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The Director General's Message for Memorial Day and Independence Day

Employees, volunteers, National and Civil service volunteers, MDA Friend Societies and pensioners,

In a few hours, Memorial Day will commemorate the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism. As the memorial siren sounds throughout the country and moves the hearts, Magen David Adom will bow its head, and together with the bereaved families and the nation as a whole will commemorate the memory of 23,816 victims of wars and 4,166 victims of terrorism.

Also for Magen David Adom, this year's Memorial Day has a different character. Attendance at the cemeteries and memorial ceremonies will be replaced with the designated Corona Call Center, and the Corona swabbing operation "Protecting Fathers and Mothers", in the "Drive Thru" complexes and in homes throughout Israel will unfortunately, will have to replace standing at the siren alongside the families of the MDA fallen.

Since the beginning of the Corona virus outbreak, Magen David Adom has been at the forefront of the battle against the virus. We arrived ready for the battle, equipped and well trained and we respectfully face the challenge. But the secret of success lies not only in equipment and training, but mainly in human resources. In the Emergency Dispatch and Call Centers, in the extensive testing system, in the complex logistics, in the blood services and in assisting populations where there are outbreaks, MDA teams everywhere are leading the efforts to deal with the virus. The sense of mission, the volunteer spirit and the endless dedication of each of the MDA personnel build a solid foundation on which corporate resilience has been built over the years, which is reflected in these challenging times.

The MDA family's victims play a key part in this solid foundation, and in the magnificent legacy of Magen David Adom's activities. The workers, volunteers and family members of MDA who fell in the battle, committed their lives to the noble goal of saving lives and giving their lives for the sake of continuing life in the State of Israel. Each and every one of the fallen is a symbol and exemplary of the values of others' love, devotion and volunteerism and their untimely death is an indescribable loss.

On Memorial Day we remember the MDA family who were the first to help and who in their deaths commanded us to continue to work for the sanctification of life. For the State of Israel, on the eve of Memorial Day, the teams of Magen David Adom will visit the graves of the fallen, lay the MDA wreath and light a memorial candle.

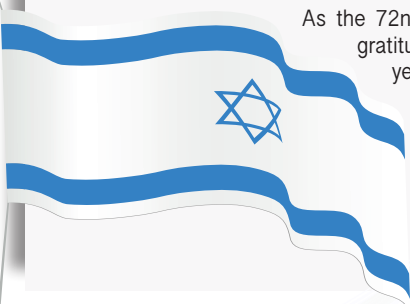
In the 90th year of its activity and in these days in particular, the Israeli citizens sees Magen David Adom at the height of its power and glory. Our willingness to fulfill every mission, adapt to changing situations and bring to light the high organizational and professional capabilities, bring Magen David Adom to impressive achievements and emphasize the distinguished status as a national EMS organization.

The future of Magen David Adom, the growth, professional and technological development, reaching new highs to fulfill the aspirations, the constant pursuit of excellence and the arrival of new highs lie primarily in each of you. I saw you over the past year, and especially over the last two months and my heart is filled with pride, your total dedication and deep commitment to being the first to save lives. Thanks to you – life guardians and drive trustees, focal and field staff, phlebotomists and lab workers, logistics, administration, managers and Friends Societies. Thanks to you, every person in Israel knows that in time of trouble Magen David Adom will be there.

As the 72nd Independence Day of the State of Israel closens, my deepest gratitude, my thanks and blessings, and my best wishes for many more years of continued impressive, blessed and shared life-saving work in the State of Israel.

Happy Independence Day to you and your family!

