



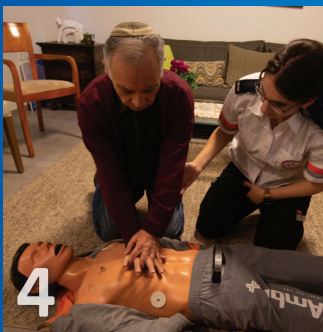
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20 new Immediate First Responders joined the MDA Ayalon region



Dozens of Injured and Two Killed in Two Major Road Accidents in Jerusalem Region

The Jerusalem Region teams were called to two multi-casualty incidents that took place within a few days, both road accidents involving multi passenger vans and a bus. In the fatal accidents more than 50 were injured and two women were killed. Paramedic and instructor at the Paramedics School, Israel Weingarten, who was one of the first in both scenes, reported: "On 6.2.2019 at 05:50, the Jerusalem Region Dispatch Center received a report on the first accident between a minibus and a truck on Route 38 near Eshtaol towards the train line, and the emergency call was sent to all the Magen David Adom forces. Israel says, "We found vehicles at the scene, including many injured and trapped persons, I began sorting and treating and with the teams in the area. We treated 10 injured, 4 of them in critical condition, who were evacuated from the scene by military helicopters to the hospitals in Jerusalem. MDA evacuated the rest of the injured by ambulances and MICUs. The scene was run efficiently and professionally, and the MDA

teams in Jerusalem, which are already trained in large events, performed very well. "Five days later, the teams had to deal with the harsh sights of the injured, the screams of pain, blood, and the wrecked vehicles smoking on the sides of the road. Israel says that the scene of the accident looked like a scene of a terror attack. Weingarten:" The second accident took place on, 11.2.2019, when a vehicle standing in the middle of the road apparently caused a bus driver to stray from its path and lose control, the bus.

Additional MDA teams searched the area to locate the injured who had been evacuated from the bus during the accident. A military helicopter was also dispatched to evacuate the injured who were in critical condition. It was a long and complicated event, the injured lay inside and outside of the bus. The teams did an amazing job and worked in full cooperation with the firefighters and the police, and together we brought the injured quickly and efficiently to the hospitals in the city. "

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FIRST 7 MINUTES Instructing the Instructors

This week, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev hosted a professional continuing education seminar for MDA medics and paramedics, during which they trained in mass casualty incidents.

Upon completion of the seminar they will be qualified to teach MDA's unique 7 First Minutes program and will be able to contribute from their experience as lifesavers in communities around the world

There is a tremendous feeling of significance when a community comes together to save lives.

Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel national EMS

organization, has years of experience in treating wounded and managing multiple casualty incidents (MCI).

The "First 7 Minutes" is a unique seminar designed by Magen David Adom to enrich the greater worldwide Jewish community's knowledge of MCIs, and contribute to saving lives everywhere. Doing so empowers the community and enables them to save lives when needed.

There is no doubt that the new instructors who were accredited will help bring the program to many other communities around the world.





Life Supervisor

Aryeh Farkash is a Kashrut supervisor who works in a restaurant in Holon and a very active MDA volunteer. During his working day he has responded for many calls with his first responder ambulance with which he saves many lives. Last month, when Aryeh was on his way to work, he received a call from his boss, Yitzhak Polidan, saying that he was not feeling well. After a quick telephone conversation, Aryeh realized that Yitzhak was having a heart attack, Aryeh reported to the MDA 101 Dispatch Center and requested they dispatch a MICU. He immediately drove his ambulance to Yitzhak's address. Upon his arrival, he performed an initial assessment and gave medication to Yitzhak, his boss. An MDA MICU led by paramedic Arin Kabha continued the life-saving medical treatment and evacuated

Itzik to Ichilov Hospital in coordination with the cardiac unit in the hospital where he underwent a catheterization and his condition stabilized. MDA EMT Aryeh Farkash: "I have known Yitzhak for many years and the moment I heard his voice on the phone, I knew something was wrong. I am happy that with my knowledge and experience I helped Yitzhak. Every day when I see him on his legs with no damage to his heart, I get emotional again.

