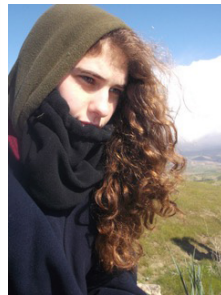




My Brother's Keeper International is honored to partner with Miriam Pochapin, her family and friends in the construction of a kindergarten library in memory of Shlomit Krigman hy" d in the south Jerusalem neighborhood of Kiryat Menachem. By choosing this project, Miriam will be blessing the memory of Shlomit, encouraging Shlomit's surviving family and partnering with one of the Jerusalem municipality's newest inner-city kindergartens.

This kindergarten library will be the third library MBKI has built in memory of Shlomit and the first in Jerusalem. We expect to begin construction during the 2020/2021 school year.



Who was Shlomit? Shlomit was born in Beit Horon and later moved to the Jordan Valley village of Shedmot Mechola with her parents Naama and Tzachi. After high school, Shlomit entered Israel's National Service program and served as the B'nai Akiva Youth Movement coordinator for Beit Horon, where her grandparents still lived. She later went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in Industrial Design. Shlomit was remembered as a very unique

girl: straightforward but profound, easygoing but deeply committed to her beliefs, an introvert who could talk with friends for hours and a joker who could suddenly turn serious. She loved children, reading, poetry, books and designed a mobile lending library for her final industrial design project that made national Israeli news. One of Shlomit's greatest loves was books, and she wanted to use them to connect people.



Monday, January 25, 2016 was a dark and blustery winter day in Israel. On a wind swept hill under dark clouds, Shlomit left her grandparents' home to catch a bus to Jerusalem. She intended to pick up a new winter coat and return in time for a supper of her grandma's soup. At the same time, two arab terrorists scaled a drain pipe, cut the perimeter fence and infiltrated the village with knives and pipe bombs. Their target was the community kindergarten that was planning to celebrate the Jewish festival of trees, Tu'Bishvat at 5:00 pm.



Due to an unexpected winter storm, the event was postponed, and the children were released from school a half hour early. Shlomit, heading to the bus stop, was making her way across the playground in front of the kindergarten when the two terrorists overcame her and stabbed her within an inch of her life. They then fell upon one of the kindergarten teachers before trying to gain entrance to the local market. They were stopped and killed by the village security guard. Shlomit died from her wounds the next day - a week before her 24th birthday.

We honor Miriam for her desire to promote early childhood literacy and continue Shlomit's story and welcome your participation in this project. *My Brother's Keeper International is a registered 501(c) 3 charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible. www.mbki.org*