



"We will remember"

Sergeant Alex Mashevitzky z"l Library

December 27, 2008, the State of Israel went to war defending its citizens from the ongoing HAMAS terrorist attacks with the goal being to put an end to future attacks.

This is the first time since the Yom Kippur War in 1973, that Be'er Sheva and its citizens were under direct attack. With the blaring of the sirens, we found ourselves, in one minute running for safety to safe rooms, shelters, stairwells, or flat on the ground with our heads covered to protect ourselves and our children.

While the three weeks were extremely difficult for the southern region, the city of Be'er Sheva, and the members of Congregation Eshel Avraham, the Mashevitzky family paid the ultimate price on the first day of the war, as their son, Alex fell in defense of the State of Israel.

PROJECT: Sergeant Alex Mashevitzky z"l Library

The Solidarity Mission of USA Masorti Foundation, upon hearing about Alex and his family and their involvement in our congregation, were so touched by this ultimate sacrifice, that they contributed generously for the establishment of the **Sergeant Alex Mashevitzky z"l Library**.

Mr. Marty Tawkel, one of the mission members, participated in the dedication ceremony, together with congregants, friends and relatives of the Mashevitzky family.

OBJECTIVES:

- 📖 Continue developing the library as an educational resource for members of the congregation and the surrounding community. It will be site for special discussion groups, seminars, classes for adults and young alike, drawing upon modern Israeli literature as well as Jewish classics.
- 📖 Provide opportunities for children to read, as well as for adults looking for the quiet corner to relax and read.
- 📖 The library will allow us to enhance education and have classes in Jewish and Hebrew subjects for adults, while for children, a "story telling" hour that will emphasize their Jewish heritage.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 📖 The Solidarity Mission of USA Masorti Foundation, upon hearing about Alex and his family and their involvement in our congregation were so touched by this ultimate sacrifice, contributed generously for the establishment of the **Sergeant Alex Mashevitzky z"l Library**.
- 📖 Development of the Library includes installing new book shelves and furnishing the corner with two comfortable sitting corners for adults, another one for children, including carpets.
- 📖 Developing seminars, discussions and programs that engage the participants in issues of modern Israeli life.
- 📖 Story Telling Hour for children.

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