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Established in 2002, ATZUM is an organization based in Israel which provides financial and emotional support to families of victims of terror, particularly those who have lost their primary wage earner. ATZUM's work is facilitated by a devoted staff, which is assisted by many volunteers. All administrative salaries are paid by a donor directed gift. As a result, every designated dollar contributed goes to aid and assist victims of terror in Israel.

In addition to the anguish and pain of mourning and suffering, thousands of Israeli families have been financially devastated by death, maiming or serious injury resulting from terror attacks. ATZUM assists and improves the lives of over 450 of these families, concentrating on those affected by attacks prior to 2000, which marked the onset of the current terror campaign. These families often do not benefit from the same assistance extended to families affected by terror attacks subsequent to that time.



For more information about ATZUM please visit www.ATZUM.org

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Miri Furstenberg, 61, lives in Rishon Lezion and is the widowed mother of two and grandmother of four. She is a survivor of the Maiale Akrabim massacre, an attack on a bus that killed eleven passengers including her entire family.

On March 16, 1954, an Egged bus carrying 14 passengers made its way from Eilat to Tel Aviv. As the bus ascended a steep grade it was ambushed by Jordanian and Palestinian gunmen who killed the driver, Miri's father, as well as passengers who tried to escape. The terrorists then boarded the bus, shot and raped the surviving passengers, including Miri's mother. Among four survivors, two severely injured, was five-year-old Miri Furstenberg, spared by the heroic act of an Israeli soldier who defended her with his body. Miri's 10 year old brother was mortally wounded and remained in a vegetative state until his death in 1986.

Miri grew up an orphan on a kibbutz, without rehabilitation, her experience typical of many terror survivors from Israel's early years when the State was ill-equipped to address their needs. Despite Miri's traumatic, emotionally disadvantaged childhood, she worked hard to rebuild her life and raised and supported two children. In addition to now working long hours as a taxi driver for some of Israel's most prominent professionals, Miri volunteers helping poverty stricken families as well as mentally retarded adults.

Miri frequently contemplates why she survived. She believes she lived in order to help others in distress.

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PROVIDING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO SURVIVORS OF TERROR IN ISRAEL

Tuesday, December 8th, 2009
7:00 p.m.

at the home of Binnie & Mark Swislow
2313 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, IL

We will be joined by

Rabbi Levi D. Lauer

Founding Executive Director of ATZUM

and special guest speaker

Miri Furstenberg

Your hosts,

Lisa & Todd Fishbein

Andi and Howard Gould
Andrea and Ben Leshem
Melanie and Jeffery Michael
Judy and Michael Morgan

Rachel and Michael Sapinsley
Leslie and Steve Shapiro
Randy and Nate Shapiro
Binnie and Mark Swislow
Debbie and Adam Winick

Please RSVP to Nada Popovic at npopovic@redsealhomes.com.
If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope.