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Drawing Life

Discount Bank's "Drawing Life" exhibition, with the collaboration of MDA's Friend Society in Israel, was opened last week. Displayed in the exhibit are 120 pieces of artwork, all donated by prestigious Israeli artists. All of the proceeds of the sales of the artwork will be dedicated to the purchase of Medi-Cycles that will operate in Magen David Adom.



“I Came Here To Salute MDA”

Major Gen. Ret. Amos Gilad said this, during MDA's annual friend society conference in Israel (IMDAC)

During the past few days (the 27-30 of October), around 60 of the heads of MDA's friend societies from all around the world including Australia, The USA, Canada, UK, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Israel, and the Christian friends of MDA were present at the annual MDA friend societies conference in Israel (IMDAC).

On the first day of the conference, The Supervision Dispatch Center, which is part of The National Dispatch Center, was inaugurated, donated by MDA friends in Belgium and the simulation room, donated by MDA friends in France.

At the new blood bank's site and the logistics center in Ramla, participants of the conference received a review from Professor Eilat Shinar, MDA Deputy Director General-Blood Services, on the project's progress..

At the MDA station in Jerusalem, the advanced simulation center was inaugurates thanks to the donation of MDA friends in France and the first bank in Israel of Human Milk donated by the MDA Friends Society in Australia.

The representatives participated in a corner stone placing ceremony for the new MDA station in

Modi'in. A long line of emergency vehicles were inaugurated, and an exercise that demonstrated treatment in a mass-casualty incident, in which the emergency vehicles inaugurated by the societies participated.

The participants listened to Director General Eli Bin's summary of the yearly activity reports and future plans. There were fruitful discussions between the participants and The Director General about MDA's vast work in Israel and they were exposed to many personal stories of MDA's teams. As part of the conference's itinerary, the society representatives listened to the speech of Major Gen. Ret. Amos Gilad who described in detail the visible threats to The State of Israel and what would be demanded of MDA if The State of Israel were to encounter total war.

A visit to Peres Center for Peace and Innovation and following a visit to the Bat Yam MDA station in which they were introduced to the MDA teams who participated in the MDathon and their groundbreaking technological solutions that will change the emergency medical world left them in awe of Israel's current groundbreaking innovations in the medical field and specifically in MDA.







Corner Stone Was Placed For The New MDA Station in of Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut

This week, the annual IMDAC conference for MDA's dozens of friend societies from around the world is taking place in Israel. On Tuesday, October 29th, a corner stone placing ceremony took place to celebrate the establishment of a new MDA station, with the attendance of MDA Director General Eli Bin, Mayor of Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut, Mr. Haim Bibas, the members of MDA's friend societies from around the world, the MDA administration, MDA's Ayalon regional director, workers and volunteers. The MDA station that currently exists in the city of Modi'in serves its 100,000 citizens and the surrounding populations. Ambulances and Mobile Intensive Care Units operate adjacent to the roads of inter-city travelers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The new station donated by the MDA friend societies of The Netherlands and Switzerland will be built in two floors and contain the finest technology and measures of protection. It will contain classrooms

to instruct the general population, a blood donation room, and a big parking area for ambulances. The corner stone scroll, signed by the two heads of the friend societies during the ceremony was placed in a special vase that will be placed in the new station. Today, MDA provides emergency medical services in the city of Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut with the help of 580 volunteers, 350 of them youth volunteers, and with 25 emergency vehicles including Mobile Intensive Care Units, ambulances, off road vehicles and Medi-Cycles.

MDA's Ayalon regional director, Efi Bar: "The Modi'in MDA station is one of the biggest stations in the region and provides emergency medical services to hundreds of thousands of people a year. I thank The Mayor and the dear donors who allow us and assist us in the creation of this essential future structure."



Mayor of Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut, Haim Bibas: "A year ago when we met- MDA Director General, Eli Bin and I, we toured this place and decided that we needed to act on the creation of the city's MDA service station as quickly as possible. During the tour I said that MDA is one of the first, biggest, and most meaningful volunteer organizations that exist in the city with 600 youth and adult volunteers, to date, that provide medical attention to the citizens of the city and those who surround it. I have no doubt that there deserves to be a new MDA station in the city. We, as a municipality, will continue to operate, hand in hand with MDA, in order to give the best aid to the citizens of the city and those surrounding."

