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Chanukah 2019 MDA Volunteers Held Humanitarian Activities Throughout the Country
MDA volunteers held humanitarian activities throughout the country during Chanukah. The volunteers, teens and adults, celebrated the holiday with the disabled, young and old, as they lit candles with them and handed out Sufganiyot.

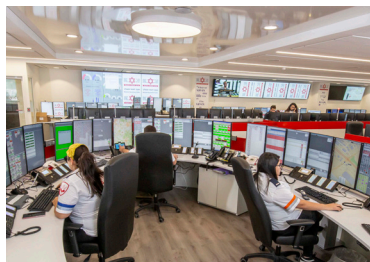
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Safety in Numbers 2019 Summary

MDA Emergency Vehicles responded **1,318,892** times throughout the year ☆ During 2019 MDA teams provided medical treatment and evacuated **44,256** injured from vehicle accidents ☆ MDA teams performed CPR on an average of **19** people daily ☆ **750,454** patients and injured were evacuated to hospital ☆ 15,091 pregnant women were evacuated to hospital, **1,098** babies were delivered with the help of MDA teams at home or on the way to hospital ☆ **261,675** units of blood were collected by the MDA blood services phlebotomists ☆ **173** wishes were fulfilled thanks to the MDA Wish Ambulance ☆ During the bathing season, MDA EMTs and Paramedics provided medical treatment to **228** adults and children who drowned.





In Recognition of the Organization of Magen David Adom and the Israeli Police

Lighting a third Chanukah Candle at the Western Wall

Rabbi Shlomo Moshe Amar, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Former Rishon Lezion and Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, MDA dg Eli Bin and Deputy Chief of Police, Mordechai (Moti) Cohen lit a third Chanukah candle at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, in the presence of Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, the Western Wall and the Holy Places Rabbi, and in the presence of Rabbi Mordechai (Sully) Eliav, Director I of the Western Wall Heritage Foundation and with the participation of the Police and MDA management, policemen and MDA volunteers.

Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz opened the ceremony with greetings to MDA staff and volunteers from the Israeli police officers, saying: "The Israel Police and Magen David Adom come here for the great work they do here and everywhere in the country. It is a great privilege to express gratitude and appreciation at this great moment of lighting a Chanukah candle. We pray that the Menorah candle light at the Western Wall will enlighten you and all of the Israeli policemen and Magen David Adom volunteers on their way to maintaining the security and peace of Israeli residents."

Rabbi Shlomo Moshe Amar: Rishon Lezion and

Rabbi of Israel and Rabbi of Jerusalem: "What a pleasant and nice Shevet Achim Yachad. In those days, miracles were done to our ancestors and to us, because they gave their lives and did not give up the Torah and the observance of the Mitzvot. Especially these days when the disputes are lit like wildfire, in this place we each receive love and brotherhood and peace and Shevet Achim too in all situations. " At the end of his remarks, Rabbi Amar greeted those present: "All of you are alive today, with all of Israel Our brothers, with all the IDF soldiers, with Israeli police, with all the volunteers at Magen David Adom, the Lord will bless you a thousand times and bless you when you come to Zion, and we shall say Amen".

Eli Bin, MDA DG: "I thank the Wailing Wall Rabbi for the exciting ceremony. Chanukah candles mark light and unity as Magen David Adom is a united and diverse mosaic of Israeli society. I would like to say thank you to Magen David Adom's 30,000 volunteers, 2,500 The employees and 17,500 MDA Life Guardians who stand to save 24 hours a day. As we bless with Chanukah, just as the candles are 'only to be seen' I hope that, the people of Israel will see the security forces only and will not need our service."





42 New Paramedics in MDA

25 women and 17 men, half of them members of Israel's National Service, successfully completed the Magen David Adom paramedic's course last week, officially becoming senior lifesavers in Israel's National Rescue Organization.

This is the second time that MDA National Service Volunteers have completed a paramedics course, when a year ago 28 successfully completed the course.

The role of the paramedic is of great importance in pre-hospital emergency medicine, especially in life-threatening situations, where the paramedic must provide advanced medical care. The care provided by paramedics includes an initial assessment of the patient's or injured's condition and the required medical care, which includes medication, use of advanced medical equipment, the ventilation, and, where necessary, certain surgical operations in the field.