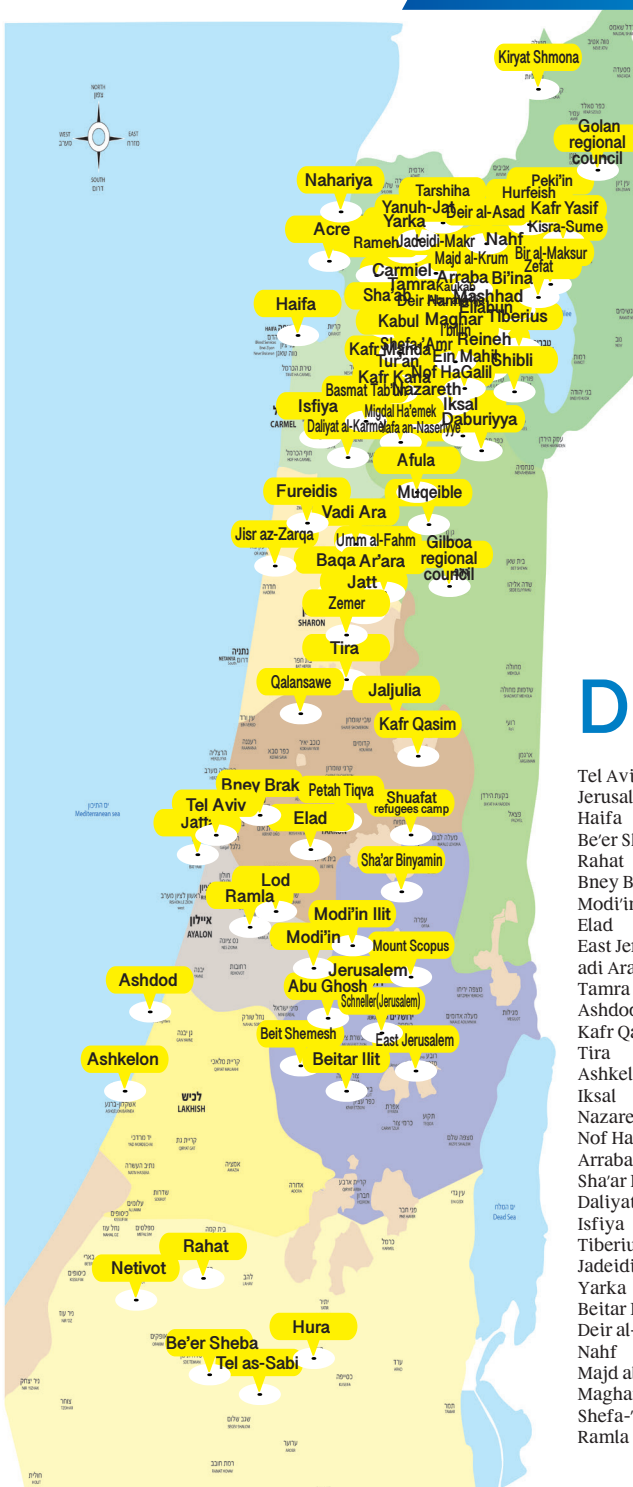
Yours,
Eli Bin





MDA Flags Across the Country





Magen David Adom Continues to Sample Thousands of Israelis for the Corona virus
As of Sunday, April 26, 2020, Magen David Adom teams sampled approximately 200,000 civilians - 85,000 in homes, 85,000 in the "Drive Thru" complexes and 30,000 in nursing homes.

Drive Thru

Tel Aviv	Lod	Bir al-Maksur
Jerusalem	Mashhad	Basmat Tab'un
Haifa	Reineh	Afula
Be'er Sheba	Baqa	Tur'an
Ramat	Jatt	Jaffa
Bnei Brak	Beit Shemesh	Muqeible
Modi'in	Kiryat Shmona	Netivot
Elad	Zefat	Acre
East Jerusalem	Carmiel	Petah Tiqva
adi Ara	Jisr az-Zarqa	Zemer
Tamra	Fureidis	Qalansawe
Ashdod	Daburiyya	Jaljulia
Kafr Qasim	Shibli	Ar'ara
Tira	Bi'ina	Tel as-Sabi
Ashkelon	Deir Hanna	Hura
Iksal	Tarshiha	Nahariya
Nazareth	Rameh	Ib'billin
Nof HaGalil	Hurfeish	Kafr Yasif
Arraba	Kisra-Sume	Gilboa regional council
Sha'ar Binyamin	Peki'in	Kalandia-Kafr
Daliyat alKarmel	refugees camp	'Aqab
Isfiya	Shuafat	Abu Ghosh
Tiberius	Migdal Ha'emek	Yanuh-Jat
Jadeidi-Makr	Schneller	Kafr Manda
Yarka	Jerusalem	Mount Scopus
Beitar Ilit	Modi'in Ilit	Kafr Kana
Deir al-Asad	Umm al-Fahm	Eilabun
Nahf	Yafa an-Naseriyye	Kaukab Abu
Majd al-Krum	Ein Mahil	al-Hija
Maghar	Sha'ab	Golan regional council
Shefa-Amr	Kabul	
Ramla		

More than 2 Million Calls were Received at MDA National Operations Dispatch Center and MDA Corona Dispatch Center

(22.2.20- 26.4.20)

Routine

50-80 Dispatch Center Officers
6,000 Calls a day



Corona

500-800 Dispatch Center Officers
25,000 Calls a Day



MDA Paramedic Yasmeen Mazzawi will Light a Torch on the eve of Israel's 72nd Independence Day

Minister of Culture and Sport, MK Miri Regev, Chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Symbols and Ceremonial Affairs, shortly ago announced that MDA Volunteer Paramedic Yasmeen Mazzawi (21) from Nof HaGalil, MDA will light a torch at the closing ceremony of the Memorial Day and the opening ceremony of the 72nd Independence Day Ceremony for the State of Israel.

