

**Head Nurse Runs Her Department From A Wheelchair**



Jerusalem...Head Nurse Betty Mayers runs the Hadassah Orthopedics Department in the Alyn Hospital for Crippled Children from a wheelchair with efficiency, humanity and understanding which inspires her patients and physiotherapist daughter.

JERUSALEM...The little boy in the wheelchair is filled with disbelief as he looks in amazement at the nurse who is directing the work in the Orthopedics Department of the Hadassah-Alyn Hospital for Crippled Children. Like him, she is in a wheelchair, and like his own, her legs are completely paralyzed.

Head Nurse Betty Mayers is known for her devotion, efficiency, humanity, and understanding of little patients to whom she is an inspiration.

Thirty-five years ago, as a young nurse at Hadassah, Betty Mayers was pregnant and contracted poliomyelitis. The daughter she bore was perfectly normal, but she remained paralyzed in both legs, confined to a wheelchair ever since.

Today her daughter has grown and has qualified as a physiotherapist.

It is part of the accepted wisdom of modern societies that a nurse requires strong legs and feet, as well as a heart full of living kindness and a head full of medical knowledge. Many people assumed that the paralysis meant the end of Betty's career as a nurse. And, indeed, a lesser

person might have given up nursing. Yet she has been Head Nurse of Hadassah's Orthopedic Department in the Alyn Hospital for Crippled Children for 12 years.

"It's not remarkable," she insists.. "My job requires ability to organize, to carry responsibility and to see that the nursing staff functions efficiently -- all of which I can do from the wheelchair."

Dr. Gordon Robin, the Hadassah orthopedic surgeon who heads the Alyn Department, concurs: "She may not put on the plaster casts or splints herself, but she makes sure that everything is done properly. She is an excellent head nurse."

**Four More Reservists Jailed**

TEL AVIV (WNS) — Seven reservists are now serving prison terms. In a number of cases, reservists who have completed their sentences are immediately called up again and posted in Lebanon. Some of them have refused a second time, and have again been sentenced to prison terms.

**Local Orthodox Congregation Forms Jewish Sacred Society**

Congregation Shaarei Tefilla announces the formation of a Chevra Kedisha (Jewish Sacred Society). Joe Moss, Chairman, invites all interested men and women to contact him at 384-3565.

This is being planned as a community project and it will be supported by all the Jewish Congregations in Las Vegas.

Any Jewish man or woman is welcome to participate in performing this necessary "mitzvah."

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