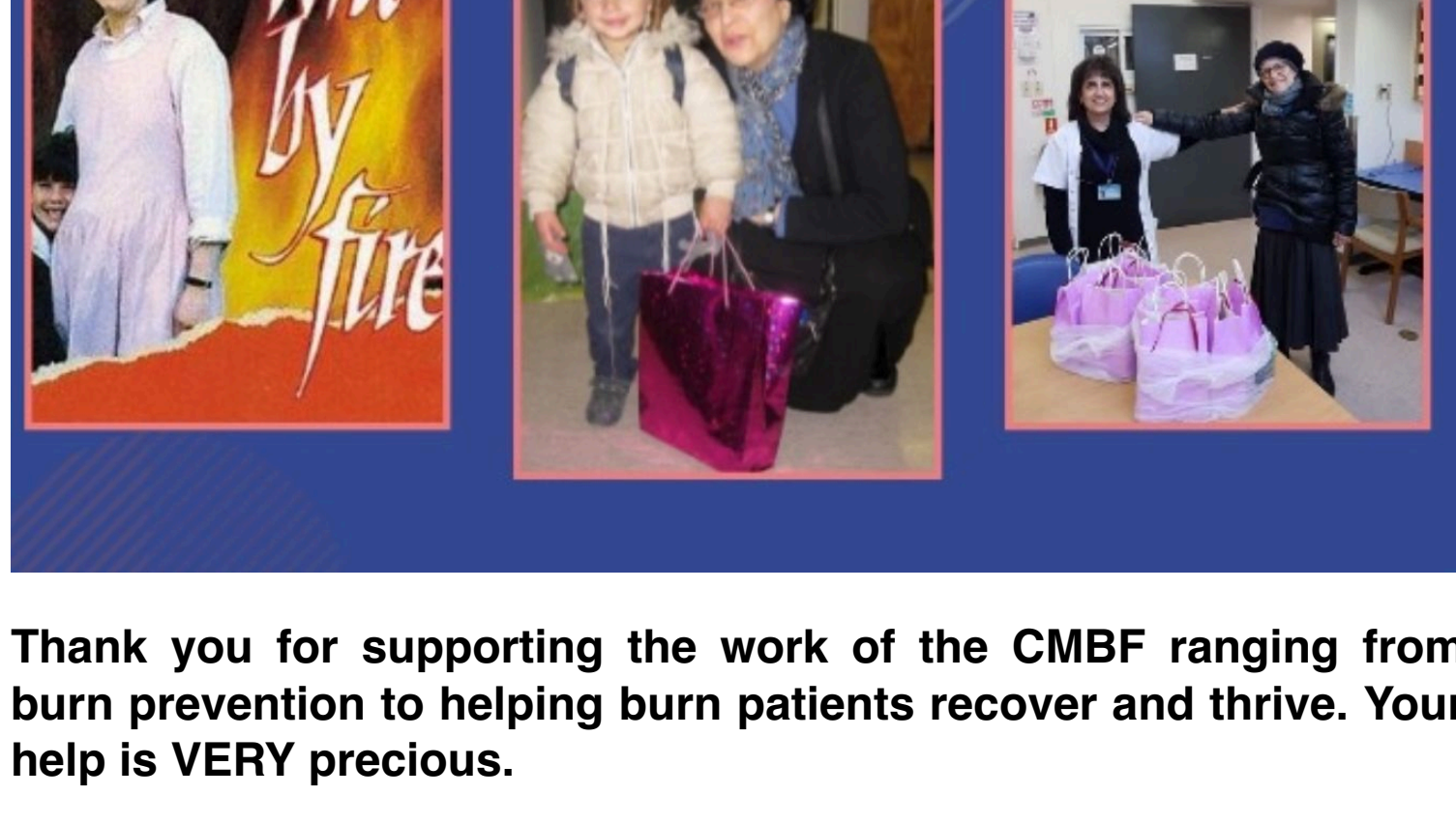




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5 fires within a short time

Hope you are all well, that the light we received on Chanuka will continue to shine out from each one of us, and that you are having an easy fast.

There were 5 fires in Jerusalem and Beit Shemeish within a short time including one in Sanhedria 5 weeks ago and one in the Old City a few days ago. People were not home at the time, thank God.



How to Prevent Electrical Fires

Each winter radio announcements warn about electrical fires that take place during the winter season.

Ilan White, an electrician in Beit El, said "It is important to have your house checked once a year by a certified electrician. Recently I was in a customer's home and worked on their panel/power box." The customer explained that he heard noise coming from the panel box, so he turned the electricity off right away. Apparently screws had come loose. Ilan stated: "I always tighten screws first, no matter what else I do after that." According to him, even the vibration from a tractor operating in the area can loosen screws inside a panel box, causing the wires to burn. He explained that electrical fires can start anywhere if the screws are loose - from a plug, extension cord, splitter*(not referring to an electronic splitter for computers), circuit breaker or other sources.

Ilan revealed the dangers of splitters, in this context, defined as the plastic plug-ins that have two to six outlets on them to give residents more space for plugging in electronics, heaters, an iron, etc. Frequently used in Israel, they are built cheaply and can cause electrical problems when the electricity "jumps." Ilan added, "If the electrical system is set up correctly, the electricity should shut down when there is a problem!" Asked about the dangers of using heavy appliances with cheap splitters, he said power strips are somewhat safer than splitters, because there is less strain on the connections and outlets in the wall because the connections can't move.

It is dangerous to plug an extension cord into the wall with a splitter and then plug that into a second extension cord. "Problems can occur with high-voltage appliances that have heating elements, like a floor heater, toaster, iron, plata, electric water heater, washing machine, dryer etc.," Ilan explained. So never plug an extension cord into another extension cord or into a splitter, like we often do with our Shabbos plata, or use even one extension cord with these appliances that heat up!

Ilan told us about a friend, also an electrician, whose home caught on fire in Beit El. The fire started around the junction box on his wall, on the top floor. Loose connections in the box caused the fire that engulfed his entire 3rd floor and also damage to the floor below.

The moral of the story? Once a year call your electrician to check your electric system (circuit box). Consult an electrician if :

1. Your lights flicker,
2. You smell burning plastic,
3. You hear noise from the electric box or connection
4. You want to use a long extension cord with an appliance that has a heating element.

Note: Led, florescent, and "outdoor" lights don't use much electricity, so don't worry about using extension cords with these. Ilan recommends using a glass "Chanuka Aquarium" when lighting Sukkan devises, like cell phones, electric bikes or hoverboards overnight or unattended!

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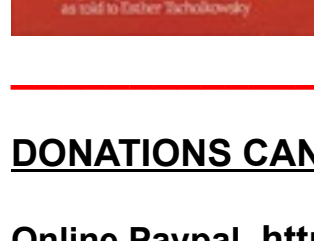
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