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Picture of the week



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Ambulance Birthday Bash MDA medics who regularly drive elderly woman to hospital for dialysis treatment prepare her surprise on ambulance for her 81st birthday.



In Addition to Saving Lives in Israel, MDA Helps to Save Lives around the World

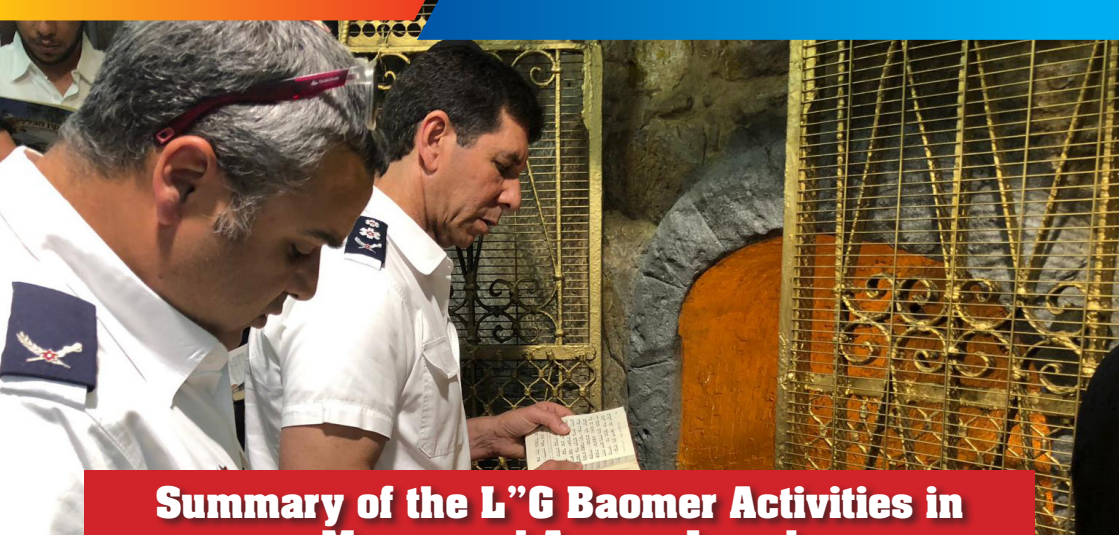
Last week MDA hosted, for the first time in Israel, a conference for Jewish Rescue Organizations from around the world. This initiative came both from Magen David Adom and the New York rescue company. During the conference, 150 representatives from all the different rescue organizations - medics, paramedics and doctors - met with MDA, and participated in drills and simulations of complex emergency scenarios, which included mass casualty events, terrorist attacks and road accidents. MDA is in constant communication with the Jewish rescue organizations around the world, and trains their teams in order to improve the quality of emergency medicine in the Jewish communities. Last week's international conference in Israel exposed these teams to MDA's activity in Israel and the unique challenges it entails.

President of the New York rescue company, Yitzhak Stern: "Fifty years ago, a man named Herschel Weber, while in Brooklyn, suddenly saw a man suffering from chest pains on the side of the road. All though he immediately called the US rescue organization, they had to wait 45 minutes for the ambulance until it was too late. In that moment he decided to buy an oxygen cylinder and medical equipment and asked some of his friends

to buy the equipment as well, and so started a new rescue company in New York. In the years that followed, the Jewish organization expanded, and today we have branches in many parts of the world. Our unique relationship with MDA began in the Gulf War, when we assisted MDA in the purchasing of communications devices. In the past 20 years, medical teams from the New York rescue company have been trained by MDA and have assisted them in every need, while in wars and other emergencies in Israel. For the first conference of Jewish rescue organizations around the world, our cooperation is of most importance".

