

Jonathan Dressler

Jonathan was born on 15.6.86 as a twin. His twin brother – Naveh was born 10 minutes before him. They were born 2 months premature but had almost the normal weight of a newborn baby. Beside the twins, the Dressler family has another younger boy.

Jonathan suffers from paralysis in the right side of the body, due to C.P. from throughout the years his hand improved and today functions almost normally.

He suffers from weakness of the muscles in his right leg, principally knee down.

From the cognitive side, Jonathan is a completely normal boy. He is quiet and sensitive yet, has will power and consistency. He is willing to invest a lot and pushes himself to succeed.

Jonathan has loved horses since he was a young boy and began riding at the age of seven at the Tel Mond stables for disabled riders. Over the years, riding took a more important role in Jonathan's life. He took the form of competitions which helped build his self-esteem and improved his physical capabilities.

Jonathan started competing three years ago. He placed himself at internal competitions, and national competitions for the disabled and non-disabled. He has been awarded rider of the year 2001 and won third place at the 2002 national championships for the disabled in Israel. In addition, he reached first place at the Dressage competition for non-disabled riders, and he has many more ambitions to continue and succeed in this magnificent sport.

In the end of 2005, in order to advance to an international level and Olympic level, Jonathan began intensive training at Dvash stables (Batzra) under the supervision of Dror Ben Shaul. Through the support of his parent's and under the challenging atmosphere at the stables Jonathan acquired an international level horse in Holland. Through intensive training, support and assistance we expect him to reach impressive achievements and participate in the next Paralympics.