



# LIGHT and MERCY

Events have happened very fast over the past five days.

**WEDNESDAY...**Wednesday morning Israel's attention was focused on the destruction of the fence between the border of Gaza and Egypt. Massive sections of the metal fence were breached by masked men from Hamas, and bulldozers completed the demolition. Thousands of Arabs from Gaza streamed across the border to Egypt. Many returned to Gaza after purchasing gas, cigarettes and other supplies in the Egyptian town of Rafiah.



Because of the breach in the Gaza-Egyptian border, Israel fears massive amounts of heavy weaponry and explosives are now being transferred into Gaza. Security officials have also warned that Gaza Arab terrorists may be able to infiltrate into Israeli cities, having access into Israel through large areas of unsecured Sinai borders.

**THURSDAY...**Thursday evening there were two almost simultaneous terrorist attacks on opposite sides of Jerusalem. Arab terrorists approached the entrance to the Shuafat refugee camp in northern Jerusalem and opened fire at a group of Israeli's. Despite desperate attempts to resuscitate the Border Police officer who was hit, 20 year old Rami Zoari, died. His heartbroken parents and friends laid him to rest Friday in Be'er Sheva.



In the same incident, a 20 year old female Border Police officer, Shoshana Samendoyev, was taken to Hadassah Hospital in critical condition from a gunshot wound to her chest. In spite of going in and out of consciousness, Shoshana managed to fire back at the terrorists and called out to Rami, praying he was still alive.

The other terrorist incident on Thursday evening happened south of Jerusalem. Two terrorists infiltrated a kibbutz in Gush Etzion, breaking into the building used for the yeshiva high school. They entered the library where seven counselors of the boarding school were having a meeting. They stabbed two of the counselors before two other counselors were able to overpower and kill the terrorists.



With a heavy heart I entered into the Sabbath, and with a heavy heart I begin the new week.

**SATURDAY EVENING...**Saturday evening, a third terror attack took place near Jerusalem. A border policeman in Atarot, an industrial zone of Jerusalem, was assaulted by an Arab who pulled out a knife and stabbed him. The incident has just now been reported and his condition has not yet been made known.

**SUNDAY...**Sunday, much of the world has designated as a day to remember the Holocaust. Israel, who has yet to come into the full measure of what G-d has planned for her, lives only because G-d in His mercy has lifted up His children from the ashes of the fire kindled to extinguish her.

Please help us in this Holy work of strengthening His people. Please help us comfort the families of our sons and daughters once again murdered by hatred. Please help us supply the needs of the victims, and families of the victims, who may have their lives changed forever.

We may be the hands that help those in Israel that are suffering, but you are the heart. Thank you for your loving kindness.

Shalom and G-d bless you,

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