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MDA Teams Treated 224 people during the Tisha B'Av Fast

Each year during the Tisha B'Av fast, one of the most difficult days of the year due to the heat, MDA teams treat many for related illnesses.

This year was no different, and MDA teams treated those who suffered from weakness, fainting, dizziness and confusion.



An International Life Saving

The Assistant Secretary of Health for Unconventional Terrorism visited Magen David Adom

Assistant US Secretary of Health for Unconventional Terrorism Dr. Robert Kadlec visited Magen David Adom and met with the organization's senior management.

The Assistant Secretary of Health was impressed with the advanced technology of Magen David Adom, the ability to activate volunteers and community involvement of the National Rescue Organization. As part of the visit to MDA's National Operation Center, Dr. Kadlec watched the unique rescue vehicles of Magen David Adom, including ambulances, MICUs, Medicycles, and MERVs.

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in visits by senior medical officials from around the world, who are impressed by the capabilities of Magen David Adom, Israel's National Rescue Organization. At the same time, MDA officials participate in professional international delegations.

Assistant Secretary of Health for Unconventional Terrorism, Dr. Robert Kadlec: "Magen David Adom is one of the world's leading emergency medical organizations. The experience of visiting the organization's National Operation Center was informative, and will assist us in improving our capabilities in dealing with disasters and emergencies."

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "The medical and technological capabilities that we constantly develop in MDA for the sake of saving lives in the State of Israel are among the most advanced in the world. Every time senior medical officials in the world come to Israel, share information and learn from us, in order to improve their ability to provide medical care to patients and injured quickly and professionally, this is very exciting and gratifying. We were honored to have Assistant U.S. Secretary of Health Dr. Robert Kadlec at Magen David Adom, Israel's National Rescue Organization, and I thank him for his visit."





MDA volunteers in Daliyat al-Carmel and Isfiya collected thousands of food items for families in need

Dozens of MDA volunteers, adults and youth from Daliyat al-Carmel and Isfiya, devoted their time, and for a week came every day to supermarkets in their communities to collect food donations for the Muslims and Druze families in need who celebrates Eid al-Adha from Sunday Aug. 11th. Many residents recognized the importance of donation for the needy, and bought food for them.

MDA volunteers who are engaged throughout the year in saving lives alongside humanitarian activities, have been able to assemble thousands of products, gather food baskets filled with food products, and handed them on to families in need, with the help of the “Clothing” and “Yes to Giving” organizations.

"Years ago, when I was a youth volunteer at MDA, I participated in fundraising campaigns for the needy, and I remember to this day the satisfaction I felt with knowing that we fill the refrigerator for families in need," said **Leviv Havi MDA's Daliyat al-Carmel MDA Station Paramedic in charge**, "This year's donation has proven itself, first and foremost because of the donation of MDA volunteers in Daliyat al-Carmel and Isfiya, that invested long hours in collecting food for the needy, but the joy of every family who gets a food basket and can properly celebrate the holiday matters."

MDA Director General Eli Bin has issued a special greeting for the holiday for the MDA workers and volunteers from the Muslim and Druze community.





Saving Lives during the Summer Vacation

Hundreds of MDA teens chose to study during the summer holiday

Like every year, Magen David Adom offers a variety of training courses for teenagers, who volunteer at MDA, during the summer holidays. About 1,400 teens spend time attending courses, held at the Herzog boarding school in Kfar Saba, during their summer vacation.

Among the variety of courses; the "Young Instructor" course, which trains high-school students to help run courses throughout the year, training sessions, and MDA community days. The "Youth Instructors" course, which trains teens to instruct the younger students during the school year, with the hope they will join MDA in the future, the "Leadership in Times of Disaster" course, in which youth volunteers are trained to assist in providing advanced treatment in mass casualty events. These summer courses upgrade the MDA youth volunteers' training.

This past year, approximately 1,500 youth volunteers from around the country have been trained as first aid providers. The courses throughout the year are an extension of the 60-hour first aid course. Today, the girls and boys who come to volunteer at Magen David Adom are exposed to educational content, in addition to the first aid provider's course, prior to the start of their

volunteer work.

Another 200, 18 year old teens, who volunteered at MDA in high-school, are currently undergoing a completion course, and will be qualified as emergency medicine medics, before enlistment in the IDF.

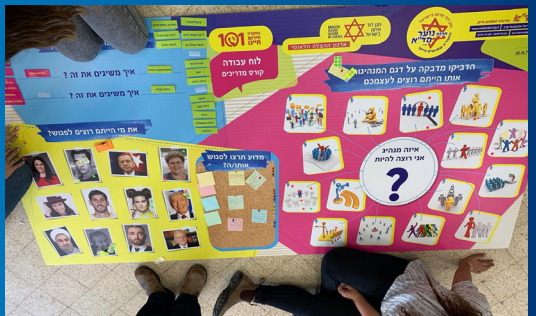
In addition, this year, there are MDA courses for teens going in to seventh and eighth grade, ages 12-13. 800 students are attending courses at MDA stations across the country, and over the course of three days, are learning how to provide basic first aid in medical emergencies. Among the contents of the course; performing CPR and using a defibrillator, stopping bleeds, treating injuries caused by animals, and identifying various medical emergencies.

MDA Director General - Eli Bin: "It is amazing to see how, each year, teenagers spend their free time during summer vacation at MDA. For days or weeks, they come to learn, volunteer and donate, all in order to save lives. MDA's strength lies in its volunteers, and the youth are an incredibly important asset to the organization. The summer months constitute a significant period of time for providing important additional tools, and increasing the competence of MDA youth volunteers".