The minister announced this to Yasmeen via a video call, when she was at the Magen David Adom's National Operations Center, together with MDA Director General Eli Bin and dozens of EMTs and paramedics, who were very excited about the news.

Minister Miri Regev:

"I am pleased to announce my decision to choose Yasmeen Mazzawi to light a torch at Israel's 72nd Independence Day Ceremony. Yasmeen, an outstanding volunteer, represents the

young generation of MDA volunteers in Not Hagalil (Nazareth), began with MDA several years ago as a youth vunteer and now a works as certified paramedic. Yasmeen represents the spirit of giving to thousands of volunteers, men and women, a variety of the Israeli people in MDA. Yasmeen expresses the dedication, professionalism and humanity of Magen David Adom, which is at the forefront of the struggle for the health of the people in Israel every day and especially these days during the war against the Coronavirus. MDA, the largest and Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization, is celebrating 90 years since it was established and it is only natural to salute its employees, and volunteers from every part of the population every day of the year, and now more than ever. Yasmeen is working to increase Holocaust

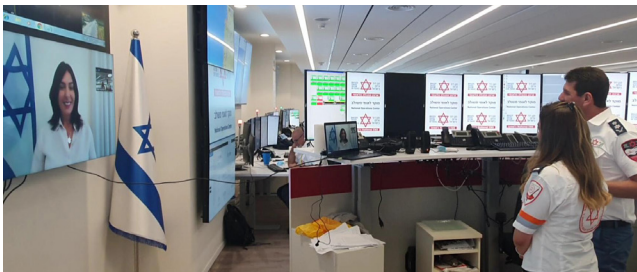


education in her community to foster feelings of mutual responsibility among Christians, Muslims and Jews in Israel. In her blessed work as an outstanding volunteer in MDA and to teach the Holocaust to Christians and Muslims in her area, strengthens the multicultural bridge between the various communities and between people in Israel."

MDA paramedic Yasmeen Mazzawi, was very excited and found it difficult to hold back her tears. "At home, I grew up with values that matched MDA'S values," she said, "values of love and help to others, without knowing who they are, and what religion, race and gender they come from. I started volunteering at Magen David Adom as a teenager, and four years ago, when I returned from my journey to Poland with an MDA delegation, I decided to work to increase Holocaust education. Since I

was a little girl, my parents would tell me that I have the ability to cause change in the Arab society to integrate into the country. That's what I do, and I will continue to do that."

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "These are very good and exciting news, in the complicated days for both Magen David Adom and the State of Israel in general. We are proud of Yasmeen Mazzawi, a talented and dedicated paramedic who will represent at the Torch Lighting Ceremony all of MDA 30,000 employees and volunteers. A common to all is the constant commitment to helping everyone who needs it and saving lives, regardless of religion, race or gender. I would like to thank Minister Mirev Regev for her choice, and for the recognition of the entire Magen David Adom".



IDF Blood Services Unit Completes Its Mission after Collecting 7,000 Units of Blood in Cooperation with MDA'S Blood Services



Seventy of the IDF's soldiers and commanders in the IDF's Technology and Logistics Division worked last month alongside MDA phlebotomists. This is in effort to increase the blood supply in the State of Israel, in the wake of the spread of the Corona virus. The unit's reserve personnel completed their important mission,

having collected some 7,000 units of blood in the past month to save the lives of the sick and injured.

Unit commander of blood services in the IDF's Technology and Logistics Division, Col. Dr. Michi Zaype, said: "Our collaboration with MDA has been going on for decades, and it has been working exceptionally well. This operation was different from any of its predecessors, and the challenge was even greater and more complex than in war scenarios. We'll do the mission again as needed."

IDF Deputy-Organization, Col. Shai Zuckerman added: "As part of the national effort to increase Israel's blood supply at this time and in general, the Medical and Logistics Division, through the General Staff Blood Brigades and in collaboration with MDA,



worked to increase blood donations. In Israel in general and the IDF in particular, in full compliance with the Chief of Staff's objectives, 7,000 units were collected over ten days. The Medical Corps regards this as a top national mission and important for saving lives. "

Lior Altman, director of MDA's Blood Donation department, thanked the regiment's soldiers and commanders, saying, "Together we made sure to achieve the common goal of increasing and maintaining blood supply in the State of Israel during this period, despite all the restrictions. You have fulfilled your role in an admirable way, and for that we thank you. "

MDA Deputy Director General of Blood Services Prof. Eilat Shinar: "I thank the commanders and soldiers of the General Staff of the Blood Service Regiment, led by Col. Dr. Michi Zaype, for the excellent assistance they provided to MDA's Blood Services during this challenging time. Once again, they have proven that they are able to perform the tasks at hand, both in mobilizing their reserves and in the speed with which they have integrated into all the roles and tasks assigned to them. "

Irving Carter Z"l

True Zionist with a Deep Love of Israel

MDA UK and MDA in Israel lost a friend and the Vice President Irving Carter of MDA UK and an honorary member on the board of Magen David Adom in Israel on April 3rd 2020 to the cruel Corona illness. Irving was a unique character, a true Zionist and an amazingly generous philanthropist who always cited MDA as his favorite cause to support. In a rather ironic way, the day of his passing marks the second anniversary of him opening

the new station in Mitzpe Adi in the presence of him and his family.

