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Photo: MDA Spokesmen

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Birth in a Taxi Anwar Sharkawi, a resident of Jaffa, was in the right place at the right time when he happened to be in the parking lot next to the emergency room in the hospital and suddenly heard a man shouting that his wife was giving birth in a taxi and that he needed help. Sharkawi delivered the woman in a taxi, the baby's umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck and Anwar removed it to prevent suffocation.



“As Part of my Official State Visit to Canada, We Cherished the Wonderful Lifesaving Work of the Canadian MDA”

Canadian Magen David Adom took great pride in hosting his Excellency, the Honorable Reuven (Ruvi) Rivlin, President of the State of Israel, a long-time supporter and great friend of MDA at an Exclusive Reception at the Four Season's Hotel last Sunday evening. In a beautiful and meaningful speech, the president acknowledged Magen David Adom's life saving efforts, support

for the State of Israel and all its citizens.

Mr. Rivlin thanked Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel's (CMDAI) supporters in English, French and Hebrew: "Thank you! Merci! Todah Rabah" for their dedication that made hundreds of life saving ambulance, Medi-Cycles and emergency and Blood Bank equipment possible.





Magen David Adom to Provide Tens of Thousands of Families with Decent Passover Holiday Meals

Magen David Adom's Passover Seder meal drive has turned into a tradition and for the thirteenth consecutive year, volunteers, teenagers and adults alike, will collect food for families in need. MDA volunteers will be collecting, for the 13th consecutive Year, food from homes, communities and in supermarkets throughout Israel. Adult MDA volunteers will also be collecting food products at their workplaces. The products will

be packed by the volunteers and delivered on Passover to families in need.

MDA calls the general public to visit supermarkets and donate products such as matzos, wine, grape juice, oil, sugar, matzos flour, chocolate spread, jelly, black coffee, instant coffee, soft drinks, canned tuna, pickles, canned fruit, cookies, cakes, charoset, horse radish, juice syrup, UHT milk, potatoes, etc.





International Aid Efforts are Still Ongoing to Help the Victims of the Cyclone in Mozambique

A Magen David Adom Paramedic tells of the sights he witnessed as part of the Canadian Red Cross delegation.

Harel Sasson, an MDA and Israel Red Cross Paramedic flew last week alongside the Canadian Red Cross delegation to Mozambique in an effort to provide medical and humanitarian aid to those affected by the devastating cyclone that occurred last week, and which has affected on some two million people. As part of ongoing cooperation between MDA and the International Red Cross, MDA Paramedic Harel Sasson underwent training six months ago in Norway to set up and run a Red Cross field hospital in a multicultural and challenging setting. Harel is part of a 40-strong team who have set up the hospital and are working to rebuild the water facilities in the damaged area. The delegation is set to carry out their work for the next 4 months.

MDA/Red Cross Paramedic Harel Sasson: “We arrived at the weekend and saw firsthand the devastation caused by the cyclone. Homes were destroyed, water infrastructure has been ruined that and caused disruption to the water supplies,

there is a lack of food and huge pressure on the hospitals, some of which have also been damaged. We were sent to Nia-Matenda to help the local medical teams in the hospital that was treating victims of the cyclone. Damage to the hospital itself was clearly visible. Due to the water supplies being disrupted there is fear over the outbreak of diseases such as Cholera. The Red Cross delegation, of which I am a member, aims to build an advanced field hospital where we expect to see some of the most complex cases caused by the storm, as well as to provide routine assistance to the many victims of this dreadful disaster. We are preparing to deal with anything from basic first aid to delivering babies or complex operations. This is a well-trained team and I'll be here for approximately a month.”

Dr. Mario Raviolo, an MDA volunteer doctor from Italy, also joined the rescue efforts. Dr. Raviolo is a graduate of the MDA International Doctors' Course and currently serves as a volunteer instructor.





The Father who Became an Instructor

Oren Keiner is a paramedic and a father and he likes to combine his two loves. So on the Day of Good Deeds, Oren chose to do the best thing he could do and teach others to save lives. Oren arrived at the "Hut Ha-Shani" school in Modi'in, where his son is studying, and gave an experiential lecture to dozens of curious children to strengthen ties with the community. As you will see in the photos, the children enjoyed and especially his son, who proudly wore his vest and told everyone about Dad's special work. Well done to the Keener family





BBQ in Honor of the Volunteers

During the middle of March a delicious BBQ evening was held for the volunteers of the MDA Jerusalem Region.

The evening attended by many of the volunteers, mainly the youth of the region, included an enjoyable barbeque donated by Steve, an American donor from Los Angeles.

Many of the participants arrived dressed up in their Purim costume contributing to the fun filled evening.

"I wish to thank you all for the good that you are doing for the State of Israel and its people. This evening is for you as a token of gratitude for your

amazing volunteerism" said Steve during the evening to all those present.

Avi Hovav, Deputy Director of the Jerusalem Region, awarded Steve with a gift from the region and thanked him for all he does for MDA.

Mrs. Dina Leeds, Chairwoman of Friends of Magen David Adom – Western USA, and her husband Mr. Fred Leeds, who were also present at the even added onto Steve's words of appreciation and thanked the volunteers and staff of MDA for their incredible work to save lives and help those in need.

Photos: Eden Buksenbaum





The First MDA Youth Volunteers in Segev Shalom

19 teenagers successfully completed the first youth course of Magen David Adom in Segev Shalom (Shaqib al-Salam or Segev Shalom is a Bedouin town and a local council in the Southern District of Israel, southeast of Beersheba). The course, which was held in conjunction with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), took place in the town's high school and was attended by 4 boys and 15 girls, all of whom are residents of Segev Shalom. Graduates of the course who have been certified as first aid providers will join Magen David Adom as volunteers in the region's stations and will take an active part in

saving lives. The festive graduation ceremony was held at the community center in Segev Shalom, in the presence of the MDA volunteers' manager in the Negev region, Ronen Greizak and the MDA volunteer coordinator in Segev Shalom, Yasser Abu Qatima, who said, "We are very excited to conclude the first MDA youth course in Segev Shalom. These are quality youth who want to contribute to the community, volunteer and take a significant part in Magen David Adom activities to save lives. We have no doubt that they will be the pioneers and will be followed by many additional volunteers from the region."