Among the graduates of the course are Fakhri (49) and Ayman (20) Arnaot, father and son, residents of Acre. "We were both enrolled in the MDA paramedic's course, my father as a senior medic in the organization for many years, and I as part of my National Service," said Ayman, who was also selected as the excellent trainee of the course. "When we found out that we were together in the same course, right in the same class, we were very excited. To go through such an experience, which in itself is very empowering and unique, together with my dad, was a great privilege, and I am very happy that we did it. In the course, we were really like friends, and our relationship became stronger." Fakhri added: "For years, I dreamed of becoming a paramedic, but I did not imagine that I would do

it with my son. The course was fascinating and intense, and it is undoubtedly an experience we will never forget."

One of the graduates of the course is Yasmeen Mazzawi (20) from Nof Hagalil, a Civil Service member in Magen David Adom. "When I started the course I didn't know exactly what I would be facing," Yasmeen said, "I knew I would be a paramedic, but I didn't know exactly what I was going through. In addition to a high life-saving vocational training course, I gained many tools for life. I have become a braver person, my confidence has improved and I feel that I have grown. When you take responsibility not only for your life but also for another person, it is a great privilege, and I intend to act with the full responsibility and willingness to help anyone who needs me, and save lives."

Shafir Botner MDA Director of Paramedic Education Center: "Dear alumni, you are facing a long future as a paramedic, and you are looking forward to a bright future. The core of the profession is in MDA MICUs, to where we direct you, and wish you much success".

During the ceremony, MDA Director General Eli Bin handed out certificates for graduates, and congratulated: "The paramedic's course that just completed is a special course that incorporates employees in the organization alongside members of the National Service. I congratulate the graduates of the new paramedic's course at Magen David Adom. "You are the one who heads the field of emergency medicine in the State of Israel. We will continue to support you and your professionalism. Always remember that the Magen David Adom organization trusts you and strengthens you."



Magen David Adom, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Ministry of Health, Trained Hospitals' Nurses from Around the Country to Treat Injured in a Disaster Scenario

This week, teams of Magen David Adom and experienced nurses have trained senior nurses from 12 hospitals around the country to become trainers, later to train their hospital staff on the management of the injured in the event of a disaster scenario, such as an earthquake. This is an innovative training program, within which the nurses discussed work outside the hospital building, in the absence of advanced medical equipment, water and electricity.

Senior MDA paramedics, who have extensive experience in treating injured in the field and disaster scenarios in Israel and around the world along with senior nurses from hospitals trained the nurses, focusing on providing medical care in the hospital's open space. Additionally, emphasis is placed on storing essential equipment outside the hospital building.

The program, the first of its kind in the world, was developed by Magen David Adom, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Directorate of Nursing and Emergency Management Division of the Ministry of Health. The dozens of senior nurses who completed the training will continue to train other medical and administrative staff in the hospitals, while continuing cooperation with the Ministry of Health and MDA.

Senior paramedic in MDA Asaf Chen is one of the medical personnel who delivered the training this week. Assaf has participated in many MDA delegations to help with natural disasters around the world, and among others, provided medical treatment for victims of the earthquakes in Haiti in 2010 and Nepal in 2015. "We are well acquainted with the field of providing medical response under conditions that, among other things, occur after natural disasters" **said paramedic MDA member Asaf Chen.** "With the

experience we collected around the world, we have built the innovative program, together with the Ministry of Health, and with the International Committee of the Red Cross, all in order to improve the State of Israel's preparedness to provide medical response in disaster situations. "

"As part of the innovative plan, a situation has been practiced in which a natural disaster is occurring in the State of Israel, which, as it usually does, is adversely affected," **explained MDA disaster management director Chaim Rafalowski.** "The goal is to use the vast knowledge accumulated in Magen David Adom and in the international Red Cross movement, over the years, and pass it on in Israel, in order to be optimally prepared for any situation. The plan is another pillar of the ongoing activities of the Ministry of Health, Magen David Adom and the International Committee of the Red Cross, to improve the State of Israel's readiness to deal with the results of a devastating earthquake, an activity we have been engaged with for many years. "

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "Magen David Adom has gained considerable experience over the years in providing medical assistance in disasters that have occurred in various countries around the world. We hope that we will not be required to do so, but we are prepared for any scenario that may happen in the State of Israel. "Within the framework of the program, the only one of its kind, which we have developed together with the Ministry of Health, the Director of Nursing and the International Committee of the Red Cross, we convey the knowledge we have gained in providing medical treatment in complex scenarios with multiple casualties in the field, to nurses from hospitals across the country. I thank all the parties who took part in this important project."



