

## EZRAT CHOLIM MALONIT IN REHOVOT HOSTS BAR MITZVA CEREMONY FOR BOY WOUNDED IN ASHDOD TERRORIST SHOOTING ATTACK



The Ezrat Holim Malonit on the grounds of the Kaplan Medical Center Rehovot

Dozens took part in the Seuda Shlishit meal held at the Ezrat Holim Malonit in Rehovot. The Seuda Shlishit was held in honor of the Bar Mitzva of a boy who was wounded in a terrorist shooting in Ashdod. The boy is still recuperating at Rehovot's Kaplan Medical Center.

The boy was wounded about four weeks ago when attending the Bar Mitzva celebration of a classmate in Ashdod.

During the event the terrorist emptied 5 cartridges approximately 100 bullets- into the celebrating crowd and only a miracle saved the guests at the Bar Mitzva. The only casualty was one boy who was shot in the arm and the leg, but who remained, Boruch Hashem, strong in spirit.

The wounded boy was rushed to Kaplan Hospital, where he is still hospitalized in the Childrens Ward, headed by Dr. Ben Yitzchak.

Right before Shabbos, as has become routine for the past four weeks, the boys father called up Eliyahu Yeret, head of Ezrat Holim, to make reservations (free of charge) at the Malonit for family members who planned to spend the Shabbos with the hospitalized boy. He mentioned to Yeret his regret that the boy will have to spend the day of his Bar Mitzva, which was to fall on that Shabbos, in the hospital.

Yeret promised to surprise the boy and organize a spontaneous Bar Mitzva party for him, making it as joyful as possible. And indeed, on Shabbos afternoon, dozens of Ezrat Holim volunteers arrived at the hospital, awaiting their cue to enter the room where the boy was hospitalized.

The hospital staff that was in on the secret, transferred the boy to a larger, empty room, and only then did the many guests enter the room, one after the other.

The wounded boy couldn't believe his eyes. It took him a few moments to realize that these people have come in his honor, to celebrate his reaching the age of thirteen.

The men included the Bar-Mitzva boy in the Mincha services held on the premises, after which the hospital bed was moved to the center of the room and everyone began dancing around it.

The guests were then invited to walk over to the dining room of the Malonit-Ezrat Holim on the hospital grounds, and to partake in a special Seuda Shlishit, served beautifully by that weeks host couple. The tables were laid out with plenty of delicious food and drink.

For the next hour, the Malonit resounded with Divrei Torah, and Seuda Shlishit hymns. Since the Bar-Mitzva celebration took place on the week of Lag Baomer, the Yahrzeit of the RASHBI, the famous hymn, Bar Yochai and other Meron songs were enthusiastically sung by everyone.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the Ezrat Holim organization and their many important deeds and were very grateful for being given the opportunity to participate in this very moving event.