

CHABAD'S CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL

Children at Heart 2013: Meet Our Honorees

Monday, November 25, 2013 · 5:00PM · Chelsea Piers, Pier Sixty · NYC



Jon Voight

Master of Ceremonies



Liev Schreiber

Children at Heart Award



Bruce Beck

Auctioneer Par Excellence



John Arfman

TEC Systems, Inc.

Humanitarian Award

2,863 Children on 99 Flights

On **Monday, November 25th** CCOC will be hosting the annual *Children at Heart Gala Dinner and Celebrity Fantasy Auction*. The goal of this event is to raise the funds necessary to save the children who are tragically affected by the radiation released from the Chernobyl nuclear explosion, the world's worst nuclear disaster. What occurred on that catastrophic day 27 years ago must not be forgotten. The radiation has not dissipated and continues to affect those living, breathing, and consuming it on a daily basis.

The 2,863 children we have saved on 99 rescue missions need our help. They need medical care, surgeries, rehabilitation, physical therapy, and emotional support in addition to a clean place to live, healthy food to eat, and an outstanding education to enable them to succeed in life. These children need someone to care for them, and CCOC has become their family.

We invite you to join us for an exceptional evening where we will reflect upon what CCOC has done over the years, how the children have thrived, and how much more we can accomplish with your continued support. It is time we come together to make a difference in the lives of these children who need our help. We look forward to seeing you at this year's *Children at Heart* event.



David Kracov

David Kracov Creations

Art from the Heart Award



Louise & Mathew Evins

EVINS, Ltd.

Heart to Heart Award



Mickey Penzer

New Leadership Award

CCOC Alumni Qualify for Prestigious Scholarship



Two of CCOC's alumni have been selected amongst

thousands of applicants for the new Atidim Takeoff program in Israel, which provides highly motivated immigrants an opportunity to study in universities and pursue careers in the high tech industry.

Once accepted to this program, they will

study engineering and obtain degrees from the prestigious Ben Gurion University of the Negev. These two magnificent alumni will receive a full tuition scholarship and academic support as a direct result of the Atidim Takeoff program.

During their junior and senior years of the program, they will intern at leading high tech companies and start their professional careers.

However, it is only because of CCOC and

your ongoing support that these alumni have come so far. Had they not been rescued from their contaminated hometowns near Chernobyl, they would certainly not be given the chance for new lives with opportunities for incredibly bright futures.

Now, through Takeoff, they will be able to continue their journeys, defying all odds and making their CCOC family prouder each and every day.

27 Years... 2,863 Children on 99 Flights

Then and Now: Some of the Many Faces of the CCOC Children and Where They are Today



Igor

DOB: March 21, 1990
Rescue Mission #54
From: Gomel

- ◆ Served in the army
- ◆ Mother lives in the Ukraine with limited contact
- ◆ Currently studies at Beer Sheva University
- ◆ Scholarship candidate for the Atidim Takeoff program



Alex

DOB: August 4, 1986
Rescue Mission #44
From: Kiev

- ◆ Parents came to Israel a few years after he was rescued
- ◆ Married and living in Chadera
- ◆ Employed as a truck driver for a food company
- ◆ He works hard to make a living and is very devoted and serious
- ◆ "The years I spent with CCOC taught me that no matter what you do, even as a truck driver, do it to the best of your capabilities and people will appreciate and respect you for this. CCOC gave me tools and a living example of how to do this."



