Matnat Chaim
Donating Kidneys with Love



Some numbers are hard to grasp until you see them with your own eyes. That evening at Binyanei HaUma, the word “record” suddenly gained faces and names. Looking out at the hall, we saw the very best of Israeli society: a living,breathing representation of over 2,000 kidney donors from across the country—each one a world unto themselves.
Inside the hall, about 1,000 of them gathered, forming a sea of purple shirts that turned an unimaginable number into reality. When the World Record was officially announced, the eruption of joy was not only about the title, but about what it represents: over 2,000 kidney donations in Israel, more than 2,000 lives renewed, and a powerful victory for generosity and mutual responsibility.
It was a celebration of an uncompromising choice for life.
Thank you to all of Matnat Chaim’s kidney donors . You are the true record-breakers.

Highlights from the Record-Breaking Event

Speech by the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog



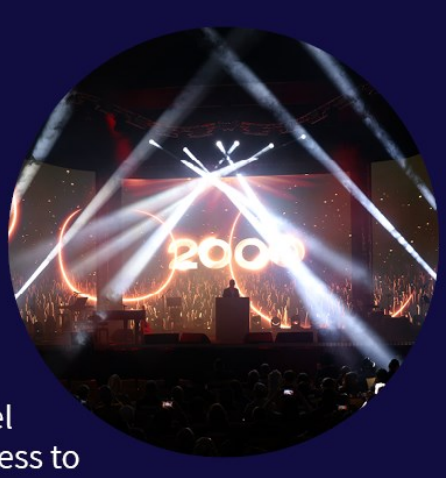
President Herzog moved us all with a story that captured the essence of Israeli spirit. He shared the story of the late Rabbi Naaran Ashchar, who donated a kidney and received an official exemption from military service, yet whose heart refused to take an “exemption” from giving.
Naaran insisted on fighting until he fell in battle, and even in his passing, saved additional lives through organ donation.
Turning to the donors, the President said they are proof that even when an exemption is granted, “the Israeli heart does not look for exemptions—it looks for responsibility.”
He described their decision to pause everything and give a part of their own bodies as an act of exceptional devotion and a true partnership in the act of Creation.

Speech by the President of the Organization, Rachel Heber



Rachel Heber shared a deeply moving story about a task she carried out for a donor who wished to pass a letter to his recipient. The letter contained these powerful words:
“For 44 years, your kidney was entrusted to me. Tomorrow, I am giving it back to you.”
She explained that this letter captures the essence of giving—the ability to step into the recipient’s shoes and help them feel not like someone “in need,” but like a person receiving back what rightfully belongs to them.
She concluded her remarks with an emotional announcement of the 2,030th transplant, which took place that very day—living testimony that the dream of her late husband, Rabbi Heber, has become a reality that gives new life nearly every single day.

The Artistic Performance – Yonatan Razel and David Ben Arza



Yonatan and David accompanied the evening with music and moments of deep emotion. Yonatan Razel opened with a moving address to the donors:
“Who am I to sing before you, heroes?”
At the height of the evening, he reminded us that we do not need to look for angels in the sky, because “they are walking among us, right here.”
David Ben Arza dedicated a special song to the memory of the late Rabbi Heber, who paved a path of light and kindness. From the words of the song: :
“You stayed with us. You are part of our lives, and you will continue to give more and more life.”
Together, they closed the evening with a moving duet of the song “Katonti.”

Your Opportunity

Now is your chance to be one of Matnat Chaim’s next thousand donors!



Discover the answer in less than 30 seconds! >>

Not everyone can donate a kidney, **but everyone can be a partner.**

You, too, can be part of the next chapter. Every transplant depends on a support system: the mentoring, logistic coordination and staff involvement that makes it all possible. Every contribution, large or small, is another step toward saving the next life.

Donations are deductible for Israeli tax purposes (Section 46).
For overseas donations, contact office@kilya.org.il



I want to be a partner in saving lives >>

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