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I'm very thankful to the World Federation for Mental Health for giving us your support. Your support and the support of other counties in our Open Close Evening empowered us to work hard and to succeed in our mission.

On Oct. 11 we did celebrate the world mental health day, together with the world-wide community.

Our success proved that we can achieve hard and complex goals the same as every talented person regardless of his shortcomings. Everyone has something that he needs to overcome in order to function normally and by being aware of his disability he may cope with it and be successful.

We declared that we are going to produce an optimistic evening and by thinking positively and being optimistic we did it.

In this evening no one could doubt on our abilities.

We proved to the Israeli audience that we the people that cope with mental illness desire a qualitative culture like anyone sick or healthy.

We have a meaningful life, dignity and ethics and society should relate to us in this light and not by prejudices.

Open Close Eve was a success. More than 250 people came to hear what we wanted to say and tell.

The famous artists were a surprise for the audience since we did not promote the evening with their names.

The evening was promoted for its content. The art from the artist was the true acceptance of our wishes for normal and meaningful life.

It is hard to choose the right word for the excitement pulsating atmosphere. The hugs from most of all our guests were the best contribution we could expect for our efforts.

The guideline of this evening was not to complain or judge anyone else who relates to us or others mistakenly perceiving mental illness as a frightening illness.

Open Close Eve was evening of words poetry and notes of songs.

It was naturally humanistic evening.

As the initiator of this evening I think we won't be satisfied with only one event of this kind.

We shall continue going on stage again and again to tell society in various ways that mental illness is illness and no more than that.

I do not know how many seeds will sprout from this evening but I'm sure we will do our best to produce another one next year.

And till the next Oct. 10 there is a lot of to do. On the same principle: Come and hear what we have to say

Listen to our needs.

Every mentally ill person can do something according to his abilities and in the way he sees it from his point of view.

We, the people with mental illness, know sometimes better than others what are the needs of our friends to make our lives good enough to live for.

I'm not a religious person but I found something from the holy Bible that fits and summarizes the evening in the best way:

**A new heart also will I give you,
and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take
away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give
you an heart of flesh.**

**— Ezekiel 36 —
King James Bible**

On behalf of all my friends that want to make their everyday life better.

Thank you for accepting us
Yours truly,

Dr. Baruch Radine

**וְנָתַתִּי לָכֶם לֵב חֲדָשׁ וְרוּחַ חֲדָשׁ אֶתֶּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם, וְהִסַּרְתִּי אֶת לֵב הָאֲבָן
מִבְּשָׂרְכֶם וְנָתַתִּי לָכֶם לֵב בָּשָׂר.”**

יחזקאל לו פסוק כו

In the following link you may read the article in the Haaretz newspaper that covered our evening.

[Rave on, it's a crazy feeling](http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1120996.html)

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and the Hebrew version you may find here

[מסיבה סגורה | הופעה מיוחדת לפגועי נפש במועדון "הבארבי" בתל אביב](http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasite/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=1120677&contrassID=1&subContrassID=10)
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