

DAN UZAN ז"ל WAS ELECTED MAN OF THE YEAR OF DENMARK



Dan Uzan was a member of Hakoah Copenhagen. He served as a bodyguard of the city's Jewish community. Last February Dan was placed at the entrance to the synagogue to secure a Bat Mitzvah party. An armed radical Islamic terrorist attempted to break into the scene. Dan blocked the terrorist with his body and was shot dead.

According to estimates Dan prevented a massacre, while sacrificing his life.

Dan was elected on December 8, 2015 Man of the Year of Denmark by an overwhelming majority of the readers of the newspaper "Berlingske Tidende", Danish national daily newspaper, and by a jury.

The newspaper declared a public competition to select the Danish Man of the Year among ten candidates. Dan Uzan was elected the first with an impressive majority of votes.

The award was given by the editor to Dan's father, Sergio (Mordechai) Uzan. His mother and sister also attended the ceremony and received very emotional applause.

The Prime Minister of Denmark Lars Rasmussen attended the ceremony; he said that Dan was a hero. The PM expressed admiration and appreciation for the behavior of Dan's family after the murder; they did not call for revenge or hatred but spoke against hate and prejudice

Ambassador of Denmark in Israel said: "This is an excellent and popular choice. Dan Uzan stands out as an example to us all in his resolve and self-sacrifice. We have to condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Uzan did it without hesitation and paid the ultimate price. The title of Danish Man of the Year is just a small gesture of respect and appreciation from the Danish people."

It is very symbolic that the award was given during Chanukah. Dan acted as our ancient Jewish heroes, the Maccabim. We cherish his memory. May his soul be bound in the bundle of life.

Maccabi Chai, Am Israel Chai!