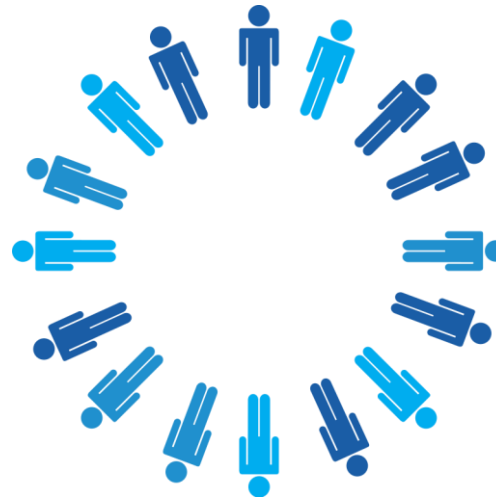
Located just 6 miles north of Gaza, Ashkelon has already endured 1060 rockets over the first ten days of this conflict. Due to its proximity to Gaza, Ashkelon is perpetually one of the hardest hit Israeli cities when there is a conflict. The people of Ashkelon have only 15 seconds to get to a shelter after hearing a siren to protect against an incoming rocket. Unlike the other cities in southern Israel, Ashkelon has not been evacuated.





# Entire Chimes Israel Community

**1,340**  
In our Community



**650**  
Clients with  
Disabilities and their  
Families



**690**  
Employees and  
their Families





# Chimes Israel In Ashkelon

## Shaked

**Early Childhood Rehabilitative Day Care Center**

***2 buildings***

For infants and preschool children with developmental delays, autism and intellectual disabilities. Chimes Israel provides children with paramedical and emotional therapies, and families with emotional support and care training.

## Shulamit

**Early Childhood Rehabilitative Day Care Center**

***2 buildings***

We are known as Israel's pioneer and innovator in comprehensive early childhood rehabilitation. We were the first in Israel to offer families of children with disabilities everything they needed under one roof: diagnoses, therapy, daycare, education, and family counseling.

## Tamar

**Adult Therapeutic Nursing Day Center, Ashkelon**

***1 building***

The center provides paramedical treatments and therapies with an emphasis on promoting daily independence, personal choice and expression, and providing opportunities for integration and participation in the community.





# Israel's Invisible War Victims Needs

The people with disabilities and their families who Chimes Israel serves are invisible victims of the war between Hamas and Israel. With our early childhood and adult rehabilitative day care centers closed, our people need more help than ever.

Experiencing a constant barrage of rockets, many Chimes Israel families in the South are hiding in their air raid shelters all day and night because their disabilities prevent them from making that 15 second escape to the shelter. With all the stores in the area closed, many have told us that they need the basics such as food and medicine.

Many of our Chimes parents have low paying per diem jobs, such as house cleaner, caregiver and construction worker. Now unable to work because they are at home caring for their children (and their spouse has been called up to serve in the army), they are falling deeper into poverty.

Our centers feed our clients breakfast and lunch. With those essential meals now provided at home, it is like having another mouth to feed.

Israel's leaders say the war is likely to continue for a long time. We know from other conflicts that the lack of daily physical therapy can have a critical effect on our clients' lifelong abilities. Our clients need home equipment to get their essential therapy.

We also know from past conflicts, many of staff, children, and parents will develop PTSD from the constant barrage of rockets. Social workers and therapists are reaching out to our staff, clients and their families. We will also bring in these professionals when the centers reopen.



# Our Children with Disabilities' Trauma During Rocket Fire

**Coping with the rocket fire and sheltering is traumatic for everyone, however, the Chimes families with young children deal with increased emotional and physical hardships due to their children's disabilities.** "The challenges of being closed-in for a long time in a protected space are intensified for toddlers with disabilities whose routines have been disrupted, said Vered Carsenti, a social worker and Chimes Israel's Deputy Director and Program Director. "Children are dependent on their parents for emotional assurance. When they see their parents' anxiety as they hustle everyone into the shelter, all confidence is undermined."

**Little Roy's Story:** In the last conflict with Gaza, With no safe room in their apartment, the family of the Shaked center's three-year-old Roy, who has autism, was forced to shelter in his building's basement bomb shelter during the rocket fire. For this young child with autism, the overwhelming sensory stimulation of the booming rocket noise along with the neighbors' hysteria, triggered nonstop meltdowns with screaming, crying, and lashing out.

**Little Emily's Story:** Another Shaked center girl, Emily, lost the freedom to move around a room during the entire 11 days of Gazan hostility. Unable to walk without a standing walker, the family could not risk using it during the entire conflict. This is because it took more time to get in and out of the walker than the 15 seconds allotted to make it down to the shelter. Because the walker is also training her to walk independently, her progress at the center also suffered extreme setbacks.



Iron dome casing and rocket fragments found at Chimes Israel early childhood center playgrounds and walkways in Ashkelon.



