



## Sgt. Tomer Nov



**Nov 15, 2002 - Border Police Sgt. Tomer Nov, 19, of Ashdod, was one of 12 people killed -- nine soldiers and three civilians from the Kiryat Arba emergency response team -- and 15 wounded in Hevron when Palestinian terrorists opened fire and threw grenades at a group of Jewish worshipers and their guards as they were walking home from Sabbath Eve prayers at the Cave of the Patriarchs.**

The security personnel returned fire and pursued the attackers in a battle lasting some 90 minutes. Three terrorists were killed in the attack, which was claimed by the Islamic Jihad.

Nov was conscripted eight months before and chose to do his compulsory service in the Border Police. He was killed by a burst of fire when he left his jeep to return fire.

His elder brother, Guy, 31, said he had wanted to serve in the Border Police since he was 16 and looked forward to a career in the police. "He wanted to be a lawman. That was his dream. If you called and asked him for help, he would come to help immediately, even if he didn't know you. When he came home on leave once every three weeks, he'd ask me for NIS 20 to go out with, then use the money to put gas in our father's car."

His girlfriend for the past four years, Inbal Shtar, a border policewoman, said, "When he finished school, he simply insisted on doing combat service, even though he had asthma."

Sgt. Tomer Nov was buried in the military section of the Ashdod Cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Lea and Moshe, his brother Guy, and sister Limor, 28.