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MDA's Annual Training at Netanya Sironit Beach

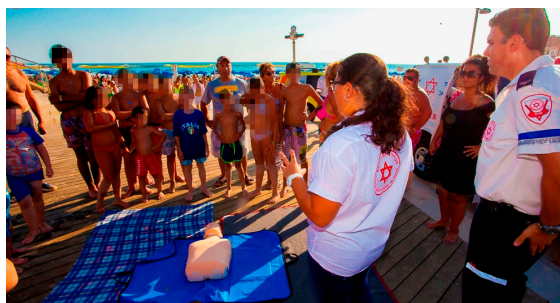
Since the beginning of the swimming season, 153 people have been drowned at sea and in swimming pools across the country, including 24 who drowned to death.

In light of these incidents, on Monday, August 12, Magen David Adom held an annual training session at the Sironit beach in Netanya for the eighth year in a row. The goal of the program is to raise awareness of the risks on the busy beaches during the summer and to give the public tools to handle drowning cases, until MDA teams arrive.

As part of the trainings, an event was simulated in which a lifeguard rescued someone from the sea, unconscious and unresponsive. They performed basic CPR and alerted MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Center. MDA teams provided passers-by with basic CPR training. The trainings on the beach were provided free of charge to all visitors, and were conducted in both Hebrew and French, due to the large number of tourists from France who visit the beaches of Netanya during the summer.

Netanya Mayor Miriam Fairberg-Ikar: "We see the utmost importance in teaching the public in CPR and first aid. Human life is a priority, and it is important that the public receive the tools to provide initial assistance until MDA staff arrive."

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "Magen David Adom aims to give everyone basic knowledge of performing CPR and first aid, as every minute in an emergency is important. Therefore, we conduct MDA training in many locations around the country, throughout the year, as is the summer at the beach. I urge the public to come and learn first aid and perform basic CPR operations. In addition, people should swim only at designated beaches and operating hours, and an adult should not leave children near water without close supervision, not even for a moment. For any medical need, MDA must be called on the 101 Emergency Line or through the My MDA application, through which paramedics and EMTs can locate your exact location. "





“Two Angels were Waiting for Me on the Road”

Three cars behind

Kakarin Moshkovitz, from Alfei Menashe and Yossi Elmalach, from Petah Tikva, MDA senior medics and paramedics course students, were driving an ambulance in Ashkelon, and were caught in traffic on Menachem Begin. Suddenly, three cars behind them, someone began to honk. A few seconds later, a man started raning toward the ambulance, and when Karin opened the door he seid his wife, who was in the car, was in labor.

Karin went to the car, where, the woman about to give birth, Dikla Dadon, from Ashkelon, sat with her four children. Karin performed a quick medical exam, and together with senior medic Yossi, transferred her to the ambulance. The baby's head came out, and for a long moment his body remained, as he was larger the usual, weighing 4.3 kg. Karin began performing various medical procedures, and a few minutes later the baby emerged.

But, they were not out of the woods just yet. The baby did not start crying right away, and the ambulance immediately started the evacuation to Barzilai hospital. On the way, Karin started rubbing the baby's back, and within a short

yet nerve-racking while, he began to cry. Dikla and the baby were brought to the **maternity emergency room** for treatment.

“During my 20 years in MDA, I helpt deliver dozens of children, but I don't remember such a dramatic birth”, **said MDA senior medic Karin Moskowitz**, “from the moment the baby's head came out and I realized he was stuck, and until the baby emerged and began to cry, about seven minutes past. I can say without a doubt that they were the longest seven minutes of my life. The relief we all felt when the baby began to cry was immense. I am happy Dikla and the baby are at home, and in good condition”.

“From the moment Karin came to the car, and even during the delivery in the ambulance, she was charming, professional, and calmlming”, **said Dikla Dadon**, “I have given birth four times in hospitals, and I never imagined I would go through something like that. I was very lucky that two angels in an MDA ambulance were waiting for me on the road. I don't even want to imagine what would have happened if Karin and Yossi hadn't been there. I thank them for all their help, and will always be grateful”.





Against all Odds

MDA medics and paramedics revived six-year-old Meir

Meir Itzkovich (6) from Jerusalem was playing with friends at the entrance to his building. When his mother, Haya, went to call him home, she saw Meir trying to climb another building in the square. She tried to stop him from climbing, and as she approached Haya saw him holding an electric cord in his hand. She picked him up immediately, and saw that he was unconscious, without a pulse and not breathing.

Haya did not lose her composure, she ran home with her son, put him on the couch and called MDA on the 101 emergency line. The MDA medics and paramedics who arrived at the scene began providing lifesaving medical care, which included advanced resuscitation, with the use of a defibrillator. A few minutes later, Meir's pulse returned, and he regained consciousness. The medics and paramedics evacuated him in an intensive care unit to Shaare Zedek Hospital, in a severe but stable condition.

Meir was hospitalized for four days, before being

discharged in good condition and without harm. After returning home, MDA paramedic David Yellenik and senior medic Ronan Yemini, who had saved his life, came to visit him.

"It was so exciting to meet the MDA medics and paramedics who saved my son's life", **said Haya Itzkovich, Meir's mother.** "If they had not arrived on time, I would have lost him. Thanks to them and their quick and professional care, my son came back to me. They are angels sent from heaven, who performed a great miracle, saving the life of the most precious to me".

"I have never been so relieved in my twenty years at Magen David Adom. Last time I saw Meir he was clinically dead", **said MDA senior medic Ronan Yemini.** "It is hard to describe the feeling I had when I saw Meir at home and smiling. During the encounter with him and his mother, I could not help but think of my son, who is also six years old. Cases like this help us continue the life-saving work."