

MAGEN
DAVID
ADOM
IN ISRAEL



מגן דוד
אדום
בישראל

Israel's National EMS



MDAOnLine

31.1.19



MDA Participates in a Mass Casualty Incident Drill in Chile



International Holocaust Remembrance day is commemorated on January 27th



From Singapore to MDA



An Evening of Appreciation and Preparation for the IDF for 2018 MDA Youth Volunteers



MDA Friends of Israel Launch a Mobile Intensive Care Unit in Ofakim



Special Tu B'Shvat Tribute

Picture of the week



**Do you have an interesting story?
An exciting news?**

Send us to: info@mda.org.il



MDA Participates in a Mass Casualty Incident Drill in Chile

Countries around the world are learning from Israel's National Rescue Organization

Last month representatives of the Magen David Adom mission arrived in Santiago, the capital of Chile, to hold a joint drill of a mass casualty incident* **MDA Director-General Eli Bin:** "I welcome every activity in which people donate their knowledge and experience people are benefit from , in Israel and abroad "

At the initiative of the Israeli Embassy in Santiago (Ambassador Eldad Hayat and Deputy Ambassador Yonatan Bar-El), about a month ago (December 10-13 2018) a workshop was held demonstrating a mass casualty incident in Santiago, the capital of Chile, organized by the Embassy in cooperation with the Director of SAMU in the District of Santiago (SAMU REGION METROPOLITANA - RM), Municipality of LAS CONDES and MDA. The workshop was attended by about 100 participants including managers from Santiago's main ambulances services, university representatives, police, fire fighters, army, situation room of Santiago Health Ministry, Institute of Pathology, Ministry of Crisis Management (ONEMI), Santiago, hospitals and LAS CONDES municipality.

During the first two days of the workshop, the

participants learned about MDA's model for managing mass casualty incidents, managing a local team and formulating a local model for managing a mass casualty incident. On the third day of the workshop, the drill took place and the following day (on the fourth day) a working meeting was held, led by the SAMU RM manager, to formulate a work plan.

The drill simulated evacuation of a 15-story municipality building. In attendance were three fire departments, the Santiago district health department command post, volunteer psychologists, the Red Cross in Chile, Representatives of the police and ambulances from 10 different organizations. This is the first time that an inter-organizational drill of this scale has taken place. It should be noted that MDA maintains a working relationship with SAMU (the organizing framework of the public EMS services in Chile) since their establishment in the 1990s, and MDA was a partner in the establishment of various services throughout the country including development of various training programs and participation in conferences and professional meetings.

Photos: MDA Spokesmen





International Holocaust Remembrance day is commemorated on January 27th

The international #WeRemember 2019 Campaign has been started in the lead-up to this day

The campaign calls for organizations as well as individuals across the world to post a picture on social media sites with the #WeRemember hashtag, in order to promote Holocaust remembrance and to honor both those who perished as well as those who survived.

Magen David Adom is proud to join the campaign and has called on its volunteers and employees to post pictures whilst holding a sign that reads #We Remember. Dozens of people have responded to the challenge and social media sites have been flooded by staff from across MDA's regions, irrespective of age and background

and including youth volunteers who were accompanying survivors. MDA's Public Relations department called on our Friends' Associations from across the globe to join the campaign and have their photos taken with the signs, in order that the campaign should spread globally with Jews across the world participating, bringing pride from within the organization as well as from the outside

Photos: MDA Spokesmen





From Singapore to MDA

Singapore's Fire and Rescue Commissioner Eric Yap asked to visit Magen David Adom, Israel's national rescue organization, while he was in Israel to learn about its activities.

During the visit, the Commissioner toured the Magen David Adom' national dispatch center of and saw the activities of the Israeli rescue organization. Eric commented on how impressed he was with MDA's technology, which are among the most advanced in the world, and especially from the comand and control system developed by Magen David Adom.