Dr. David Scheiner, head of the MDA Friend Society in Switzerland: "It is with pride that the MDA friend societies in The Netherlands and Switzerland guide the project of the building of the new MDA station in Modi'in and to participate in the corner stone placing ceremony in this historical place. Zionism and love for Israel are our engine and motivation to give The State of Israel the best gift we can give, the ability to provide medical assistance and to preserve the health of its citizens. Thank you for the wonderful work you do every day and for the assistance you provide to Israel's population."



Dr. Marjan Sprecher, head of the MDA Friend Society in The Netherlands: "Two years ago we had our first tour in Modi'in. We saw the city's MDA station and immediately understood that a new station was necessary. MDA friend society in The Netherlands is excited to place here the corner stone to the new station. This station will be the ninth station that we build in Israel, and of that we are very proud. We have no doubt that the new MDA station that will exist in the city of Modi'in will help you save lives in the city and surrounding. Thank you all very much."

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "This is an exciting day, one of the most important days for the city of Modi'in-Maccabim-Re'ut. I want to thank Mayor Haim Bibas for all of his assistance. The MDA friend societies of The Netherlands and of Switzerland took it upon themselves to recruit the donors and to dedicate their donations to the citizens of the city and area, and that is something that is not taken for granted. For this I thank you. To you, friend societies, I want to say

thank you very much for your incredible actions, for your incredible ability to give and to dedicate the time that you do to the recruitment of resources to strengthen The State of Israel and Magen David Adom."





MDA Life Guardian Course in Memory of Nachshon Wachsman and Nir Poraz

25 years since they have fallen

Last week, MDA's Life Guardian course came to a conclusion, in memory of Sergeant Nachshon Wachsman and Captain Nir Poraz, may their memories be blessed, that were killed during the mission to rescue Wachsman from Hamas' captivity. The course participants were friends of Nachshon Wachsman, along with their older children, who chose to take the course and receive life-saving training as part of memorializing the fallen. At the conclusion of the course, a ceremony was held at the Jerusalem MDA station, and in it participants were granted MDA Life Guardian certificates.

Wachsman, may his memory be blessed, volunteered in MDA as a highschool student, served in the military, and connected his friends and family to Magen David Adom for many years. Just two years ago, the family decided, after knowing how important the volunteering was to Nachshon, to commemorate his memory by donating Medi-Cycles in order to assist in shortening the arrival time of MDA's teams to the sick and injured.

"Upon reaching 25 years since the fall of Nachshon Wachsman and Nir Poraz, we decided to tell the story under the title 'mutual responsibility', a value threaded

in every story about the kidnapping, the searches, and the rescue," told [Noach Gutliv, childhood friend of Nachshon Wachsman and participant of the course](#), "because of Nachshon's connection to MDA, it was natural for us to do something in collaboration with the organization. When we heard about the Life Guardian Course, it immediately grabbed our attention because these were exactly the little things that were the basis of "mutual responsibility."

The "Life Guardian" project was inaugurated in MDA around 4 years ago, and over 17,000 citizens throughout the country have already been recruited in its framework. They have undergone basic first aid training, and can assist in the saving of someone's life in the event of a heart attack, until the arrival of an ambulance. A special detection system pinpoints all of the Life Guardians that are located just a few minutes away from a place in which a person in need of CPR has been reported to MDA's Emergency Dispatch Center. They are then called to the scene, with the simultaneous calling of MDA's team, and are provided with the medical guidance of medics and paramedics over the phone in MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Center.





Saved the Life of His Father

The star of this story is Yarin from Ashkelon, a 10 year old boy, who, thanks to his responsibility and determination, saved his father's life. It was on Saturday, the 5th of October, when Gilad Marsha (44) began sensing something was wrong. He was at home with his three children- Yarin (10), Shilat (9), and Naor (7), when he felt weak and in pain. Yarin, who understood that his father's condition was rapidly declining, did not hesitate, and immediately called to MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Center.