# Additional Chimes Families with Disabilities in Peril

**Many of our families in the Gush Dan, particularly from our Rosh HaAyin and Ariel employment centers, are also experiencing challenges due to the war and the closing of our centers.**

In this area too, many of our clients' families earn on a per diem basis with low paying jobs. With our centers closed and the parents home caring for their adult children with disabilities, **they too are falling deeper into poverty.**

Our centers feed our clients breakfast and lunch. With those essential meals now having to be provided at home, **it is like having another mouth to feed.**

The adults in our work centers **are missing the daily physical therapy needed to maintain their abilities.** They need home equipment to get their essential therapy.

**Gush Dan residents may develop PTSD from the frightening experience of escaping to air raid shelters to protect against Hamas rockets.** Social workers/therapists are reaching out and will be needed when the centers reopen.







# The Needs of Our Invisible War Victims

## Essential items

Families of clients and staff need daily requisites such as medicines, toiletries, diapers, food, clothing.

## Equipment for the home

Our clients need activated chairs, physiology equipment, special screens, speech therapy programs and many other items to maintain treatment at home.

## Technology to maintain contact

We desperately need more laptop computers and tablets to maintain contact with our staff, clients and their families. The preschool teachers and adult counselors keep contact and provide services via zoom, as do the paramedical providers such as physiotherapists, speech and occupational therapists, social workers and many others.

## Counseling

We seek donations to fund psychological counseling, which we have already started providing to staff, clients and their families. In Ashkelon, the sirens are non-stop. For our clients, it is terrifying, especially since they don't understand what is going on. This counseling will continue for some time after the war ends.





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# Challenges to Maintaining Services



**Expected operative losses between \$60,000 to \$90,000** – we expect that the balance of payments, income and expenses of the entire organization will be at a drastic loss. This as the cost of living in Israel will increase due to the financing of the war and the aftermath reparations.

**Need a reserve fund of \$100,000** – each day brings its surprises, and we must be prepared for the worst. Many windows of our Shulamit early childhood center were shattered due to ricochets from a direct rocket hit on a neighboring home. We must have the funds to restore our facilities and meet our people's needs should anything worse happen.



# The Chimes Israel Gaza War Fund

## The Fund's Mission

***Chimes Israel seeks to raise \$250,000 for the immediate needs of our clients, families, and their caregivers. The aid will be given both to the families who have left the war zone and those who remain. The money raised will enable the following activities:***

**Supply home rehabilitation equipment to children and adults with disabilities to preserve their physical abilities**

**Make medical and other treatments accessible through locating clinics and providing transportation**

**Supply specialized therapeutic beds and medical mattresses to evacuees now in the central area**

**Subsidize counseling for the family members of people with disabilities dealing with hardships**

**Supply food baskets for families where there are no open stores**

**Provide assistive technology adapted to the needs of the service recipients to maintain contact**

**Provide online rehabilitative activities to our service recipients**

**Provide adapted equipment for the evacuee families, such as an accessible knives, forks, and plates as well as a blender for food preparation**

**Supply consumable good including adult diapers and bibs**



# Please Help Israel's Most Vulnerable in this War

Chimes Israel has received a Challenge Grant, which will match the first \$50,000 dollar for dollar.

## Ways to Give

### Bank Transfer

#### USA 501c3 Tax Deduction

Chimes Foundation,  
designated to Chimes Israel  
Bank: Branch Banking & Trust  
111 S. Calvert Street, Suite 2200  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
ABA #: 055003308  
Account #: 1210000911516  
Account Name: Chimes Foundation  
Inc.

#### Israel 46A Tax Deduction

Bank Discount: Code 11  
Branch: 085  
Account holder: Chime Israel  
Account number: 349429

### Personal Check

#### USA 501c3 Tax Deduction

Chimes Foundation, designated  
to Chimes Israel  
4815 Seton Drive  
Baltimore, MD 21215

#### Israel 46A Tax Deduction

Please send checks in the mail  
to:  
Chimes Israel  
24A Habarzel, Floor 2  
Tel Aviv, 6971065 Israel

### Credit Card



Donate Now Share



<https://my.israelgives.org/en/fundme/Gazawar>

### Emergency Fundraiser for Chimes Israel's Families in the South due to Gaza War

Raised \$2,656

Donate now

or join monthly

At Chimes Israel, our immediate focus is helping our families in the south who are closed in their safe rooms with their family member with disabilities. Since they have less than 15 seconds to seek shelter after the siren sounds, they are inclined to stay in the safe room all day and night since their disabilities prevent them from making that 15 second escape. We know from past conflicts how traumatizing the sirens and bombing sounds have been for our beneficiaries and our staff members have been reaching out to check up on both their physical and mental wellness. We appeal to you for support in this hour of need. Please give what you can for the purchase of medical supplies, food, and all what is needed for our Chimes families in the south.

81 Days 13 hrs 47 min 22 secs remaining

Campaign by: Chimes Israel (580188894)

Donations are tax-deductible in Israel, Canada, the US, France and UK







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