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "We are working to train medics and paramedics in the different Jewish communities around the world, in accordance with the standards of Magen David Adom, which are among the highest in the world. In addition to saving lives in Israel, MDA helps save lives around the world. This special conference we organized, in full cooperation with the New York rescue company, opens the door for the representatives of emergency medicine from around the world to learn from MDA's experience of saving lives while coping with the unique challenges of State of Israel".





Summary of the L"G Baomer Activities in Meron and Across Israel

MDA Medical Teams Treated more than 450 People

Since Wed. May 22 early morning hours until the day after, Magen David Adom teams were busy, providing medical treatment to 450 of the Meron attendees. 40 of them were evacuated by MDA ambulances for further treatment at hospitals.

In addition to the many events treated by the Magen David Adom teams in Meron, during the Lag B'Omer events throughout the country, MDA medics and paramedics provided medical treatment to 185 people, including a 9 year old boy from the city of Elad with burns, overexposure of alcohol, 76 people with shortness of breath and

45 adolescents and adults who were treated after violent incidents, some of whom even needed further medical treatment and were evacuated to hospitals throughout the country.

Hundreds of Magen David Adom Paramedics, EMTs, First Aid providers had been deployed at Mount Meron area, activating two field clinics, MICUs, Ambulances, Multi Casualties Mobile Response Units, Medi-Cycles, Dune Buggies, and Command & Control Vehicles. All of which were ready to provide medical treatment to the hundreds of thousands of people in the area around the mountain. The MDA Northern Helicopter was also on call.





“Magen David Adom is the Most Famous Brand in Israel“

The Israeli Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Ofer Sachs, praised the activities of the National Rescue Organization of Israel in front of 200 people from the Jewish community in Rome, at a special fundraising event held in honor of Magen David Adom.

The Jewish community in Rome is stable and its presence has been maintained for decades. From the huge response to the fundraising event we can learn about the strong community ties and connection to the organization in Israel.

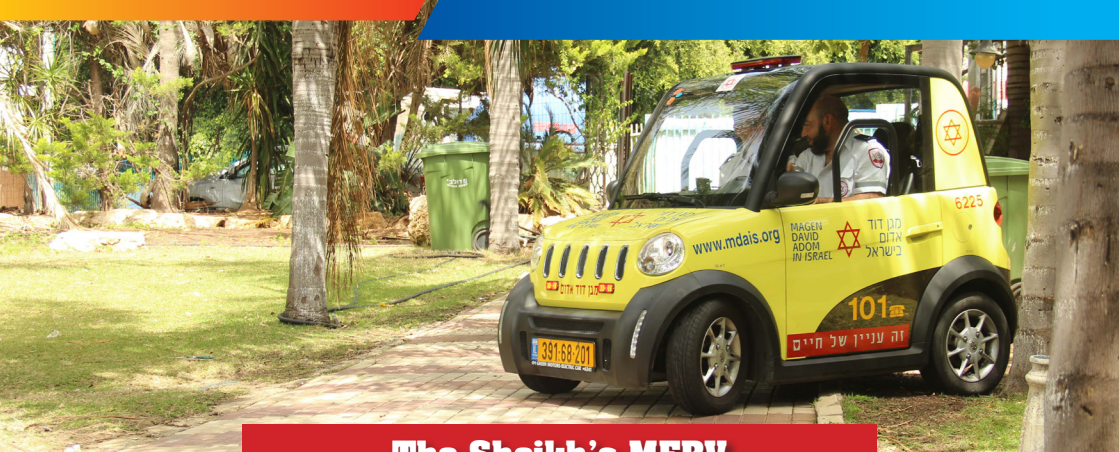
In addition, Ambassador Sachs spoke of the importance of Magen David Adom as the umbrella organization for emergency

medicine and humanitarian assistance during emergencies and the routine. He thanked the MDA Italian friends for their intensive work to promote the organization and to maintain its strength.

A successful fundraising event was held the day before in Milan. Both events were sponsored by the MDA Friends society in Italy.

