

Information and Assistance for Bereaved Families for the Day After

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For parents who have
lost children to illness

You're not
alone!

LAYERS

A hand on a back

How surprising a hand can be while resting upon a back

How surprising a hand can be while resting upon a back softly

How surprised a back can be while a hand is touching it softly

How surprised a heart can be

When on its back there is a back

And on the back there is a hand

And on the hand there is softness

And on the softness there are very good thoughts.

Emma Sham-Ba Ayalon

A person faces living pictures of people who have passed away.

A person faces whole pictures of broken worlds.

A person faces the past, the soul yearning for it.

He would have wished he could awaken the dead, but since he cannot do it he considers himself living as their envoy.

He would have wished to repara everything that has been broken, but since he cannot do it he considers himself living as an envoy of the unbroken life of the past.

He regards humself as governed by a command, to maintain the life of the dead, among the living who yet have not dies, to guard the completeness of the broken among the complete ones, those who have not broken.

Prof Asa Kasher

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Background

How did it all begin?

My name is Pini, and I'm the father of Dasi rabinovich o.b.m, who passed away after a long and difficult battle with cancer. Dassi inspired all those around her with her courage. She brought about a revolution in doctor-patient relations and left as her legacy a sense of justice and hope for change in the attitude of the medical establishment in Israel.

Owing to circumstances, I have come to know dozens of families that have lost children to illness. Many struggle to return to daily routine and functioning as a result of problems they face in the wake of their ordeal. I have found that the greatest difficulty is experienced after the end of the 'shiva' period, when the family must start picking up the pieces of their shattered lives. It was in response to this need, and on the basis of my own experience and that of friends who had also suffered bereavement, that the Yakirli organization was founded in 2015.

Aim of the organization

The process of getting back to daily routine is extremely complex, and requires emotional, social, and sometimes also financial support.

The organization aims to make the relevant information and assistance available to parents and siblings who have suffered civilian bereavement.



Spheres of activity and assistance

Spheres of activity:

In order to provide the right response for bereaved families, we have identified the needs, in full cooperation with the professionals trained and experienced in working with this population.

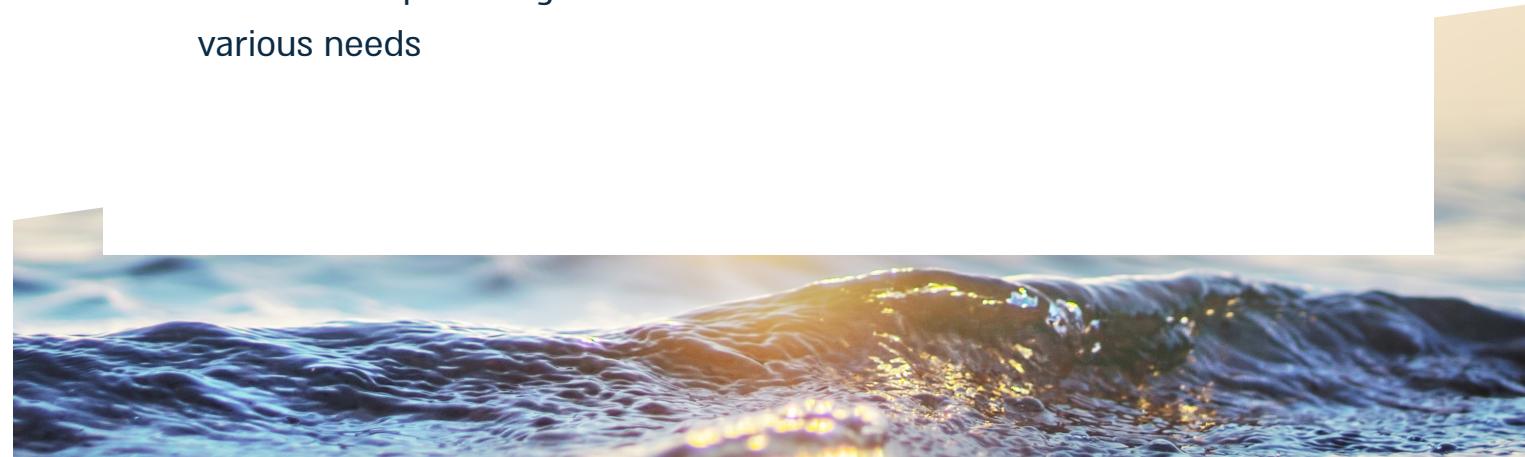
The organization provides personalized assistance and guidance on the individual and family level, as well as financial support where necessary. We work to advance legislation that will anchor in Israeli law the recognition of the difficulties faced by families that have suffered the loss of loved ones in a civilian context, and facilitate the relevant assistance.