An Important Cooperation

Magen David Adom ‘ delighted to host the British parliamentary delegation headed by Lord Eric Pickles last week . During the visit, which took place at the Jerusalem station, MDA displayed the advanced, life-saving technologies at MDA's disposal, and MDA's solutions for developing the emergency medicine system in Israel.

The delegation members also visited the MDA National Simulator and the Human Milk Bank, and learned about MDA's techniques, making service more accessible to the public and managing the national EMS system.

Rt. Hon. The Lord Pickles: “Magen David Adom is Israel at its best. Peaceful coexistence, pioneering technology, volunteerism, and a profound respect for the value of every life. There are many exciting opportunities for collaboration and exchange of ideas between MDA and our National Health Service for the betterment of both our peoples”





A New MDA Satellite Station was Inaugurated Near the Ein Vered Moshav

A new Magen David Adom Satellite Station was inaugurated on Monday, December 23, near the Ein Vered Moshav in the Lev Hasharon Regional Council as part of MDA's ongoing efforts to improve response times and arrival to patients. The new MDA Satellite Station will be staffed with MDA EMTs, paramedics and youth volunteers, who provide medical care to the injured, sick and women in labor in communities in the Lev Hasharon area.

The establishment of the new Satellite Station was made possible thanks to the donation of the Cohen family, the Spitz family and the Birnbaum family to the MDA Friends Society in Israel, and was dedicated to in memory of the late Joel (July) Cohen, their untimely deceased loved one.

MDA Director of Yarkon region, Haim Dori: "The establishment of the Satellite Station was made possible thanks to the donation of the Cohen family,

the Spitz family and the Birnbaum family, and the excellent cooperation with the Lev Hasharon Regional Council. Every station and Satellite Station is operated by professional Magen David Adom employees and volunteers thanks to which we are able to help anyone who needs us and save lives. "

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "The inauguration of the new Magen David Adom Satellite Station near Moshav Ein Vered is part of our ongoing efforts to shorten the arrival times to patients across the country. At the Lev Hasharon Regional Council, as with many other MDA Satellite Stations, every EMT, paramedic and first aid provider, knows that his job is to help every citizen in need, and to save lives, quickly, with dedication and professionalism . I would like to thank the local council Lev Hasharon, and chair Amir Ritov, for the cooperation, and to the donors who made it possible to establish the Satellite Station, for life saving. "





Shalom Completed his Dream Fulfillment

Shalom Dov Ber Yona is a 13-year-old boy from Arad that was saved by MDA teams after suffering from cardiac arrest about three years ago. Only about six months ago, MDA's ambulance fulfilled his dream when he took him to visit a beloved singer's home Moshe Peretz. Peretz assured him that immediately after undergoing the heart surgery he was waiting for, he would invite him to be the guest of honor at his performance.

Last week, MDA's Wish Ambulance completed the realization of the dream, with MDA paramedics Israel Lugasi and Dan Ben-Yishai traveling with him and his mother Keren from the Arad to the Jerusalem hall. There, Shalom visited behind the scenes and went on to sing on stage with Moshe Peretz, in front of hundreds of spectators in the audience.

"Going up to perform with Moshe Peretz and visiting him backstage is something I never imagined would happen," **Shalom said.** "I was so

enjoying myself and excited, and I didn't want it to end. I want to say thank you to everyone who helped and allowed me to fulfill my wish."

"It was a very exciting experience. Shalom was ecstatic, and never stopped smiling for a moment," **said Keren, Shalom's mother.** "I am so grateful to Magen David Adom and the organization's Wish Ambulance, and also to Moshe Peretz, who enabled this experience, which allowed him so much happiness."

"Every wish we fulfill is very exciting to me, and Shalom was very charming and exciting," **said paramedic**

MDA Israel Lugasi, "It was so gratifying to see him having fun and smiling all the time during the show, and it gives me a lot of happiness to know that we succeeded, through MDA's Wish Ambulance, to do it for him."