"I want to thank him from the bottom of my heart, to Aarin the paramedic and to Dr. Maayan of Ichilov Hospital, a combination of three angels who come from each of the different sectors and the common denominator of all three is saving life led to my came out of the event in health".

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Closure

Yossi Learned Resuscitation from the MDA Paramedic who Saved his Life

Yossi Yehudai (74) lost consciousness and collapsed in the yard of a building in Petach Tikvah while on his way home from the synagogue. The paramedic at the MDA 101 Dispatch Center immediately identified the severity of the incident and dispatched the MDA MICU and first responders while instructing the civilian who witnessed the incident how to perform basic CPR. The MICU team led by paramedic Tal Morag, together with the ambulance team and first responders, provided medical treatment and performed prolonged resuscitation efforts until Yossi's pulse stabilized and he was evacuated to the hospital in critical condition. In the emergency room, Yossi lost his pulse for the second time and the MDA team continued to fight for his life together with the hospital's medical team until his condition stabilized and he was transferred for further treatment. Two days after the incident, paramedic Tal Morag arrived at the hospital and asked to visit Yossi, who was in a critical condition, sedated and ventilated, but only met his family members who were very excited to see her and thanked her and MDA team for their efforts. Recently MDA Paramedic Tal Morag met Yossi for the first time in his home in Petach Tikva when she came to visit him and to provide CPR training to Yossi, his wife Hefezi and their family members.

MDA Paramedic Tal Morag: "When I came to visit Yossi at the hospital, he was unconscious. The doctors told me that his condition is stable and that the check

they performed showed no brain damage. His wife and children who met me at the hospital told me that I was their Chanukka miracle. When I heard a few days later that Yossi was released home without any damage, I wanted to meet him but I also wanted to make the visit memorable and decided to take advantage of the opportunity to teach Yossi and his family what to do during the critical moments like the situation in which Yossi found himself just a short time ago. The moment I went into the house and saw Yossi in the living room, I was moved. It was the first time I had met a patient who I had resuscitated and had completely recovered. To teach Yossi and his family how very simple actions can save lives is a closing the circle for me. "I was very excited to meet Tal," said Yossi Yehudai after his home instruction: "I have no words to thank her for her professionalism and for the fact that she and her team saved my life by providing the correct medical treatment after I collapsed and lost consciousness. I also want to say thank you to the bystanders who were around and called MDA and thus saved my life. We, as human beings, must be aware of everything that is happening around us, and when Tal instructed us how to perform resuscitation activities for my family, I was amazed to discover how we did not know until now what to do in a case that like happened to me and how we can help those who need help and save their lives in very basic activities."

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Community Day in Rahat School

170 adult and youth volunteers attended the Community Day. During the day, the participants received an explanation about the Magen David Adom organization, the national rescue organization of the State of Israel, the meaning of volunteering and saving lives, and at the end of which a rescue drill was carried out.

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MDA Yohai Porat Course for Overseas Students- December 2018

A few weeks ago, students from all around the world took part in the First Responder course at Magen David Adom Israel and as part of their program, went on a special visit to the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Jerusalem. During the visit, they took part in a discussion with Mr. Paul Gershon, an ambassador for Israel in Africa.

There they discussed the relationship between Israel and the diaspora, Israeli society, challenges Israel faces nowadays in international diplomacy, the portrayal of Israel in the media and Israel's relationship with the student's home countries.

The young MDA volunteers were able to receive answers to their questions and to learn more about the inner workings of Israel's diplomatic world. In addition

they received tools in diplomacy and were given the opportunity to connect to Israel in a unique way.

For some of the students, it is their first time visiting Israel. It's exciting to see the participants learn about the culture, history, language and traditions of Israel through their volunteering experience with MDA.

The international MDA course introduces the students to the Israeli health system and society in addition to teaching lifesaving skills that can and will be used once the course ends. Students go through stimulation training as well practical hands on work on ambulances alongside paramedics in real time emergencies.

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