



**Rabbi Yaakov Litman, 44, and his son Netanel, 18 of Kiryat Arba were murdered in a shooting attack near Otniel last Friday, 11/13 on their way to a Shabbat Chatan. Thousands took part in the funerals on Har Hamenuhot. Daughter Sara (who is now getting married on 11/26) said, “What a good father you were, so many students you had. Even when you were not feeling well you always went to school to do Hashem’s work.” Of Netanel, President Reuven Rivlin spoke of his brave volunteer work as a paramedic, and of his aspirations to train as a doctor and to save lives.**



**18 year old Ezra Schwartz of Sharon, Massachusetts had been spending a post high school year in an Israeli yeshiva when he was murdered in the terror attack near Gush Etzion. Schwartz, a 2015 graduate of the Maimonides School in Brookline, was studying at Yeshivat Ashreinu in Beit Shemesh, which combines a year of learning with community service. At the time of the attack, Schwartz had been returning with friends to yeshiva after a day that included distributing food to Israeli soldiers in Gush Etzion and a visit to a memorial for the three Israeli teens murdered in 2014.**



**49 year old Yaakov Don of Alon Shevut, who died in the shooting attack, leaves behind a wife and four children, ages 13 to 21. The son of Holocaust survivors, Don was a former student at Yeshivat Har Etzion and went on to become a teacher and an educational coordinator at the Derech Avot High School for Boys in Efrat. Don also worked for the Ministry of Education and had a doctorate in technology from the University of Haifa. He was well known in Alon Shevut and was heavily involved in community matters. A statement released by the settlement lauded Don for his dedication and devotion. “Yaakov was a man of education with every bone of his body. He loved education and more than anything else, he loved his students. He was a man of education and of smiles. Alon Shvut mourns his loss.”**



**32 year old Rabbi Aharon Yesayev was stabbed to death as he left the Panorama building after davening Mincha. Rabbi Yesayev, a baal teshuva, lived in Cholon where he was named as head of the city’s Chareidi community. Those who knew Rabbi Yesayev described him as “a special person who always loved to help others with a smiling face and a full heart.” Rabbi Yesayev leaves behind a wife and five children, the youngest one is just four months old, with the oldest attending first grade. In an interview his father said that his son, who closed the door to the synagogue as he left, likely saved many lives and noted that the fire of yiddishkeit had burned strongly within his son from a very young age.**



**51 year old Reuven Aviram, the father of one, also died in the stabbing terror attack. A resident of Ramle, Aviram moved to Israel at a young age from Uzbekistan and worked in the diamond business. Aviram’s brother in law, Albert Moshvaiv, said that his wife had a bad feeling after hearing about today’s terror attacks. “She tried calling him but he didn’t answer and after a few hours, they came to the house and told us that Reuven had been killed “He was an amazing individual, a true ‘chevra-man.’ He always worried about his family, his home and his work and today he didn’t come home.”**

**The third fatality in the terror attack near Gush Etzion was a 40 year old Palestinian man identified as Shadi Arafat of Chevron.**