The organization maintains contact with therapists, support centers, and a range of service providers, and strives to provide families with the relevant information so they can obtain the help that they need.

Needless to say, all inquiries and contact are treated with full confidentiality.

Our activity is focused in four main areas:

- 1** Referral: referring families to professionals in the relevant realms as needed
- 2** Legislation: advancing new legislation and changing existing legislation for the benefit of families that have suffered civilian bereavement
- 3** Information: providing families with information that addresses their various needs



Assistance

1. Therapy:

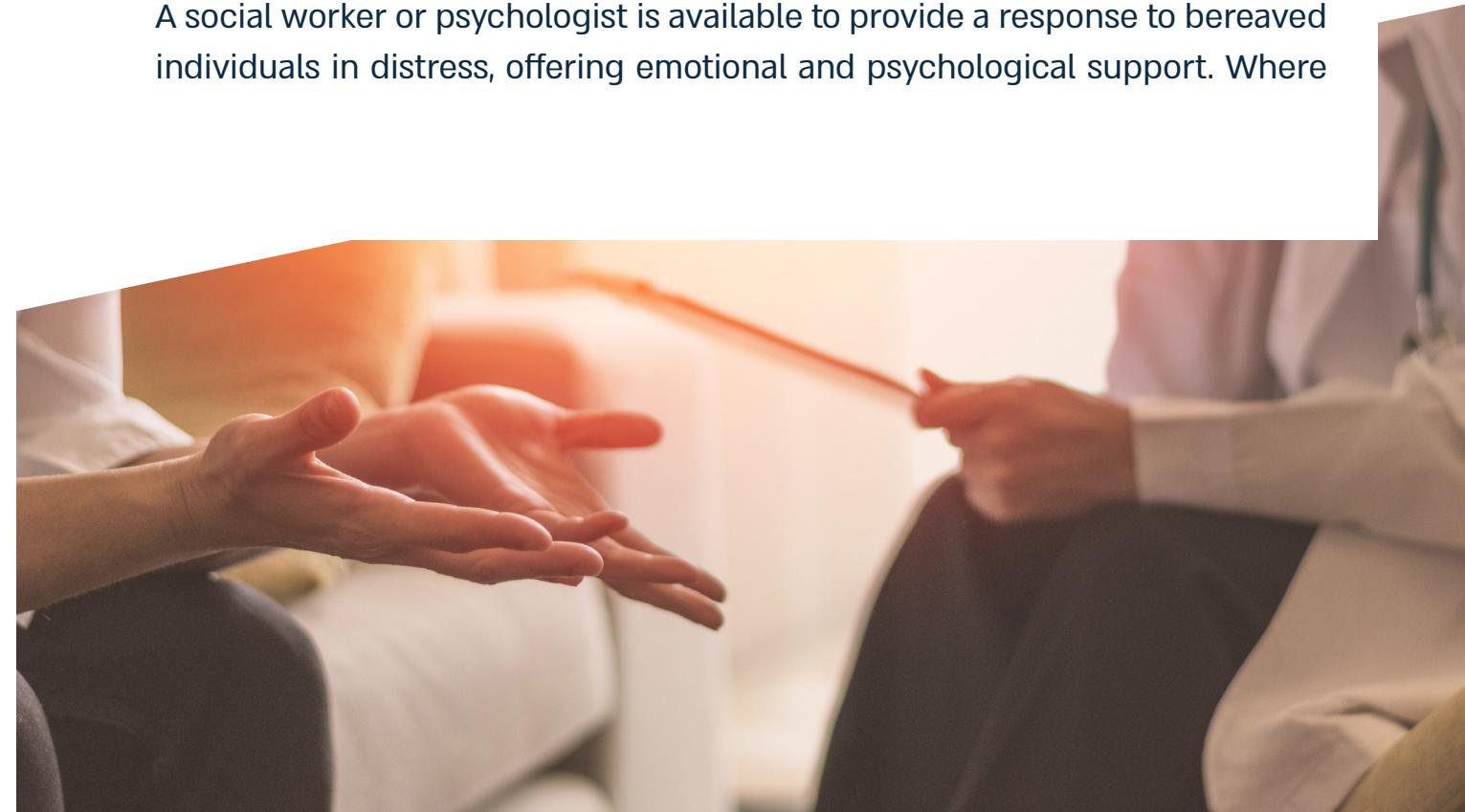
All therapies are subsidized and by appointment only.

