

## LOCAL NEWS

# Victims of terror need more help than ever

**SUPPORTERS** of Israeli terror victims were brought to tears this week when a fresh appeal for funds was made.

Donors gathered in Cheadle on Tuesday evening to hear how Or Meir and Bracha, the terror victims support centre, still urgently requires funds to support the casualties of Palestinian bombings.

Joy Wolfe, Manchester Zionist Central Council president and event host, said support for victims was needed more than ever.

Even if Israel was experiencing a period of relative calm, casualties from previous bombings still had to live with their experiences.

She said: "The families are defined by the bombings. They will never forget what they have been through and need help for years afterwards."

The centre gives out food baskets for Shabbat containing chicken, rice, fruit and challots. It runs summer camps for terror victims.

Centre director Liora Tadgi explained how she drew on her family's experience

as victims of a suicide bomber to help those in need. She lost her unborn twins in the attack and her family sank into despair. Her husband Nissim was jobless and wept most of the day.

But by dedicating themselves to helping others, her family managed to recover.

She said: "The Friday basket helps them become strong. They have to cook the chicken - it means they are not thinking about the attack and they feel like a normal family."

The audience was deeply moved when shown a video of terror victims, maimed and traumatised by their experience, being cared for by Or Meir & Bracha

The Manchester community already supports the organisation widely.

Members of Hale and District Hebrew Congregation, Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation, Higher Prestwich Hebrew Congregation and Sha'arei Hayim Sephardi Congregation all donate regularly to the organisation.

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**REBUILDING LIVES:** From left, Nissim Tadgi, Liora Tadgi, Joy Wolfe and Rabbi Chaim Kanterovitz, of Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation