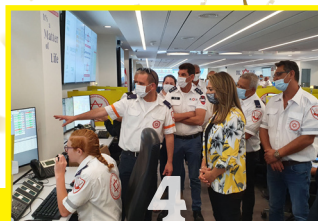




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The story of Magen David Adom began exactly 90 years ago, on June 7, 1930, when the British High Commissioner approved the registration of the Association for Rapid Assistance as an association.

A few days later, residents of Tel Aviv began donating to “Magen David Adom”. The public in the first Hebrew city, who realized 90 years ago how important the organization was, donated money, and within a few months the building of the first Magen David Adom ambulance was completed. At that time, the association’s first aid station was also set up on Nahalat Binyamin Street in the city, operated 24 hours a day by a volunteers’ battalion, led by Haim Halperin.

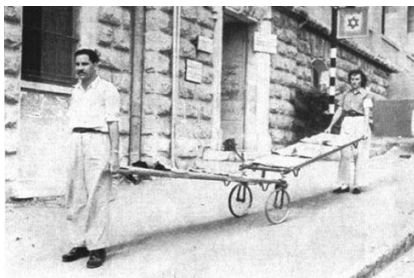
The need for an organization was growing, and in 1935 a permanent building was built for Magen David Adom, which served the Tel Aviv public until 1976, when the activity was moved to a new building on Hashla Street in the city. At the same time, other branches in Israel were established for the organization of Magen David Adom and because of the 1936 incidents, Dr. Levontin came up with the idea of setting up a “Blood Bank,” to save the lives of patients and injured who need a blood transfusion.

The 1936 events were a kind of preparation for World War II, which broke out on September 1, 1939. At that time, dozens of temporary and sheltered stations were set up by MDA, where hundreds of injured people were treated and parcels to Jewish soldiers on all fronts, as well as to patients, injured and their families were sent too.

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MAGEN DAVID ADOM IN ISRAEL



Chairperson of the Corona Committee, MK Dr. Yifat Shasha Biton, Visited MDA National Operation Center

Corona committee chair Dr. Yifat Shasha Biton (Likud) visited on Monday, June 7, at MDA's National Operation Center in Kiryat Ono, where MDA Director General Eli Bin and senior members of the organization accompanied her. The MK arrived in purpose of taking a closer look at all the actions that MDA is leading as a national rescue organization and at the forefront of the fight against the spread of the Corona virus in Israel.

During the tour, MK Biton was exposed to the complex array of taking the Corona samples and the sophisticated equipment used by MDA personnel at the dispatch center, in the field at the Drive Thru" sites. MK Shasha Biton was also exposed to the process of collecting plasma donations from the Corona recoveries by MDA's blood services and the "MDA in the Community" project, which will reduce the number of referrals to hospitals by 30%. During the tour, the chairperson of the Corona Committee, MK Shasha Biton, was also exposed to the extensive recruitment of reserve personnel who came to reinforce the special MDA blood system. The KM expressed a deep appreciation for MDA's work and the dedication of its employees and volunteers.



MK Yifat Shasha Biton, Chairperson of the Corona Committee: "In recent months, MDA teams have been at the forefront of the Corona virus war with extraordinary preparations. I have come to strengthen the teams, to hear about the challenges they have faced and those that will be for a second wave. I will continue to accompany and assist to address the various issues that arose in the visit. "

Eli Bin, MDA Director General: "I thank the Knesset member who came to us for a closer look at the quality of care provided by MDA at the national fight against the Corona virus and the organization's readiness for a second wave and at the same time to save lives in routine".



Two MDA Defibrillators were Installed in Samed

Magen David Adom's defibrillator project arrived in Samed. During a ceremony last week, attended by Mayor Mr. Shuki Ohana, Deputy Mayor Mr. Shlomo Haddad, MDA Yarden Region Manager Oren Avitan and senior officials, two life-saving defibrillators were inaugurated, and will enable every citizen to save lives. The Kooperstein family and the Marmelstein family posts and defibrillators were donated in memory of Batya, daughter of Rabbi Chaim Stern through American Friends of Magen David Adom and were installed in the town square and at the entrance to the Old City.

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "MDA continues to expand the posting of defibrillators

across the country, which can save lives immediately. In the case of a cardiac arrest in the street, the residents of Samed will be able to provide medical assistance even without prior medical training. Magen David Adom's technology brings medical advancement to Samed. I thank the municipality and Mayor

Shuki Ohana, for the cooperation, and wish the vast of the defibrillators across the country, for the sake of saving lives.





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My great grandfather, Dr. Leo (Yom Tov Lipman) Shpitzer, escaped Nazi Germany in 1939. During his first two years in the Land of Israel he couldn't find his place as a doctor, but in 1941 he went back to being a doctor on a new Moshav - Hazor'im - near Poriya. He found the weather there uncomfortable, so Dr. Shpitzer moved to Tel Aviv to work temporarily as a doctor on MDA ambulances, a general doctor who specializes in deliveries. He continued to work as a family doctor until he passed away in 1950.

His great grandson is Dovale Shachor, who works for MDA's education and communities department promoting community ambulances and driving Mobile Intensive Care Units, continues the work his great grandfather started 72 years ago.

Dovale, the great grandson: "I'm proud of my role within Magen David Adom, continuing the work of my great grandfather who was a pioneer in the State of Israel's early days. Even today, 72 years later, it's in his merit that I can promote and set up community ambulances across the country, allowing MDA to reach Israel's entire population with the speed and professionalism that it has done now for 90 years. All in the merit of my great grandfather.

