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One second of stupid carelessness caused a two-year cascade of near-death, pain, suffering, tears and struggle. Shoshana Batzri, 10 years old in 2005, was sent by her mother Rahel - pregnant and already the mother of nine - to wait near their home in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Mekor Baruch for one of Shoshana's sisters who was being dropped off by the kindergarten bus. It was about a week after Rosh Hashana.

A man (later discovered to be a Ger hassid) was sitting in his car along the red-and-white-edged sidewalk where even stopping is forbidden. A municipal inspector ordered him to move, and after a heated argument, the driver surged forward onto the sidewalk instead of shifting into reverse, hitting Shoshana in the head. One of her brothers witnessed the accident. Not bleeding but unconscious and with severe brain trauma, Shoshana was rushed by Hatzalah (a haredi volunteer organization) ambulance, which arrived within half a minute, to the trauma unit of Hadassah University Medical Center in Ein Kerem. The doctors there didn't think she had much chance of living, but did everything they could to save her life.

"I was in the Sanhedria neighborhood," recalls Rabbi Yitzhak Batzri, Shoshana's father and the son of well-known kabbalist Rabbi David Batzri, president of Yeshivat Hashalom (which Yitzhak runs). "The Hadassah doctors were not optimistic," he recalls in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* at Jerusalem's Alyn Pediatric and Adolescent Rehabilitation Hospital (www.alyn.org), where Shoshana was treated until a few weeks ago.

"They thought she would die," remembers the younger Rabbi Batzri. "She was attached to a respirator for three weeks at Hadassah. I believed in God and was sure that praying would help."



Shoshana Batzri and her father Yitzhak. A loving family, dedicated doctors and a parakeet named Louise helped bring her back from the brink of death. Her parents now help others deal with such trauma. Photo: Alyn Hospital

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He also consulted with Hadassah neurosurgery department head Prof. Felix Umansky, who advised against surgery and said to wait until the intracranial pressure was reduced.

"I insisted on waiting even longer, and there was improvement. Fortunately, she never had surgery."

Finally, Shoshana was moved to a regular department.

"It was a miracle," says her father. But she needed a long course of rehabilitation.

"We were advised to take her to Alyn, and we weren't sorry. We had investigated all the suitable hospitals and felt this was best for her."

Shoshana slowly regained consciousness in Alyn around Hanukka, but couldn't speak and needed much physical rehabilitation.

Shoshana's parents never met the driver who ran into her.

"He didn't visit or say he was sorry," notes her father with bitterness. "Initially, he thought it was a light injury and told us on the phone that he would 'do everything' for us. But when he realized how complicated her condition was, he just left us. The court gave him his driver's license back three months after it happened. He was very cold. He never came to see how we suffered, to know what he did to Shoshana and to us. But we decided not to sue him."

For some time, Rabbi Batzri was afraid to let his children play outside. "But my wife was more logical. She said it happened when Shoshana was on the sidewalk, not in the street; there is nothing one can do."

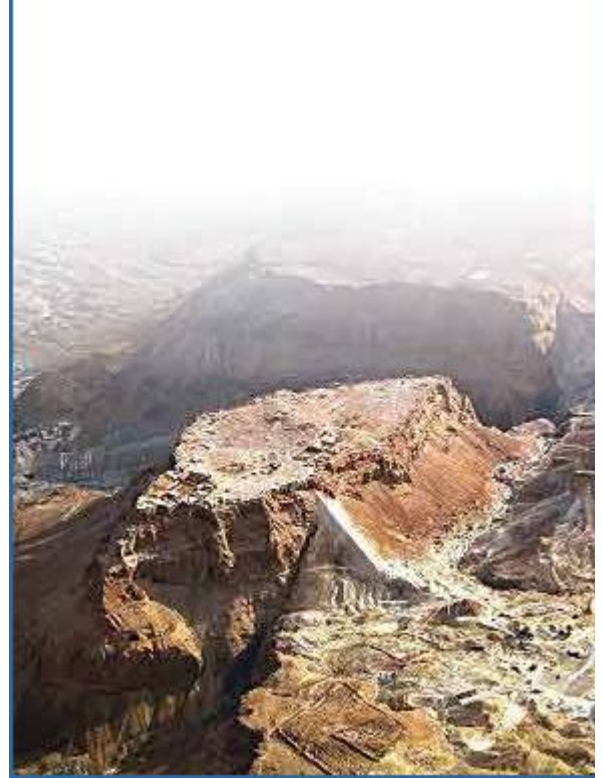
But home accidents, said the rabbi, "don't have to happen. They can be prevented. Road accidents involving pedestrians are more complicated. Few haredim own a car, so their children don't understand the danger."

ALYN HOSPITAL, today directed by Dr. Shirley Meyer, was founded in 1932 as a voluntary organization by Dr. Henry Keller, an American orthopedist who dedicated his life to working with physically challenged children in Jerusalem. In the wake of the polio epidemic in the 1940s and 1950s, the Health Ministry provided Alyn with an old monastery belonging to the St. Simon Orthodox Church to be used as a hospital. It was from here that the doctors and nurses provided medical care, educational help and supervision to some 200 young polio victims.

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