

# United Hatzalah: Five Key Findings

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## 1. The \$54 Million Gap

**What UH says:** “We transferred funds raised in the US to support our operations in Israel.”

**What the records show:** In 2022, Friends of United Hatzalah Inc. (IRS EIN 26-2286381) reported disbursing over

54 million to UH in Israel. The Israeli nonprofit registry (Amuta 580465979) shows only 5.4 million received that year — a \$48.6 million gap with no public explanation.

Source: IRS Form 990 (FY2022) · Israeli Guidestar, Amuta 580465979

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## 2. The Volunteer Count That Keeps Changing

**What UH says:** “8,500+ volunteers across Israel” (website, fundraising materials, Instagram reels).

**What the records show:** The Israeli nonprofit registry — where UH is legally required to report accurately — lists 7,774 volunteers (2023) and 8,015 (2024). Public fundraising materials consistently use higher, unverified figures. The ArtScroll book (2014) used 6,000.

Source: Israeli Guidestar annual reports, 2023–2024

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## 3. October 7: An Operationally Impossible Claim

**What UH says:** “United Hatzalah saved 2,500 lives on October 7.”

**What the records show:** On October 7, the IDF and Magen David Adom held operational command. They controlled triage, evacuation routes, and hospital transfer to Soroka, Barzilai, and Shamir. United Hatzalah is a volunteer first-response organization with no military clearance, no trauma hospital capacity, and no command authority over the emergency response chain. The determination of whether a life was “saved” belongs to the agencies that controlled those outcomes: IDF combat medics, MDA paramedics, and trauma surgeons. No case records, no methodology, and no independent verification have been published. UH’s own documentary uses the figure 800 — also unverified — and the organization has never explained the discrepancy between its own two figures.

Source: UH documentary (2024) · Jerusalem Post, November 2023 · IDF and MDA public records

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## 4. The Court Judgment UH Never Mentions

**What UH says:** Nothing. The 2021 court ruling is not disclosed on UH's website, in its fundraising materials, or in its IRS filings.

**What the records show:** In 2021, the Tel Aviv District Court found United Hatzalah ran a “coordinated plan to defame and libel Magen David Adom” and ordered NIS 250,000 in damages. The case arose from UH's systematic interception of MDA's emergency radio frequency — a practice Beer has described publicly as heroic. The founding mythology and the defamation judgment are the same story told from two different vantage points: one by Beer at fundraising events, and one by a judge reviewing the evidence.

Source: Tel Aviv District Court, Case 52761-11-18 (2021)

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## 5. The Founding Story No One Can Verify

**What UH says:** “A seven-year-old boy choked. No ambulance came for 21 minutes. That is why I founded United Hatzalah.” Told at TED, TEDMED, Authority Magazine, in the ArtScroll book, and at hundreds of fundraising events over 15 years.

**What the records show:** No date, name, neighborhood, hospital, dispatch log, treating physician, or corroborating witness has ever been published. The story involves a child who either survived or did not — in either case there is a verifiable record. None has been produced. An organization that has raised over \$300 million on the basis of this story has never provided a single primary source to support it.

Source: TED Talk (2013) · TEDMED · ArtScroll “90 Seconds” (2014)

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**Full investigation with primary source documents:** <https://unitedhatzalahfiles.com>

*This summary is based on publicly available primary documents: IRS Form 990 filings, Israeli nonprofit registry reports, court records, and published video/audio. All allegations are presented as reported and alleged; they do not constitute legal findings unless otherwise specified.*