1. Individual therapy (social workers, psychologists, alternative medicine practitioners) in a range of disciplines.
2. 'Emunah' treatment centers throughout the country (social workers, psychologists, complementary medicine practitioners). All practitioners hold a Masters degree and have extensive professional experience. Therapy is provided on an individual, couple, or family basis, as required. You can locate the nearest Emunah center by contacting us directly or using this link: www.emunah.org.il/אמונה-במשפחה/
3. Complementary medicine treatments:
 - Jerusalem: Holistic Assistance Center, Yuri Stern House, Asa Street 3, Jerusalem. Phone: 077-9181428
 - Beersheba: Ruach Dromit Center, Mishol Leah Goldberg 7, Beersheba. Phone: 072-2504758

2. A sympathetic ear

Personal mentoring – a sympathetic ear – emotional first aid

A social worker or psychologist is available to provide a response to bereaved individuals in distress, offering emotional and psychological support. Where



Know Your Rights

- Allowance in the case of the death of a child (up to age 18) who had received a disability allowance:

In the wake of legislation initiated by the organization, starting on April 1, 2016, any family that has lost a child aged up to 18 who had received a disability allowance, is entitled to a one-time payment from the National Insurance Institute in the amount of NIS 8,750. This payment should be received automatically, without any application to the NII, but parents should check that the sum was in fact transferred to their bank account.

The organization is working to expand the law so it will apply also where the deceased child was aged 18 or above.

- Professional rehabilitation for parents following the death of a child from illness:

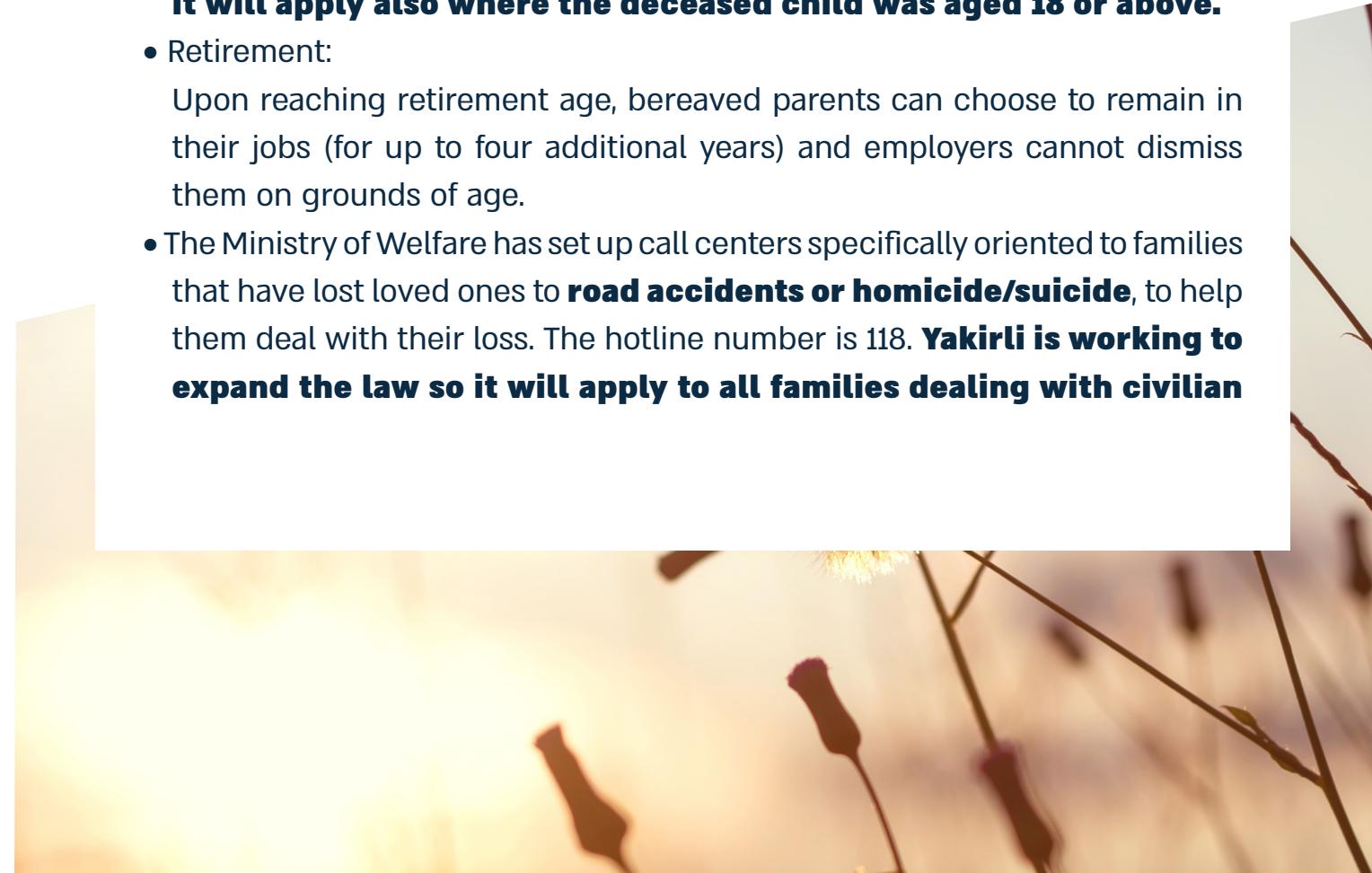
The National Insurance Institute funds professional rehabilitation for parents who have lost their job as a result of their child's illness, or who, for whatever reason, are unable to return to their job following the child's death. The law applies to parents whose children died before reaching the age of 18, and on condition that the parents have not yet reached the legal age of retirement. This law, passed in 2018, was initiated and advanced by

