The Israel MS Society

The Association Registration number: 58-000-5890

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.

The Israel
MS society activities

01
27 Support groups facilitated by professional psychologists & social workers in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian

The support groups operate throughout the country. The groups meet 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.

02
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.

03
Hotline

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

04
Community social worker

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

05
Russian language social worker for new immigrants

individual & community information & counseling, home visits.

06
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.

07
Data Coordinator in Arabic

individual information & counseling.

08
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.

09
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.

10
Legal advice

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

11
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.

12
8 Seminars & conferences yearly

on different current issues: Hebrew, Arabic & Russian

13
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.

14
Society library:

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

15
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.

16
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.
Every month young people hear the words: "You have MS."

MS is a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system, with symptoms that vary from person to person. The disease may be accompanied by mild symptoms, yet in some patients the disease may cause functional impairment, such as: weakness of limbs, walking instability, impaired vision, speech disorders, incontinence, sexual dysfunction, increased fatigue, numbness of limbs or body and even paralysis.

The nature of the disease differs from person to person, there is no "rule book" for dealing with MS, and as a result, patients fall between the chairs in cases in which the system does not understand the specific needs of the patients.

Since 1976, every MS patient in need has been lent a helping hand by the Israel MS Society that extends support and professional assistance, as well as hope.

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5600 Persons with MS registered with the IMSS

- 35% Russian speakers
- 15% Arabic speakers
- 2% Mizrahi
- 8% Ultra-Orthodox
- 4% young people aged 4-18
- 1.5% children aged 6-14
- 2 of 3 MS patients are Women

"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-mindedness, disrespect, injustice, bigotry and shaming.

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

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