

The Israel MS Society

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The Israel MS society provides services to persons with MS belonging to the diverse sectors of population that make up the State of Israel: Hebrew, Arab, Russian, English speaking persons.



האגודה הישראלית לטרשת נפוצה
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The IMSS publishes in 4 languages & All services are provided in 4 languages. The Society adapts its activities to meet the various requirements and customs of the various sectors & different minorities.

The Israel MS society activities

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27 Support groups facilitated by professional psychologists & social workers in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian

The support groups operate throughout the country. The groups meet once every two, three or four weeks & some 30- 35 patients & family members participate in each meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity to relieve tensions, share problems & get advice & encouragement.

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Peer counseling group

in which patients who have had special training provide telephone counseling to other patients. The counselors meet once a month for training.

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Hotline

run by a coordinator & specially trained operators, who handle incoming & outgoing calls to/from patients & members of their families.

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Community social worker

individual & community information & counseling, help with referrals to government agencies, home visits.

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Russian language social worker for new immigrants

individual & community information & counseling, home visits.

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20 Social Work students in their internship year

the students from the universities - Jerusalem, Haifa, Sapir College, Mivchar College (Orthodox - Bnei Brak - connected to Haifa University) Ashkelon college. Are trained by the society for 1 year & provide individual treatments in Hebrew, Arabic & Russian to hundreds of MS clients in the homes of members & the Society's offices. After this year the students go into the workplace familiar with MS & the special needs of MS clients.

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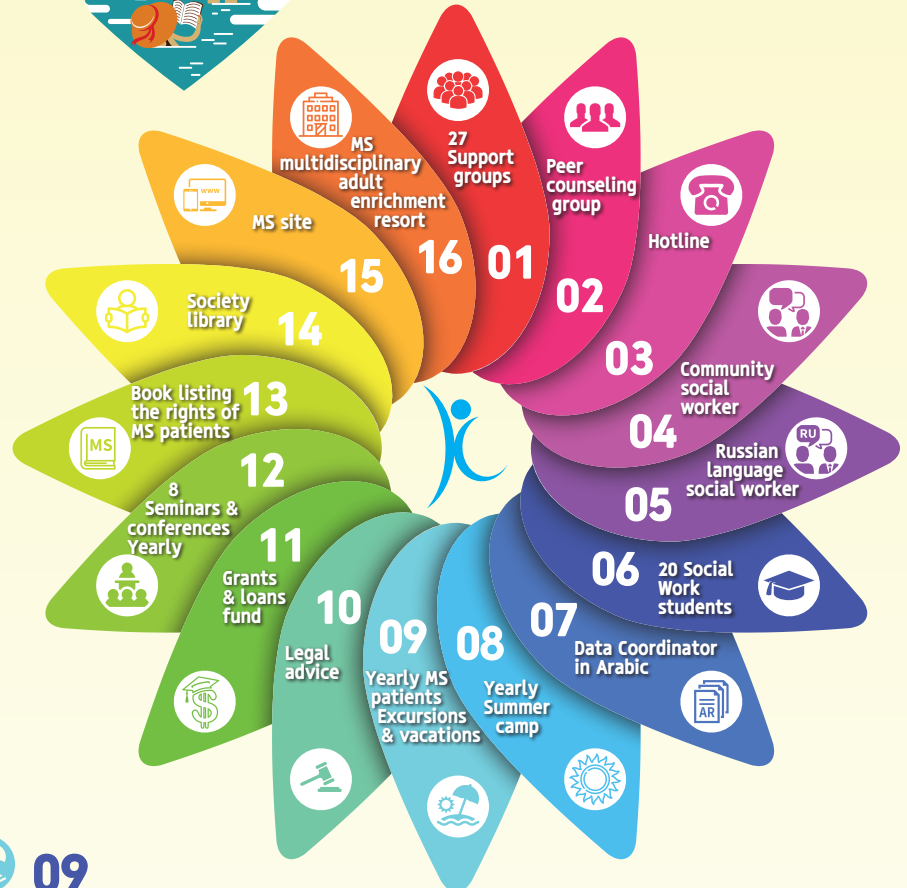
Data Coordinator in Arabic

individual information & counseling.

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Yearly summer camp for 170 children of MS patients, summer - since 1997

one-week sleepover camp, the children meet other children with similar experiences & can relieve the tensions that are suppressed during the year at special facilitated workshops.



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Yearly MS patients Excursions & vacations -since 1997

the Society has set itself the task of enabling 200 members with MS to enjoy a four-day vacation, offering them a refreshing change from the routine of their largely housebound lives, & their inadequate NII pensions.

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Legal advice

the department is managed by the Society's legal counsel - volunteer.

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Grants & loans fund

individual financial assistance for air-conditioning, distress buttons, dental care, wheelchairs etc - 3,000 NIS each loan for 30 persons a year.

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8 Seminars & conferences yearly

on different current issues: Hebrew, Arabic & Russian

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Book listing the rights of MS patients

The book lists the rights & services in areas such as: healthcare, taxes benefits, welfare, housing, transport, rehabilitation & professional retraining, nursing, leisure services etc. Updated periodically.

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Society library:

- Information sheets - the Society publishes updated information sheets 6 times a year, in three languages: Hebrew, Arabic, Russian
- Annual news book- 300 pages- in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian
- Documentary films training & guidance films

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MS site

at the beginning of May 1999 the Society's site opened at: www.mssociety.org.il The site was awarded a 5 rating, the highest awarded for Internet sites of its kind in Israel & has more than 70,000 visitors each year.

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In planning Setting up a multidisciplinary adult enrichment resort for people with MS & other neurological diseases

many MS patients are cut off from the most basic health services, such as physiotherapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, sex counseling, dental care etc. MS patients & their families need a warm home where under one roof, patients & their families can receive a variety of multi-disciplinary services to alleviate their suffering.

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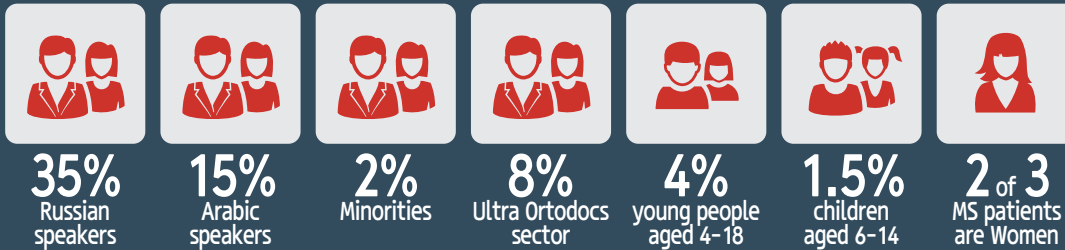
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4900 Persons with MS registered with the IMSS



"Just the Way I am" by Mirage

Dedicated to persons with MS and in honor of their families & caregivers worldwide.

The music clip created by the IMSS celebrates the beauty within each one of us and advances the vision of a world free of prejudice and oppression of others due to their physical challenges, or their religious, ethnic or gender identity.

ONE day soon we will realize the hope – that a cure will be found.
TODAY we all must work to promote quality of life for persons with MS.
Together we can win the battle against all expressions of narrow-
mindness, disrespect, injustice, bigotry and shaming.

UNITED, WE CAN OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES AND MAKE A CHANGE!

I AM
COURAGES



Scan to see the Clip
Mirage – "Just the Way I am"

'We are all uniquely beautiful and perfect
Just the way we are'

Today, each one of us can say:

"I am not my pain, I am not my struggle
I am stronger than ever
I am perfect just the way I am"

i BELIEVE
IN MYSELF

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