Natasha

DOB: October 2 1990
Rescue Mission #30
From: Kiev

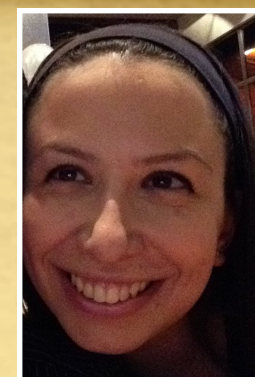
- ◆ Rescued at the age of 7 with her brother Sasha
- ◆ Currently working at Bet Shemesh Engines LTD as an inspector



Sasha

DOB: October 24, 1985
Rescue Mission #30
From: Kiev

- ◆ Rescued at the age of 11 with his sister Natasha
- ◆ Employed by Scat Electric LTD as a qualified electrician
- ◆ Their mother joined a few years later and currently works in the CCOC dormitory



Tanya

DOB: February 5, 1987
Rescue Mission # 27
From: Kiev

- ◆ Mother lives in Israel and father lives in Russia
- ◆ Married and living in Ramat Gan
- ◆ Studying in university and is a secretary in a government office
- ◆ Highly motivated and often promoted in her field



Anya

DOB: September 1, 1991
Rescue Mission #33
From: Gomel

- ◆ Mother and brother live in Israel
- ◆ Arrived at CCOC with major medical conditions including a serious thyroid problem which endangered her life
- ◆ Under CCOC's diligent supervision and the care of excellent doctors, Anya is now a healthy, vibrant, and beautiful young woman
- ◆ Married and living in Rishon Letziyon
- ◆ Received a degree in Finance and currently employed by AMPN, a major graphic and website design company

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New Leadership Continues to Raise Funds, Save Children

CCOC's New Leadership division has continued to engage young professionals in the New York-Metro area, educating them about the Chernobyl disaster and the importance of getting involved to save the Chernobyl children. The primary way New Leadership has been able to accomplish this — while truly succeeding— is by hosting a number of innovative events which have appealed to the masses.

Most recently, New Leadership held the “Fall Fashion, Fitness, and Philanthropy” event to raise money on behalf of Mickey Penzer, this year's New Leadership Award recipient at the Children at

Heart benefit gala. Held on October 1st, this happy hour attracted nearly 200 people and raised \$4,000!

New Leadership also hosted the 2nd Annual Charity Brew: Beer Garden and Date Auction this summer. Over 200 guests were in attendance and over

\$12,000 was raised! 18 young professionals, all willing to donate their time to

charity to go on a date with the winning bidder, were in the auction and paired with dates which were donated by various participating vendors and venues. Georgina Rosa, MD and author of [Are you ready for the one? A career woman's](#)

[guide to finding your man](#) joined CCOC's Director of Special Events, Rachel Fertel by auctioning off some of the

participants. All drinks from the open bar were donated

by Manhattan Beer Distributors and the catering was donated by Joshua Chaitovsky and the Kosher Experience.

New Leadership is also hosting its inaugural Shabbat dinner, “Dine Around the World” on Friday night, November 8th at Gotham Burger on Manhattan's Upper West Side.



Volunteer of the Month



Meet Meir Ehrenpreis

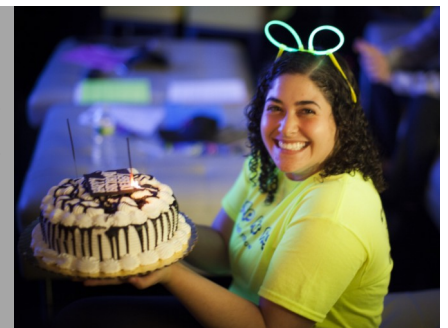
Meir Ehrenpreis is CCOC's volunteer extraordinaire. This 19 year-old from Kew Gardens, Queens is a diligent and conscientious worker; Meir has been volunteering with CCOC for the past several years and goes out of his way to assist the staff at both the office and at CCOC events. Meir takes the initiative to help the organization succeed in many ways. He took it upon himself to host a holiday fundraiser and singlehandedly collected over \$1,200. Thank you Meir for being an inspiration to us all!

Join CCOC's BIRTHDAY CLUB

Dedicate your birthday to charity!

Is your birthday coming up? Join CCOC's Birthday Club and ask your friends to make a donation in honor of your special day. Saving a child's life is the best gift of all!

To sign up visit www.coc.net or call (212) 681-7800



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