Yakirli organization. **The organization is working to expand the law so it will apply also where the deceased child was aged 18 or above.**

- Retirement:

Upon reaching retirement age, bereaved parents can choose to remain in their jobs (for up to four additional years) and employers cannot dismiss them on grounds of age.

- The Ministry of Welfare has set up call centers specifically oriented to families that have lost loved ones to **road accidents or homicide/suicide**, to help them deal with their loss. The hotline number is 118. **Yakirli is working to expand the law so it will apply to all families dealing with civilian**



Legal Aid

Many bereaved families need legal assistance in a range of areas. A team of volunteer lawyers offers its services to help with:

- Legal and bureaucratic processes related to probate etc.
- A lawyer's signature, for various purposes
- Other areas requiring legal advice

Information

1. Gravestones: Choosing a gravestone is one of the most difficult tasks that a bereaved family faces. Unfortunately, there are those who take advantage of the family's vulnerable emotional state (with no offense meant to honest and decent gravestone suppliers). Yakirli found the following to be the average prices:

Hevron stone – approx. NIS 3,000 for a gravestone (including inscription)

Turkish stone – approx. NIS 6,000 for a gravestone (including inscription)

There are additional options that cost more.

2. Financial guidance: Financial guidance, mentoring, and assistance for families in financial distress:

- Paamonim organization: www.paamonim.org/en / Racheli Itzkowitz 054-6713709

- Mekimi organization: www.mekimi.org.il / Yisrael Liebman 054-6758844

3. Koby Mandell Foundation

- Activities for bereaved mothers
- Activities for children who have lost a close family member (parent, brother/sister)

Facebook: The Koby Mandell Foundation / 02-6483758



Family / Group Empowerment

The activity in this category is adapted to the individual family, according to its needs and subject to the criteria set by Yakirli.

- Empowerment workshops for children and adults
- Support groups for siblings
- Assistance for families to take a break away from home in the days following the 'shiva'
- Assistance in preparing short films commemorating the deceased

You're not alone!

Yakirli organization has accumulated experience and has helped many bereaved families to cope with their loss. We are there for you, by your side. Please contact us to ask whatever questions you may have, to share thoughts, or for any other need.

We continue to advance our aims, and update our website with new developments.

Contact us in any of the following ways:

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With best wishes for good health and happiness,
Pini Rabinowitz



Circles of Joy \ Dasi Rabinovich

Each and every person has a circle in his heart, A circle of joy.
Sometimes it's a small circle, But sometimes it can grow and grow...

When the circle is big to bursting,
It sends small circles to hidden places in the body,
Places that sometimes hurt.

There are some people whose circle of joy is small
And we have the job of helping it grow!
Surely you're asking, "How?"

Each one of us can find a way- We can bring a piece of candy,
or give a flower, Sing a song, draw a picture
Or even simply say, "Good morning, how are you today?"

But the most important thing is to do it with joy, With all of your heart,
Always creating lots of circles of joy for others.
And by doing this,
Your circle will grow too.



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