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# The clinics from the Department of Optometry at Hadassah Academic College have opened their doors for evacuees from the South and the North

*Hundreds of evacuees from the Gaza Strip border area and the North were examined and treated in recent weeks by Hadassah Academic College Jerusalem's Department of Optometry*

**S**ince the beginning of the war, the Department of Optometry at Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem provided free eye examinations and issued glasses for evacuees of the South and the North. The department is continuing its activities for the residents and is receiving them at the department's clinics in the college.

In the first days of the war, many professionals from the Department of Optometry at Hadassah Academic College Jerusalem came to the hotels by the Dead Sea where residents of the Gaza border area were evacuated and conducted free-of-charge eye and vision tests for more than 800 evacuees. In addition, over 700 pairs of glasses and contact lenses were issued to them for free. This was a collaboration of the college together with the Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital and commercial companies from the optical industry.

Following this, the clinics from the optometry department at the college opened their doors to evacuees from the South and the North staying in Jerusalem, where eye and vision tests



*Photo courtesy the Department of Optometry Hadassah Academic College Jerusalem*

were conducted for them and glasses and contact lenses were issued free of charge. The department's clinics offer the evacuated residents staying in Jerusalem a comprehensive package of free examinations in all the department's eye clinics: an eye lens clinic, an eye exercise clinic, and vision focus for children, and a low-vision clinic for the visually impaired.

In the last few days, another

donation of contact lenses and glasses was obtained and so far, more than 160 pairs of glasses and lenses have been given to the evacuated residents who came to the clinics. So far, about 200 evacuees have come to the clinics for treatment.

"It is important to us to maintain the eye health of the evacuee residents, who are far from their homes and their daily routine. We referred some of the evacuees we examined for further treatment at the Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital and thus their sight was saved in time, and we see this as an important mission." **Dr. Hadas Ben-Eli, head of the Department of Optometry at Hadassah Academic College Jerusalem, explains.**

Dr. Ben-Eli adds, "The clinics are very busy and there is a long waiting list, so this is very gratifying and proves that there is a high demand among the evacuees for tests. At the moment the stock of donations of glasses and lenses is enough for the coming period and when it runs out, we will make another effort to raise another donation."

To coordinate a visit to the eye clinics at Hadassah Academic College Jerusalem: 02-6291968