

Photo Exhibition Opening - By Noam Bedein

Hearing as part of our daily routine the news broadcasting the fall of a kassam rocket in the Western Negev and without missing a beat the announcer says: “and now for the weather report...”

“Two kassam rockets fell this morning in the town of Sderot, no one was injured, two buildings suffered damage and two people went into shock”

Shock! How does one understand from a laconic announcer on the radio what it is to be traumatized – to go into shock?

How does one convey the human face, the suffering?

How does one illustrate the terror-filled 15 seconds allocated for seeking safety from the time the “Red Color” siren goes off?

It’s been less than a year since I’ve moved to Sderot. I live alone in a nice flat that has the luxury of a shelter.

Witnessing the sight of a father, when the alarm goes off, frantically trying to figure out which child to grab hold of first, to shelter him with his own body.

A kassam rocket falls on the new community center, crying frightened children flee the door. Once again the father doesn’t know what to say to his child to calm him down – since tomorrow another one will fall – on the way to school.

Hamaccabim Street: The place where two young boys were severely injured by a kassam rocket. They were hit while trying to flee in time to a sheltered area but the kassam rocket easily caught up with them and tore their bodies up.

Perhaps through the pictures in the exhibit one can capture for a brief moment, the moment that never ends.

The opening night is dedicated to all the brave fathers.

And to believe that a simple person can change the world is not merely faith, it is a complete and tangible fact – thank you Abba.

The next exhibition will take place in Netivot and is dedicated to the mothers without worry, and then to the youth of Ofakim.

In Kiryat Gat – to the children

Jerusalem – to the teachers and kindergarten teachers.

Tel Aviv – the community workers: The psychologists and the social workers.

And with the help of Hashem, if need be, we will dedicate anywhere the exhibition to every resident here in Sderot.