

The Israel MS Society

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

האגודה הישראלית
לטרשת נפוצה (ע"ר)

الجمعية الإسرائيلية للتصلب المتعدد
The Israel Multiple Sclerosis Society
Израильская ассоциация рассеянного склероза



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



01 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.



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.



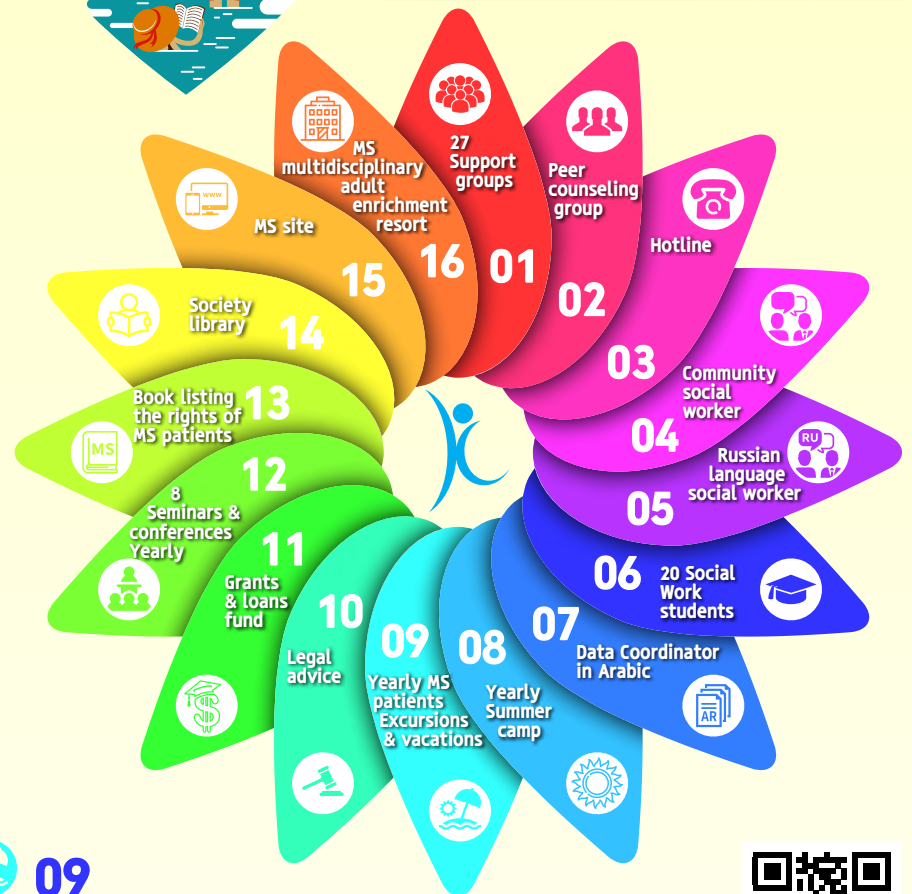
07 Social worker in Arabic

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 12 Yearly seminars & conferences

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 6 times a year, in four languages: Hebrew, Arabic, Russian and English
- Annual news book - 300 pages - in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian and English
- 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 300,000 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.



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Prof. Sela serves as the active president of the IMSS, developed the Copaxone drug. The development of the Copaxone drug by Prof. Sela has contributed and helped millions of MS patients in Israel & around the world and influenced the course of their physical and mental illness that has contributed to their quality of life and the lives of their families. May he rest in peace.

Ms. **Ruth Dayan** R.I.P.
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May she rest in peace Ms. Dayan served as Vice Chairperson of the IMSS, helped & promoted the rights of persons with M.S. without distinction of religion, race & gender

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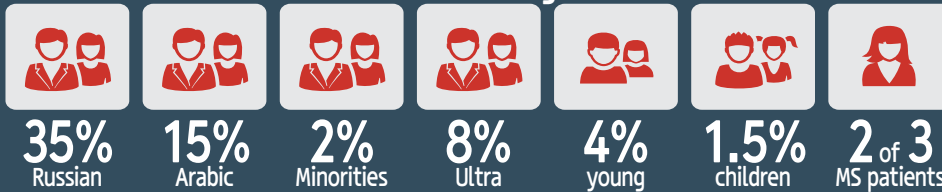
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8400 Persons with MS registered with the IMSS



"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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