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Jerusalem Botanical Garden, MDA is participating as well 😊



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MDA at Sea, in the Air and on Land

The Magen David Adom' Sea-Bulance, which was launched last week at the Kinneret, has already been able to assist the sick and injured, including those who were treated by medics and paramedics on the Sea-Bulance: a man who suffered a severe allergy attack, a man who felt sick and a wind surfer who was in distress during surfing, and a young woman was injured in her limbs during a cruise in the Sea of Galilee. In addition, the Sea-Bulance boat assisted in the rescue of a grandfather and his grandchildren, who were stuck in the heart of Lake Kinneret because of a technical malfunction in their boat. In another case, medics and MDA paramedics helped the marine police boat to patrol the sea, searching for a man who appeared to be drowning in the Sea of Galilee, near the segregated shore of Tiberias.

The Magen David Adom's Sea-Bulance enables the MDA medics paramedics to arrive with advanced medical equipment to patients while they are still in the waters of Lake Kinneret, thus saving critical minutes, versus cases where the injured person receives medical treatment only when he reaches the shore, The MDA teams on the Sea-Bulance provide a quick response to medical emergencies on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, arriving quickly through the sea.

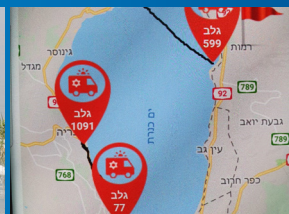
Last summer MDA medics and paramedics treated a hundred and sixty-two people who had been rescued from the sea on beaches around the country, including seven who drowned on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. MDA did not wait for the next event and launched the Sea-Bulance in order to save lives. The Sea-Bulance, Whale r500 professional, which is

resistant to damage that can be caused by rocks and vegetation. It reaches a speed of up to 35 knots (more than 60 km / h), and can pass from one side of the Sea of Galilee to the other in just 10 minutes. The boat, which is designed to carry six people, has advanced medical equipment including a defibrillator, ventilation equipment, stretcher and more".

The boat donors, Liat and Gary Wayne: "The Sea of Galilee in the shape of a harp gives life to its surroundings and its message is to get something good and pass it on, to give a melody to life and to give happiness to the people around you. This is for the Magen David Adom organization, which receives donations and forwards them to help people in distress, please accept our gift with joy and continue to save lives. "

Director of the MDA Friends in Israel, Orly Ariel: "The donation of Liat and Gary Wayne is especially important these days, in which we face many challenges: The partnership of the wealthy citizens, alongside the life-saving volunteers in MDA, is taking responsibility for our life. I hope that many will follow in the footsteps of Gary and Liat, in order to assure us a strong MDA that will save us everywhere and at any time. "

MDA Director General, Eli Bin: "In Magen David Adom we are constantly working to improve response times and arrival to patients, on land, in the air and at the sea, I thank the Jordan Valley Regional Council, the Ein Gev vacation village, and the maritime policing system for their cooperation, and of course for the dear Liat and Gary Wayne, whose donation enabled the purchase of the unique Magen David Adom boat to save lives





Saving Lives Internationally

Beijing Health Ministry officials visited MDA to learn from the organization's knowledge and capabilities

Senior officials from Beijing's Health Ministry, a city of some 20 million people, arrived in Israel and met with senior officials at Magen David Adom to learn about the advanced capabilities of Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization. During their visit, the senior officials, including the deputy director of the Ministry of Health, toured MDA's National Operations Center in Kiryat Ono and received an overview of the organization's activities. The delegation members were impressed by Magen David Adom's advanced technology, its ability to operate volunteers and the community's involvement in the National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization. As part of the visit to the MDA National Operations Center, the delegation members watched a special drill, in which they were exposed to some of Magen David Adom's capabilities. In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the visits of senior medical personnel from China, who come to learn from of Magen David Adom. At the same time, senior officials from Magen David Adom participate in professional delegations to China, as part of the

cooperation between the two countries in the field of emergency medicine.

MDA Deputy Director General-Community Dr. Eli Jaffe: "We appreciate the seriousness of the group that came to Israel from Beijing. We met a highly professional group that goes down to detail and is very interested in the work of Magen David Adom. We were impressed with their willingness to do everything possible for the health of the residents of Beijing and to save lives, and we are happy to assist them share our knowledge and experience"

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "at Magen David Adom, we are constantly working to save more lives and are of one of the most technologically advanced systems in the world. Often, we are called upon to show our technologies and advancements in the field to medical professionals from around the world. It is a tremendous honor and exciting for us to share our knowledge with other medical professionals and work together to save lives".





WISHES Do Come True

MDA Australia Held it's Successful BEYOND A WISH Campaign in Melbourn

It was a fantastic annual campaign launch on the evening of Thursday June 13th in Melbourne as members of the community gathered to hear about Magen David Adom's Wish Ambulance from MDA guests Yonat Daskal-Dagan, Paramedic manager of the project, Itai Orion, Paramedic volunteer, and Ravit & Elisheva Cohen, mother and sister of Yotam (today aged 5.5) who shared their personal family story about Yotam who was diagnosed with Leukemia at age 2 and whose wish to fly in a helicopter was granted by the Wish Ambulance ultimately paving the way to his road to recovery.

The emotional evening featured the [BEYOND A WISH campaign](#) film that showed the activity of the Wish Ambulance which strengthens to those battling difficult illnesses. But the ultimate goal was to raise enough funds to

purchase a brand new, better equipped and state of the art Wish Ambulance to be able to grant more wishes across Israel.

