

# Avidan's Mission

Raising money towards the  
Camp Simcha Special Care Baby Project





## OUR STORY

Avidan's Mission was set up in February 2019 to support the funding towards Camp Simcha's Special Care Baby Project.

Nathaniel and Avidan were little twin boys born to Gabriella & Eitan Freilich at 28 weeks. Following 110 days in hospital Nathaniel came home, a happy, healthy little child ready to bring his goodness to the world. His little brother Avidan unfortunately passed away at just five weeks old. But his mission remained clear...

**“ We were thrown into a world which we didn't know how to navigate - with no idea which way to turn or where to seek professional advice. We recognised there is more that can be offered to parents experiencing situations similar to ours. If one positive can come out of our son's tragic passing, it will be that Avidan's legacy is the creation of a 'One Stop Shop' to signpost or provide services that can make all the difference. Whether that's organising logistical support or supplying packs with essentials for premature babies and parents. Through Camp Simcha, Avidan's Mission aims to ensure parents are supported on every step of the journey. ”** Gabriella & Eitan Freilich



## WHO WE CAN HELP

60,000 babies are born prematurely each year in the UK.

- Premature babies (born at 37 weeks or less) who require special or intensive care for more than just a few days
- Babies requiring neonatal care for other reasons, including: Babies who have been treated for asphyxia or Hypoxic-ischemic Encephalopathy
- Babies with severe infections including congenital pneumonia, meningitis etc
- Invasive or non-invasive respiratory support for over 2 days including ventilation (BiPAP / CPAP/ high flow). Including babies who have TTN or RDS
- Babies with issues regarding nutrition such as requiring enteral feeds on discharge or NEC
- Some congenital anomalies including chromosomal anomalies e.g. cystic fibrosis, Tay Sachs.

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list and all babies will be considered on an individual basis.



## AVIDAN'S MISSION

### THE CAMP SIMCHA SPECIAL CARE BABY PROJECT

Camp Simcha is here to support families of children with a serious illness. Our bespoke care is offered to families of babies born very prematurely.

When a baby is born very prematurely, parents are thrown into a frightening world that they would never have imagined finding themselves in. We are here to be a one stop shop of support for parents caring for a premature baby. We will offer case by case support to parents such as:

- Hospital transport and parking
- 24/7 Family Liaison Officer
- Expert therapeutic support
- Crisis food or cleaning support
- Support for siblings from our Big Brother and Sister volunteers
- Emergency hospital bag with items specific to premature babies

And many other practical and emotional support services.

## YOUR GENEROUS DONATION COULD PROVIDE



£18

**1 crisis household support session**

To help parents manage their household while they spend time with their baby



£50

**4 weeks of sibling support**

To bring fun and laughter to other siblings at this challenging time



£180

**3 emergency hospital bags**

With thoughtful items to comfort premature babies and vital essentials for parents



# How do we help families with babies requiring Neonatal or Special care?

Through Avidan's Mission, Camp Simcha is able to be a one-stop shop for families who require our services. As well as the support of an experienced qualified Neonatal nurse, our special care baby service can also help families while they are in hospital with practical help, from providing breast milk pumps or parking vouchers to sibling support or a night nurse for when they arrive home. Our specially designed bag will include essential equipment that is vital for the baby and parents that most hospitals can't afford to supply. Additionally we will be able to signpost you to other organisations to support you through the journey within hospital.

For most families this will be a short-term support service to help them through those first few weeks. However, having Camp Simcha on hand from the outset means we can be there for families going forward – with our full range of services – if their needs are more long-term.

***“ I am there to bridge the gap when parents leave hospital with their baby. Each family will have different needs: from questions about feeds and administering medicines, to managing visitors and exposure to germs after weeks in hospital. Hopefully, knowing I am there - to visit them or speak on the phone - will help them gain confidence once they leave hospital. The 'Avidan's Mission' project, like so much Camp Simcha does, is tailor-made to give each family the support they need. ”***

Caroline Dux, Neonatal Nurse UCH

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