"He loved MDA. He loved the idea of being able to save lives," Daniel Burger, the chief executive of Magen David Adom UK, said. "It was all about saving lives in Israel. He loved innovation, he loved new projects."

Magen David Adom extends condolences to his family and friends

May his memory be for a blessing





From Palmach EMT to MDA Blood Services Director

Dr. Shula Bar Shani Z"L
MDA Blood Services Director, 1969-1991

MDA's Blood Services and all the blood banks in Israel share sorrow of the loss of Dr. Shulamit Bar Shani, MDA's Blood Services from 1969-1991.

Dr. Bar Shani was born in Berlin, Germany to the Epstein family in 1930 and immigrated to Israel with her parents in 1933. As a young woman, she lived in Tel Aviv, was active in the Scouts youth movement and graduated from a high school (the Balfour Gymnasium) in 1948. As a member of Scouts movement she became a medic, and served in the 3rd Battalion. After staying in Beit She'an and the Palmach, she completed her military service in the Zarifin Medical Corps.

In 1952, she completed her bachelor's degree at Berkeley University of California and in 1958 earned her medical degree at the School of Medicine in Jerusalem. She studied pediatrics and hematology and served as the blood services director of Magen David Adom from 1969 to 1991.

As part of her role, she brought her knowledge and experience acquired in the United States to enhance MDA's Blood Services, in the old Jaffa blood bank building, including the responsibility for providing blood to hospitals and the IDF under the most difficult conditions during the Yom Kippur War. During her years of professional and dedicated work, Dr. Bar Shani pioneered the use of blood components in the country, put in the tests to detect AIDS and B and C viral hepatitis in blood donations, was a member of the American Blood Banks Organization (AABB) and the Advisory Committee on Medical Implants as well as the driving force in the construction and operation of the current blood service center in the Tel Hashomer complex. At the same time, she was a loyal wife to her husband Michael, a mother-in-law and a very beloved grandmother to her grandchildren.

In 1995, she retired, but continued to volunteer for both blood services and other humanitarian activities. She passed away last week.

May her memory be for a blessing



After Recovering from the Corona Virus: The father and son who work at MDA donated plasma to save the lives of patients with the virus

Yoel Galit (45) from Einav, a senior medic at MDA, contracted coronavirus a month and a half. He was admitted to the Sharon hospital, and the next day his wife and two of his children were also found to have contracted the virus. About two weeks ago, when all the family members recovered, Yoel and one of his sons, Menachem (20) an MDA EMT and dispatcher were back to work.

Last week you could see another facet of the Galit family's commitment to saving lives, when Yoel and Menachem, as well as younger brother Levy, came to Magen David Adom's Blood Services Center, to donate plasma (the blood component that contains the corona's antibodies) to save the lives of patients with the virus in severe and moderate condition.

"It was really simple," Menachem Galit said, "It's a tiny prick, like a blood test, and if I could spend less than an hour of my life saving patients, it's obvious I would, and I call on anyone who can do to just that."

MDA senior medic Yoel Galit, Menachem and Levi's father said: "As a senior medic at Magen David Adom, I raised my children with the values of helping others and saving lives. Once enough time had passed since our recovery, and we could donate plasma in a simple procedure and help save Corona patients, we had no doubt we would."

"It is exciting to see MDA's employees help save patients' lives in every way they can," said MDA Deputy Director General- Blood Services, Prof. Eilat Shinar, "The procedure is very simple. We actually take blood from those who have recovered from the virus. During the process, the blood enters the machine which separates the plasma component and transfers it to a special bag, and all other blood components returned to the donor's body. The important donation of Yoel and his two sons can help save the lives of four to five patients with the Corona virus."

Magen David Adom's Blood Services continue to take plasma units from patients who have recovered from the corona virus, according to a therapeutic protocol set by the Ministry of Health experts committee. The project is based on the assumption that in the blood of the recovered, there is an amount of antibodies which can be used as effective treatment of patients. Corona patients who have recovered at least 14 days prior are welcome to donate plasma, in a very simple procedure. To do so, contact MDA's Blood Services at 03-9101101 or through the "Rahash Lev Lev" call center, who volunteer to help with MDA's Blood Services with this, at 03-7150010.

