



In memory of Brigadier General Aharon Davidi

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Brigadier General Aharon Davidi, a good man, died a few days and he was 85. Although all the articles in the press indicated the glorious military past, including the receipt of medal, but very few Aharon Davidi who indicated that one of the key was the most powerful Zionist activity voluntary 30 - in recent years.

Lebanon war, while our soldiers were in front, called Davidi volunteers from abroad to come and assist in picking jobs.

As a result, Davidi founded the organization in 1982, "Minister - to is," whose purpose is to bring volunteers from abroad to help physical work at military bases in Israel.

Over the years the organization flourished and grew. Every year come 4000 - approximately about 40 international volunteers - from countries for a period of three weeks to work at military bases. They contribute their time and pay for their flight, and the goal is before their eyes is simple: to work and contribute to Israel. Following some volunteer decided to immigrate to Israel, especially the young ones.

This volunteer work has contributed greatly to the IDF infrastructure, and no less important - also help Israeli soldiers who were supporting shoulder and help welcome volunteers with great motivation.

Davidi, despite his age, never get lazy and did not shrink from hard work. He would start his day at 4:30 in the morning, made a point to visit each group of volunteers from various bases, and ended the day late at night, only when made sure that each group has good conditions, and designate a sufficient job. High productivity and quality of volunteer work surprised all the factors in the IDF.

David was involved in all levels of the organization. Almost all Jews abroad know him and recognize him as a prominent Zionist. It affected the lives of hundreds of thousands of people - both volunteers and relatives.

When he was approached in 2000, Ariel Sharon, please turn on the beacon Independence Day ceremony on Mount Herzl, in recognition of his valor in military service, agreed to light the Olympic flame Davidi only if light it up as Lord of all the volunteers - the "for their achievements in advancing army after volunteering.

The big challenge I had in dealing with him as the chairman, "Mr. Minister - to" touch the capture of David, and that the association should act in the spirit of volunteerism and not solicit donations from external financing activities. This approach allowed volunteers to bring down a shoestring budget of \$ 100 per volunteer, but she proved the itself.

I can only salute the commander Davidi called every 130 thousand people who volunteered to organize "the Minister - to" Over the years, and wish his family and associates who will not know sorrow, for me, if I may, on behalf of all of Israel.