A SUMMER CAMP FOR HEMOPHILIC BOYS: A FILM. U. Seligsohn and H. Horoszkowski, Hemophilia Center, Chaim Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Israel.

The great advantages of organizing a summer camp for hemophilic boys in a Kibutz are presented in a 10 minute film. They include: a) Psycho-social advantages: Holding guided group discussions, removal of parental restrictions, development of new interests, normal tolerant children living a communal life, and temporary relief for parents from the constant burden of raising hemophilic boys. b) Medical advantages - teaching and practising: self infusion, oral hygiene, preventive physiotherapy and providing general education about the disease.

PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES IN HEMOPHILIACS IN A SUMMER CAMP. T. Ripa, F. Scaraggi, E. Pasqual Marsettin, A. Dentico and N. Clavarella. Hemophilia Centre, 2 Clin Med, University of Bari-Italy.

Hemophiliacs can show disturbed interpersonal adaptation expressed by hypersensitivity, anxiety aggressiveness and introversion. Our study has been carried out in a summer camp (Rosamarina - Puglia - Italy) during a period of 15 days on a group of 28 hemophiliacs in order to prove the existence of these psychological disorders and to establish a relationship with the following: A) Condition of patient-mother dependence; B) Socio-cultural standard of living of the patient's family; C) Severe physical handicap of the patients; D) Type of treatment used on the patients (e.g.: home therapy and/or self treatment). Light psychological troubles were encountered in about 70% of the subjects which were correlated with A,B,C,D. The remaining subjects showed no trouble mainly because they had no severe physical handicap and could benefit by home therapy and/or self-treatment. In conclusion, we suggest that the psychological problems can be solved with psychological dispensary for the patient and his family and also offering the hemophiliacs maximum therapeutic resources (Home therapy and self-treatment).

LEGAL WAYS TO CONTEST JOB DISCRIMINATION AMONG HEMOPHILIACS. Paul Amitrani and Donald Goldman. Hemophilia Association of Northern New Jersey, East Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S.A.

Despite many major advances made in the treatment of hemophilia in the past decade, many employers remain extremely reluctant to hire a hemophiliac. This is the case even when the individual is not even mildly disabled by the ravages of the affliction, and when his bleeding episodes are under control. The employment problem among many hemophiliacs is chronic, arising from a vicious cycle in the past of missed educational opportunities, inability to work steadily, severe orthopedic problems and lack of positive reinforcement.

We describe the methods hemophiliacs have used to obtain and maintain gainful employment. We also describe legal ways in which the hemophiliac can prevent discrimination in hiring and which they can use to contest dismissals. The need for public education of employers will be emphasized and the resources available to victims of disability or chronic unemployment will be discussed.