Speeches were heard from MDA Australia (VIC) Chair Glynis Lipson and the guests from Israel as well as an intimate discussion panel MC'ed by Rabbi James Kennard.

The wonderful evening opened the week for further communal activities culminating in the successful phone and online campaign raising \$360,572 for the new ambulance from the very supportive Melbourne community!

"It was such a thrilling experience to feel such love and support for the project from the Melbourne community" said Yonat Daskal-Dagan.

"I feel we now have a very large new family from Australia, thank you MDA!" summed up Ravit Cohen, Yotam's mother.





The “First 7 Minutes” in South America

For the first time an MDA delegation of three instructors and in cooperation with the World Jewish Congress, accompanied by a representative from the Latin American Jewish Congress travelled to South America in order to instruct the community “The First 7 Minutes” seminar.

The seminar is conducted by MDA medics and paramedics. After training the principles of reaction and handling of mass casualty events, drills are conducted simulating multi-casualty

event. The goal of the seminar is to give the community the tools to cope with complex situations following mass casualties’ incidents. As part of the training, minimal means are used to illustrate how in any situation emergency assistance can be provided. It is amazing to see each time how the sense of competence of the community members rises

The MDA team arrived to Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina where more than 700 people were trained!





MDA Celebrates 28 Years of the International Flag Project

MDA overseas volunteers program

"MDA overseas" is a Zionist project, in which 500 young, Jewish, women and men, from around the world, between the ages of 18-28, come to Israel every year to volunteer in Magen David Adom. The volunteers stay in Israel for a period of about two months, during which they undergo a first aid course, followed by volunteer work in the Magen David Adom ambulances for about five weeks. Some of them even return to Israel for an MDA medics course.

The program began in 1991, during the Gulf War, when the Montreal Jewish Agency's emissary, Avner Bar-Hama, approached Magen David Adom and offered to send young people from McGill University to assist during the war. These young people underwent first aid training in Canada and flew to volunteer in MDA, Israel's national rescue and blood services organization. These people became the pioneers of the project, which later was known as "MDA overseas". In 2002, the decision was made to dedicate the program to the memory of Yochai Porat, who was the program coordinator in Israel, and was killed during an operational activity.

About 180 of the guests at the ceremony marking the 28th anniversary of the project were participants in the program. The participants came from 17 different countries around the world, including the United States, Holland, Thailand, Hong Kong, Morocco, Namibia and more.

"At the age of seven, I moved to Thailand,

and since then I have not been living in Israel. During the past few years I have been thinking about ways to strengthen my connection to the State of Israel, and when I heard about this program I knew I had found the place for me to volunteer in". **Said Dan Bornstein (22)**

"I am happy about the decision I made to devote my time to volunteering in Israel, and I thank MDA for the opportunity. Thanks to the important knowledge I acquired in Magen David Adom, I can help save lives wherever I go, in Israel and around the world".

MDA Deputy Director General - Community, Dr. Eli Yaffe: "We congratulate all the volunteers throughout the years, and appreciate the spirit of their mission and the choice to come and volunteer in MDA, to take care of patients, and save lives. We look forward to many more years of world-wide volunteering, in order to save lives and strengthen ties with the Jewish communities abroad".

MDA Director General, Eli Bin: "Magen David Adom is an international lifesaving brand, and one of the bodies most identified with the State of Israel, the Jewish people and the Zionist movement. We are celebrating the 28th anniversary of the wonderful project "MDA Overseas", in which all the participants get to volunteer in the State of Israel, and derive added value and meaning for the rest of their lives. In addition, these volunteers become MDA ambassadors around the world, helping to further the values of the organization, in order to save lives".



Third Generation in Life Saving

Goni Grisaro (15), of Herzliya has always dreamed of being like her parents, grandfather, and older sister and join the family business of saving lives. Goni is already planning to study medicine when she grows up, but had made up her mind from a young age to volunteer for MDA as a first aid provider in ambulances.

Goni's parents are doctors. Her father, Prof. Dan Grisaru, is an expert on oncologic gynecology at Ichilov, and her mother, Prof. Galia Grisaru, is a pediatric infectious disease specialist. They also volunteered for Magen David Adom, as well as Goni's sister, Sharon Grisaru, who was an MDA Paramedic and is currently studying medicine at Tel Aviv University.

"The value of volunteering and saving lives is of the highest priority in my family, and since I was little, I have been waiting to be old enough to

volunteer for MDA. My parents, grandfather and sister were always an example for me as doctors and volunteers in Magen David Adom, and their dedication to saving lives is commendable", said Goni. "I came to MDA because of the value of volunteering and the desire to help those who need it; in return I gained a second family, with amazing people from whom I learn a lot from every day."

"The instructors in the first aid course were very professional and accompany me today as an active volunteer whenever I want to consult or share my experiences," Goni said, "as part of the shifts I've done in the ambulance since I finished the course last month, I've provided medical care to victims of motor vehicle collisions, and those who were in severe pain. Each time I help a person in distress, I feel a tremendous sense of satisfaction."



MDA in the Community

Preventing drowning and performing basic CPR

Last week medics, paramedics and youth volunteers of Magen David Adom, in cooperation with lifeguards took to the beaches in Haifa to teach beachgoers basic water safety and how to provide initial treatment in case of drowning.

The training sessions were held at the Dado Beach in the city, where passersby learned to perform basic CPR and other steps to take in the first few minutes prior to the arrival of MDA teams, in cases of drowning, with an emphasis on children and infants. In addition, residents learned how to use a defibrillator, which can save lives in cases of cardiac arrest while the life guards at Haifa's beaches carried out public awareness activities on water safety and drowning prevention.

