

## News Article: Road Accidents on the Increase

Article taken from *Melabes*, a local paper in Petach Tikva, Israel, summarized and translated by Marsha Goren, a teacher in Israel who co-developed this plan.

Last Thursday the police held an emergency meeting due to the increase in accidents in Petach Tikva. From January to August there has been a 55 percent rise in accidents in the city compared to statistics from last year. There were 342 accidents with 594 people injured. The head of the police department attended, as well as the head of the municipality. The accidents, according to their findings, were mainly due to poor road foundations. Emergency measures include police commando units in patrol cars and on scooters.



The main reason for the emergency meeting was the increase in casualties as well as deaths among the victims. In August alone, three civilians in Petach Tikva were killed. Another woman was killed in April.

A speaker on behalf of the traffic department in Petach Tikva reported that the problematic places in the city where there are more accidents would now have more manpower to oversee the areas. In addition, the police would recommend solutions to problematic streets with dangerous intersections in cooperation with the municipality.