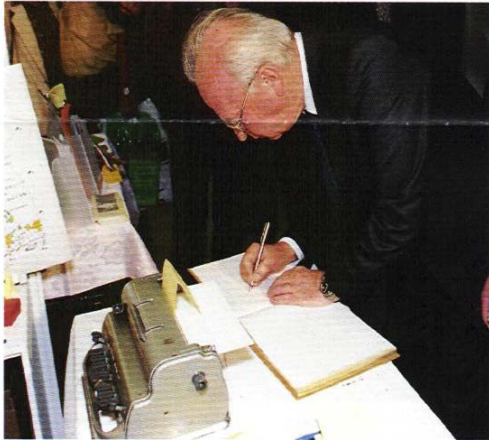


# In Memoriam of Yitzhak Rabin

The murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent shock waves through the world as well as Israeli society. The day following the murder the students and staff joined together in prayer and soul searching. Less than a year ago, Rabin had signed the visitor's book of the Institute with the following words:



אבות הגויק מלויים - וכו' פ.א.  
 דהגרה אהודיכו  
 סמיטתא אפן העלויים  
 א. ימ אבינו יק מומים

י.ר.

15.3.95

"To the Jewish Institute for the Blind with honor and admiration for your efforts for the blind — I hope that your light will continue to enlighten the lives of the blind."

Yitzhak Rabin

*Text of Rabin's message in Institute's visitor's book*

## One of the Institute's Most Outstanding Employees

It is very easy to see that Sara Dadon is well respected by the students at the Institute as well as being a close friend to many. A better example to the pupils would be hard to find as Dadon is herself blind and a former student at the Institute. In addition to teaching at the Institute, she tutors the students that go out to study in public high schools. A graduate of the Institute, Dadon credits her independence with the push she received here as a youngster.

"I try and instill this same independence in my pupils today," she explains. "If they are able to study in a public school, I serve as their advocate and confidant." Although she is only 27, Dadon is wizened beyond her years.



*Sara Dadon, left, with student*

She lost her eyesight at age 6, and in addition to her blindness, Sara is afflicted with a genetic disorder that stunted her growth and caused various other difficulties.

Sara Dadon has a true fighter's spirit, however, and in addition to her undergraduate studies in special edu-

cation, she is completing the thesis for her master's degree. She is also qualified to serve as a community center director. Sara also lectures to groups of students on the exceptional child, and despite her small stature, the most mischievous students sit spellbound when she speaks.

"I credit all of my success in life in my strong faith," she explains. "I have always felt that everyone must do their utmost to reach all of their potential." It is easy to see why the pupils at the Institute look up to her, and she is a true inspiration to all. "Everyone is created with his own purpose in life, and despite any problems or obstacles, we all have to strive to reach those goals."