During the events, the first episode of the series “Ambulance” was screened, in the presence of two of the protagonists medic Noa Tiram and paramedic Fadi Dikidak, both from the Jerusalem region. They shared their experiences working in MDA, bought in the field and in the dispatch center.





The Sheikh's MERV

Sheikh Ahmad Abu Saif, 43 years old, married with five children, is a Sheikh in the neighborhood mosque in Jaffa. A year and a half ago, Sheikh Ahmad joined an emergency medicine course and began volunteering as a medic at Magen David Adom.

Sheikh Ahmed continues his work in the mosque and in the Bat Yam municipality all while volunteering at MDA. He comes in the MDA MERV to many cases every day with the purpose of saving lives.

The Sheikh works in the Bat Yam Municipality during the morning hours, where they recognize the importance of his work at MDA, and enables him to go out and save lives even during working hours. He parks the MERV every evening in his yard next to the chickens and the fruit trees.

The MERV, which is dependent on volunteer operators, including Sheikh Abu Saif, began operating in Jaffa about a year ago. It is an electric vehicle, supplied with first-aid and advanced resuscitation equipment, designed to shorten MDA's response time, to quickly reach narrow and crowded places, and to get through traffic.

Three of Sheikh Ahmed Abu Saif's children

followed in his footsteps, and began volunteering at MDA: Sabriya (19) and Hadar (18) recently completed a medics course, and Adam (15) is a youth volunteer at MDA. His son who is only 8 years old already dreams of being a paramedic.

When Sheikh Ahmed was asked if he had any time left for children, he said, "volunteering and saving lives is the most important thing that one can do, my children have learned this, and have joined MDA as soon as they could." In addition the Sheikh mentioned: "in recent years people's awareness of the importance of volunteering at MDA has grown"

Among the residents of Jaffa, there are about 100 medics and paramedics and about 70 MDA youth volunteers. After the month of Ramadan, another training course is scheduled to open, this will be the fourth course to take place in Jaffa.

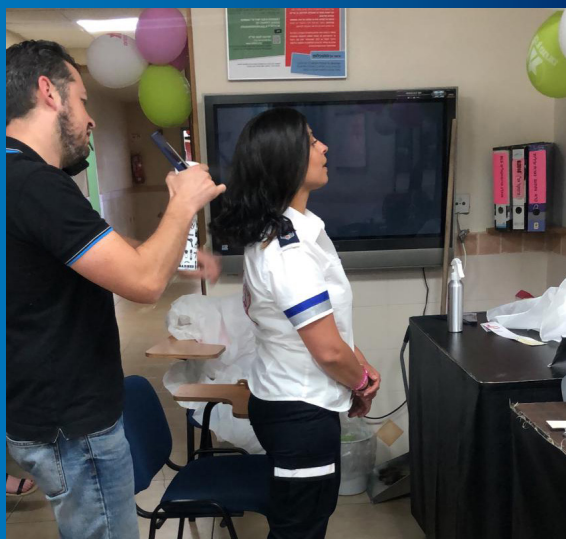
Sheikh Ahmed Abu Saif: "The activities of Magen David Adom in Jaffa have expanded significantly in recent Years. Today the average arrival time is only a few minutes, due to the broad participation and fruitful cooperation with the residents of the city. Our religion asks us to give, and so I implore you all – give."





Unconditional Giving

The phlebotomist Eleanor Dali is a very special woman for many reasons, not only did she choose to engage in a life-saving profession and help others throughout the year, but she recently went above and beyond. She coordinated a special fundraising day in cooperation with “Zichron Menachem”, an organization which collects hair donations for women coping with cancer, and she decided to donate both her hair and blood at the same time! Well done Eleanor!





Giving and Giving - But You Can Always Give a Little More

Magen David Adom workers and volunteers collected over 200 food parcels for needy families in Sakhnin and the surrounding area in honor of Ramadan.

Magen David Adom workers and volunteers thank the residents for their response and contribution to the needy families.

We should always be privileged to be on the giving side

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