He said that the activities of 22,000 volunteers, saving lives showed the selflessness and caring they all feel for every Israeli citizen is an exceptional that attests to the humanity and mutual responsibility of Israeli citizens.

This visit took place within the framework of delegations from various organizations around the world that come to Israel to learn the working methods of Magen David Adom and apply them to their organizations.

We are happy to share our knowledge and experience with international partners and are proud to spread our uniqueness as Israelis throughout the world.

Photos: MDA Spokesmen





An Evening of Appreciation and Preparation for the IDF for 2018 MDA Youth Volunteers

On Monday, January 29, an evening of appreciation and preparation for the IDF for thousands of youth volunteers was held at the Haifa Congress Hall. The event was attended by some 2,000 youth volunteers who came from all MDA stations in Israel - from Eilat to Kiryat Shmona. The volunteers received an explanation of the medical professions in the IDF and of the national service project as a paramedic in MDA and heard about the experiences of Merav Kaufman, who serves as a paramedic in the framework of national service. In front of thousands of excited youths, the singer Idan Amedi gave a performance and told the youths that he also served as a combat medic and brought up a youth volunteer to sing with hi

Photos: MDA Spokesmen





MDA Friends of Israel Launch a Mobile Intensive Care Unit in Ofakim

A new Intensive Care Unit joins the fleet of MDA rescue vehicles at the Ofakim station and will serve, at the request of the donors, the residents of Ofakim and Negev Region.

The MICU was donated by a family that wished to commemorate the memory of the deceased family's mother through MDA Friends in Israel.

The family wishes to preserve its privacy, so we do not reveal their names.

A festive ceremony for the unveiling of the car was held at the MDA national dispatch center in Kiryat Ono, in the presence of the family members, MDA friends in Israel management and Magen David Adom representatives from the Ofakim station.

MDA teams conducted a tour of the national dispatch center and the MICU, it's role and advanced equipment.

Photos: Eliran Avital





Yossi Gal planted 18 palm trees with MDA paramedics who saved his life

About five months ago, Yossi Gal (64), a resident of Tomer in the Jordan Valley, collapsed in his home after suffering a severe heart attack and in a life threatening condition. The MDA team, headed by Paramedic Amit Nuriani and Yevgeny Lampert, were dispatched and reached the scene in a mobile Intensive Care Unit. Having diagnosed a myocardial infarction, Paramedic Amit decided to call over the MDA helicopter. Minutes later, paramedics Yossi Halabi and Zvika Malkis landed in the helicopter at the moshav. With great professionalism, the paramedics provided life-saving medical treatment and while preparing the medical teams at Hadassah Ein Kerem Hospital, they evacuated the patient by helicopter directly to the catheterization unit. Four days later, Yossi was released from the hospital, returned to full functioning and his heart remained intact.

Since then, Yossi Gal has had a strong desire to convey his gratitude to the paramedics who saved his life. He decided to do so in an original and festive way. He chose Tu B'Shvat as the most appropriate day, and decided to plant, together with the MDA team that saved his life, 18 (the numerical value of the letters in the Hebrew word חיים ["Ha'i"] which means "Alive") palm trees in a special plot of land allocated on the farm where he lives.

In a particularly heartwarming event, the MDA paramedics who saved his life arrived again at Yossi's farm. This time they were accompanied by about forty MDA youth volunteers from Afula and Beit She'an. They were excited to meet Yossi Gal, an Israeli farmer to his core, standing on his feet, smiling and healthy. Yossi gave a warm hug to each one of the paramedics and told them about his memories and experiences from the incident. Then the paramedics, together with Yossi's family and the MDA youth volunteers, went to a special plot of land on the farm and there they planted 18 palm trees that will bear the fruits known as "Majehui" dates, for many years to come. At the end of the plantings, Paramedic Amit Nuriani and Shir, Yossi's granddaughter, unveiled together a special plaque engraved as follows: "To the Lifesaving People of MDA, with Gratitude."

