

# Amcha Newsletter

National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors  
of the Holocaust and the Second Generation



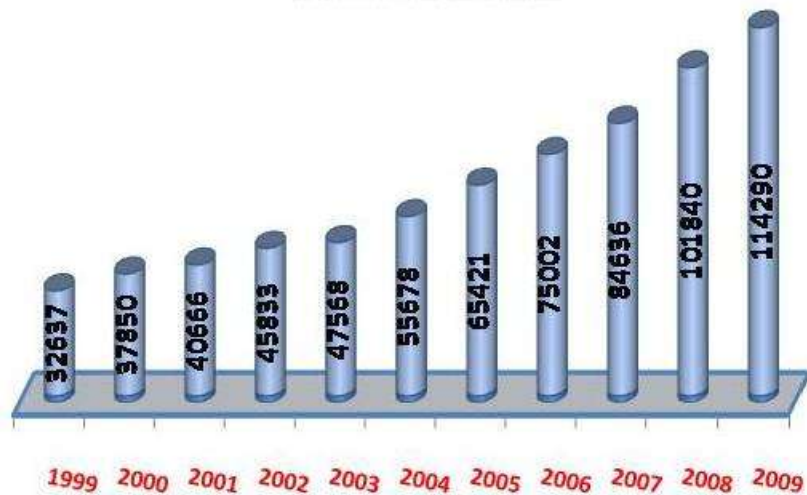
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## Treatment hours

There has been a constant increase in treatment hours provided to the traumatized survivors during the last ten years (see graph). Last year, we again finished the year with a record of

### Treatment hours



114,290 hours, which represents an increase of **12,2%**!

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## Opening of New Amcha Center in Ramat Gan

Ramat Gan is the first municipality in Israel that has given Amcha rooms free of charge. Thanks to its generosity, Amcha moved into its newly refurbished and centrally located center and is already providing extended services in the area to over 130 clients. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, an official opening ceremony of the center was held in the presence of Ramat Gan Mayor **Zvi Bar**, Amcha Chairman, Mr. **Arie Barnea**, Municipality officials and Amcha clients. Ms. **Hani Oron**, Director of Amcha Tel-Aviv and the Dan region lead the ceremony. Guests also enjoyed a wonderful musical performance by the local Holocaust survivors choir.



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## The Company for Location and Restitution of Holocaust Victims' Assets

During the last several years, the [Company for Location and Restitution of Holocaust Victims' Assets in Israel](#), under the directorship of **Zvi Kanor** allocated funds to Amcha, enabling us to increase various essential services to needy Holocaust survivors all over Israel.



## Professional Conference for Amcha Staff

A professional conference attended by nearly 300 participants was held in Ramat Effal on May 24, 2010. It focused on the second generation and transgenerational transmission and its expression in art and therapy. Lectures were given by **Orna Deutsch** (Tel Aviv), **Idit Sammet** (Jerusalem) and **Aya Birger** (Haifa). In the afternoon, experiential workshops were held on various forms of art therapy. The conference was organized by a committee of Amcha staff under the leadership of Dr. **Martin Auerbach**, clinical director of Amcha.



## Opening of Margaret Busher house in Ashkelon

The official dedication of the Ashkelon branch of Amcha, the **Margaret Busher House**, was held on June 7, 2010 in the presence of Mr. **IJsbrant Spier**, Mrs. **Joanne van der Linden-Wassink** and Mr. **Piet van der Linden**. Mrs. van der Linden's moving recount of Ms. Margaret Busher's life story: birth in 1911 in Germany, hiding as a child in Holland, the loss of her parents in Auschwitz, her immigration to the US and her return to Germany, where she died in 2004 leaving a generous inheritance for the benefit of Holocaust survivors in Israel, was one of the main focuses of the ceremony. Prof. **Haim Dasberg's** essential contribution to this project was also acknowledged.



Panel: *'Getting rid of the problem...'*

A panel entitled: 'Getting rid of the problem' was held on June 1st at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It was organized by students of Beit Hillel, who had also been volunteering in Amcha for a full year, teaching the survivors new computer skills. The panel, which discussed the situation of needy Holocaust survivors in Israel, included **Arie Barnea**, Minister **Rafi Eitan**, **Aharon Azulay**, and **MK Colette Avital**. The importance of the state providing financial support to Amcha was emphasized by several speakers and members of the audience.



### Amcha in the town of Celle, Germany

Amcha's work was presented to the town of Celle, near Bergen-Belsen on May 10, 2010, in the presence of Oberbürgermeister Herr **Dirk-Ulrich Mende**, Dr. **Habo Knoch** from the Stiftung Niedersaechsische Gedenkstaetten, Dr. **Peter Fischer**, Amcha friends in Germany and Dr. **Natan Kellermann**.



The township pledged continued support for Amcha and various forms of cooperation were discussed.

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