During the conversation, Yarin gave the **medic at MDA's 101 Emergency Dispatch Center Tal Polovitch** all the important details, responsibly and without losing his temper. Thanks to him and the way he conducted himself, MDA's ambulance arrived to the scene quickly, minutes before his father collapsed and was stricken with cardiac arrest.

"We arrived to the apartment within minutes from the moment in which Yarin called the 101 Dispatch Center," **told MDA Medic Hallel Yonatan Cholodnoko**, "The 10 year old Yarin signaled to us from the window of his home where exactly to arrive, waiting for us at the entrance of the apartment and led us to the bedroom in which his father laid, unconscious. We began performing medical examinations, and during them he collapsed and was stricken with cardiac arrest. Immediately, we began CPR operations, including administering electric shocks from a defibrillator."

"We performed CPR for about 10 minutes, until Gilad's heart began to beat again and he came back to life," **told MDA Paramedic Chaim Luin**, "We sedated Gilad, administered artificial respiration and quickly took him to the Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon, where his condition was critical yet stable."

Today, less than a month after the incident in which he died a clinical death and came back to life, Gilad Marsha from Ashkelon has already been released from the hospital in good condition and has returned to his family.

"No words can describe how proud I am of my son for how he conducted himself, and saved my life" **told Gilad**, "His behavior and level-headedness is not taken for granted. I do not want to imagine where I would be today, the pain of a single parent, if it weren't for his maturity and responsibility, and if he and my other two children were not home. Thank you to MDA's medics and paramedics and to the doctors in the hospital, who saved my life. I am forever grateful."

Yarin said: "I am happy that I was able to keep a level head, that I quickly called MDA, and that the teams arrived quickly and saved my father's life. Sometimes I see MDA passing in the neighborhood, and their number is written on the ambulance. That's how I remembered that in an emergency I need to call 101."





Zion, 4 year old girl's Wish Came True when She Met Yuval HaMebulbal

About 6 months ago, when Zion Amit from Lod was just 3 and a half years old, she was diagnosed with Leukemia. She has been undergoing medical treatment since. In the past few weeks, her condition has improved, she is in the process of recovery, and returned to kindergarten last month. During the intense medical treatments she endured at such a young age, Yuval HaMebulbal, star of a children's show, succeeded to put a smile on her face when she watched his show on TV or on the hospital computer.'

"She could be weak and in pain, and only when she watched Yuval HaMebulbal would she smile and really laugh," **said Shira, Zion's mother**

When Shira heard about MDA's Wish Ambulance, she immediately thought that this could be the way to make her daughter's dream come true, by helping her meet her favorite TV star.

During Chol Hamoed, MDA's wish ambulance picked Zion up along with her mother from their house in Lod, and drove to the house of Yuval ShemTov, also known as Yuval HaMebulbal. Zion arrived to meet Yuval, happy and excited, and he received her with hugs, music and a lot of love. Zion was unable to stop laughing and was happy to meet her favorite TV star and get a private performance.

"I had a lot of fun meeting my favorite TV star" **Zion**

said, "I am happy the wish ambulance took me and made my wish come true. My next wish is to be a princess, and I hope to make that come true too."

Guy, Zion's father, told: "It was exciting and made us happy seeing Zion meet the idol who helped her through her difficult time. She was radiant, excited and full of joy. I thank MDA's Wish Ambulance and hope they continue to fulfill the wishes of other children and make them this happy."

"Meeting Zion reminds me of my real mission, and why I do what I do," **said Yuval ShemTov (Yuval HaMebulbal)**, "the biggest satisfaction at the end of the day is seeing that the songs and the content that I create do something good. It is really amazing seeing it right in front of your eyes."

Yonat Daskel Dagan, Head of MDA's wish ambulance said: "When we asked Zion what wish she wanted to fulfill, she did not hesitate. It was clear to her that she wanted to meet the children's star that brought her many moments of happiness and laughter during the difficult time she endured, face to face. Yuval immediately answered our request and happily fulfilled the charming Zion's wish. The smile that never left Zion's face undoubtedly made everything worth it, for all of us. We are so grateful to have the ability to bring joy to a child who is in such a difficult situation."

