

## Amputee Hockey Exhibition Game in Israel

After returning from the ISIH European Standing Amputee Hockey Championship, May 25-28, 2009, in St. Petersburg, Russia, the Israel National Amputee Hockey Team hosted a game against an international team from the International Standing Amputee Hockey Federation (ISIH). The event took place on July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian Center in Metula. At the opening ceremonies, the players were greeted by Radu Rosenthal, President of the Israel Paralympic Committee, Hans Dobida, Representative and Life Member of the IIHF, Sidney Greenberg, Chairman of the Board, and Lihu Ichilov, General Secretary of the Israel Ice Hockey Federation, and Mark Pitkin, ISIH President. The game ended 3:1 with the ISIH Team winning. The overall purpose of the event was to increase the Israeli people's and government's awareness of this new opportunity for amputees to play regular hockey under the supervision of professional and dedicated coaches of the Israel Ice Hockey Federation. Recruitment is now open for the National team, which will compete in the 2010 amputee hockey world championship in Montreal, Canada.



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