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Picture of the week on instagram



Shira Ish Ran, who
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in the shooting attack
in Ofra, was released
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For the First Time, National Service Volunteers Serve as Paramedics

Twenty Seven New National Service Volunteer Paramedics



The paramedic's role is critical and most important in pre-hospital emergency medicine, especially in life-threatening situations where the paramedic must provide advanced medical care at the scene of the incident shortly following the onset of illness or the occurrence of an injury. The treatment provided by paramedics includes initial assessment of the patient or injured, diagnosis and provision of the required medical treatment including medications, use of sophisticated medical equipment and advanced airway management, and in extreme cases perform minor surgery on scene if needed. At last week's ceremony, 48 paramedics, with 28 National Service volunteers, received their certificates of accreditation. The unique course that launched for the first time, opened the gate for National Service volunteers to study the profession and is followed by two years of service as paramedics on MDA Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICUs). Among the course's graduates were Rachel (21) and Malki (19) Conan, Efrat residents who immigrated to Israel with their families from the United States in 2009 and serve as National Service Volunteer paramedics in Lod and Tomer Berkowitz (42) from Tel Aviv, Gershon Berkowitz's (66) son. Gershon, a graduate of MDA's first Paramedic Course which ended 38 years ago is still active on MDA's MICUs.

Photos: Issachar Weiss- MDA operational photographers unit



Tu BiShvat has Arrived – Giving to Another

As part of the tradition and the special activities of MDA's youth volunteers for Tu BiShvat, 400 youth volunteers from MDA Ayalon region, together with dozens of children with special needs, participated in the "Celebration in the Forest" activity in Lechi forest, in Mishmar Ayalon

In a celebration held in cooperation with the Keren Kayemet Le'Israel, the children experienced nature in various work stations that were scattered around the forest, where they learned from the Keren Kayemet Le'Israel instructors on the Land of Israel and the beauty of nature. In addition, they enjoyed creativity stalls, a circle of drummers, and everyone participated in a joint social activity.

At the end of the activities, a ceremony was held in which trees were planted, wish balloons were released and greetings were received, mainly thanks to those children who, despite their young age, find a place to help and save lives and serve as a personal example to many.



Photos: MDA Spokesmen

Strengthening Israel's Blood Services System!

About 250 phlebotomists operate in the Blood Services and collect about 260,000 blood units a year. This is a critical task which requires a massive workforce. Therefore, Lior Altman, who serves as the Director of the Blood Donation Department, decided to increase the number of phlebotomists and initiated training for 250 new volunteers from around the country. Part of their role is assisting the phlebotomy team in conducting preliminary tests for donors, conducting interviews with them, and in registering and changing the blood donations. In doing so, they shorten the waiting times of the blood donors and become an integral part of the lifesaving process involved in the blood donation process. In addition, the new volunteers expressed their willingness to assist in the training to educate and recruit potential blood donors in organizations, companies, schools, and IDF bases, etc., order to help the MDA Blood Services reach the daily quota required to ensure the health of patients. These volunteers will undergo additional training courses in the coming year, which will expand their training and their qualification to additional positions, while progressing through stages to a volunteer blood training course specially designed for them by the Blood Services Department.



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The Israel Police and MDA are Saving Lives Together in Rahat!



The Rahat Police Station operates a network of 22 youth volunteers and they work to maintain order in the periphery. This week, first aid instructors from the Rahat branch, Anis Debas and Daliya Al-Azmi, arrived with the Israel Police and taught the young people how to perform CPR and how to provide initial treatment for the injured. MDA promised to continue to work together and hopes to arrange additional such courses for the youth.



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Don't worry, Mom and Dad are Here

Magen David Adom believes that the greater the number of parents who know first aid, the greater the chance that the injured, especially children, will survive medical emergencies. Therefore, MDA trains various communities First Aid and lifesaving skills. For example, last Saturday night, 30 women, mothers of young children, gathered for a training session in which they received tools for dealing with life-threatening emergencies in children, which MDA believes will enable them to become a primary response force. There was a great deal of interest in guidance in the community for English-speaking Haredi women in the Ramat Eshkol neighborhood. The

training was given by professional instructors, Katia and Sima Wiener, MDA volunteers and with the logistical assistance of the heads of the Ramat Eshkol team and the MDA volunteers department in the Jerusalem area.



At the second training session held in Gush 80, students from families who learned from the instructor Rabbi Eli Godlevsky participated in how to provide life-saving medical assistance in the first moments following a medical emergency. The professional training



team guided the participants in dealing with critical emergency events such as basic Adult and Child CPR, suffocation treatment, and treatment of poisoning and injuries. The two groups thanked the MDA volunteers, the professional training teams and initiators Yitzhak Zalmanov, Netanel Schwartz and Ms. Greenwald, who worked so hard to make these meetings the best.

Doing Hasbarah at a Pregnancy and Childbirth Convention in Kfar Ha'Maccabiah



The main convention on pregnancy and childbirth was held on January 4, 2019 in Ramat Gan and was attended by hundreds of young men and women, parents and future parents. About 200 of them came to MDA's information booth and heard about the organization's activities, learned about safety at home and ways to prevent early childhood accidents, received tools to treat suffocation among babies and children, fever seizures, resuscitation and first-aid treatment of the injuries typical of the young age. The 3 visitors were invited to train with special resuscitation mannequins. Ramat Gan Mayor Carmel Shama arrived at the MDA booth and spoke with the teams and the excited parents: Hila, mother of 2: "I am the mother of a 3 year old child and an 8 month old baby who takes everything into his mouth. Two weeks ago he swallowed leaves and I did not know what to do, I was afraid he would choke." Another parent, a father of three, turned to the team and said, "I saw the neighbor's baby twitching. They called me for help but I did not know what to do. It's important for me to know how to function in such situations."



Photos: MDA Spokesmen

MDA Medic Rescued Pit Bull Dogs in a Fire in Ramat Gan

Morduch Ben Nissan is a volunteer medic in MDA when on Thursday 10 January 2019 he responded to an emergency call for a fire in a residential building in Ramat Gan. Upon his arrival at the site with the ambulance team he checked the residents who were taken out of the building. He then heard barking from a locked apartment on one of the floors, the firefighter broke through the door, after which the paramedic came in and rescued two frightened pit-bulls, and the two took the dogs out of the building and Morduch gave them a thorough check and found out they were suffering from smoke inhalation. He took care of them until the arrival of a veterinarian and contacted the owners of the dogs. The residents said that they had been afraid to approach the dogs and thanked the medic for his courage. Murdoch recounted: "I love dogs and connect with them easily. They were frightened but I calmed them quickly. I had dogs in the past and it's easy for me to take care of them. I'm glad they're safe and well and I was glad I could help."



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