

# Dalit's not Blue Any More

"This week, as in every year, I had bought the Variety Pin and I got very emotional. This time I have made up my mind to write and thank you for your blessed work." With these moving words, Dalit Wiseman wrote to Variety Israel, stating "I was the first child in Israel to get help from Variety Israel."

Dalit is a mother of four (17, 13 and twins of nine) in her late 30s, and a teacher who works as a school secretary. "I was born with a heart defect and I had to have open-heart surgery. In those days hospitals in Israel did not perform the operation."

It was 33 years ago, when Dalit was six. Her parents approached Variety Israel through the nurse at a neonatal clinic, who persuaded them to try to get Variety Israel to help finance a trip to the U.S.A. for the operation.

Dalit's parents met with Variety Israel people, among them Ken Greidinger, International Ambassador, one of the founders of Variety Israel, who arranged for the trip and stay in the U.S.A.

Dalit remembers very little from the days prior to the operation and the hospitalization. "I remember that my fingernails were blue. I got very tired after a short walk and had to sit and rest. I remember that I woke up in an oxygen tent and my mother showed me that my fingernails weren't blue anymore."

Dalit says that the operation was a success, "and all during this time the Variety Israel people helped us a lot and supported us".

With regard to the timing of her letter to Variety Israel, Dalit says "I felt the need to say thank you again. It took a lot of years, I don't like the exposure and I had to have time and strength so I could write such a letter. After the trip to the USA, the medical follow-up was done in Israel but sadly we did not keep in touch with Variety Israel people."

To the children of Variety Israel Dalit wishes health "and keep up hope".

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