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Picture of the week

The Intensive Care Unit, Ronen Cohen and Michael Levy, wishing you Shabbat Shalom. We wish them a pleasant and quiet shift!



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Every year, the leaders of the MDA Friends Societies from around the world gather for a conference held in Israel, where they hear about the organization's activities over in the previous year and learn about its needs, out of a desire to help raise donations that will continue the vital activity.

This year, for the first time, in the light of the Coronavirus, the conference was held virtually and was attended by the leaders of the societies and members of the societies' management from around the world.

MDA Director General Eli Bin conducted a comprehensive review of the challenges of the past year, primarily due to the coronavirus pandemic, and shared the activity of the organization that has been

at the forefront of the fight against the virus since February 2020 with participants.

Participants were very excited to watch a film describing the progress of the construction of the new blood bank in Ramla, which is currently being constructed with the assistance of MDA Friends Societies and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2021.

The MDA Director General warmly thanked the participants for their generous donations that enable the organization to continue saving lives in the State of Israel both during routine and emergencies, and ended the event in hopes of holding the next meeting here in Israel, face to face, after the corona threat has passed.





The Magen David Synagogue was Inaugurated in the Magen David Adom Headquarters Building in Or Yehuda

Last week, a synagogue was dedicated at Magen David Adom's Headquarters in Or Yehuda. The new synagogue was named "Magen David" and was built thanks to a donation from Dr. Bruno and his wife Mrs. Aliza Lellouche from Nice and Paris in France through the MDA Friends Society in France.

The inauguration ceremony of the synagogue was held in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and with the participation of the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi Shlomo Moshe Amar who set the synagogue mezuzah and blessed "May you always be blessed and healthy and successful. Amen"

Rabbi Shlomo Moshe Amar wrote the first verse in a new Torah which will be added to the synagogue and added: "It is a very special day that Magen David Adom not only has a new building, but is dedicating it by placing a mezuzah on the synagogue door. You work with immense dedication to reach all who need your services wherever they may be. When a physician or a

paramedic or any other medical professional does their job should be blessed by God. May God be with you and bless you."

MDA Director General, Eli Bin: "We thank the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi Shlomo Moshe Amar, who honored us by dedicating the synagogue, and thank the Lellouche family of France for their generous and exciting donation to the organization's employees and volunteers. The organization - which is currently fighting around the clock with the corona virus."

The Lellouche family, veteran MDA donors who helped set up stations, purchase ambulances and intensive care vehicles, said excitedly: "We are happy to strengthen our alliance with Magen David Adom, by participating in the construction of the synagogue, which takes care of our souls and thoughts. This is a place of study and prayer for Magen David Adom teams, who take care of our lives in Israel."





Minister of Internal Security Amir Ohana during his Visit to MDA

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Minister of Internal Security, Amir Ohana (Likud) and Director General of the Ministry of Public Security Moshe (Chico) Edri visited MDA last week and were accompanied by MDA's Director General, Eli Bin and other senior managers.

During his visit, MK Ohana was given a tour of the National Operations Center, met the dedicated MDA employees and received a comprehensive overview of the organization's activities during the coronavirus crisis to better understand the function's of Israel's national emergency medical and blood services organization.

During his visit, MK Ohana learned about MDA's routine and emergency activities, the organization's response to the coronavirus crisis, and the organization's role in obtaining test samples, an efficient system which has been in place since the outbreak of the coronavirus in Israel. In addition, he learned

about MDA's Blood Services which is among routine responsibilities responsible for collecting convalescent plasma from recovered coronavirus patients and delivering it to the hospital for treatment of patients in moderate and severe conditions.

MDA managers showed MK Ohana the “MDA in the Community” project which is expected to assist in reducing evacuations to emergency rooms by nearly 30%.

During the tour of the 101 Emergency Call Center, the Minister was taught about the many technologies developed by MDA and the many collaborations between MDA and Israel's Police and Fire Rescue Departments.

The Minister was shown the unique vehicles used by MDA teams around the country, including an ATV able to rescue victims from off road settings, MDA motorcycles, ambulances, mobile intensive care units and the unique

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intensive care bus that can evacuate large numbers of patients, including those in severe condition and armored vehicles. The Minister also saw a unique and innovative system that disinfects the interior of the vehicle in cases where MDA teams treat and evacuate Corona patients.

The Minister of Internal Security, Amir Ohana:

“My connection to Magen David Adom and my appreciation for the organization did not begin with my current position but much earlier, as a Member of Knesset and before. On more than one occasion the angels in white who arrived in the most difficult moments and reached out, helped and saved lives. As Minister of Internal Security, I meet with MDA personnel every week in the weekly situation assessments together with the various security and rescue bodies. Although there is no government funding,

which I see as a great advantage, I see MDA as a central and vital part of the internal security system of Israeli society. I am very proud of you, Israeli citizens have blessed you. You are doing amazing work, keep going. We will do our best to improve cooperation, coordination, control and supervision for the benefit and well-being of all citizens of the country.”

MDA Director General Eli Bin: “The connection between Magen David Adom and the Ministry of Internal Security and its branches, the Israel Police, the Israel Prison Service and Israel Fire and Rescue are close both in routine and emergency situations. MDA is the leading organization for emergency medicine in the country and the technological, professional and operational collaborations with other emergency services are strong and good for the sake of the citizens of Israel.”





A MDA Defibrillator has been Installed in the Yavni'el Local Council

Magen David Adom's Public Access AED project first reached Yavniel when a defibrillator in a smart case was installed on Hameyasdim Street.

By use of the smart case, when calling MDA's 101 Emergency Call Center, as part of the instructions provided to the caller and simultaneous dispatch of the nearest emergency vehicles, the caller will be instructed to retrieve and operate the AED thereby saving a life.

The head of the Yavniel Local Council, Snir Arish: "On myself and the residents, I would like to congratulate all those involved in

promoting the noble and important initiative of installing a life-saving defibrillator that will increase the security of the residents of Yavniel. The lone citizen who typically witnesses the incident or arrives before the rescue teams is critical and life-saving. It is said that: Every person is unique and special, every person is a complete world. The sanctity of life is a supreme and central value in Judaism and each saved is a great honor. I would like to thank the Regional Manager Oren Avitan and all his employees and the many volunteers from the community who work day and night to save lives. Bless you. "



The Miracle in the Synagogue

Collapsed after services and was saved thanks to an MDA medic who prayed next to him

As every morning, Omer Haim (27) came from Rehovot to the courtyard of a school near his house to pray in the open area as part of the Coronavirus guidelines. Among those present was Raz Yitzhaki an MDA volunteer EMT. At the end of the prayer, as the participants tidied up the courtyard, Omer lost consciousness and collapsed on the floor. Seconds later, those who had prayed with him noticed that he had collapsed and called Raz, 21, who immediately began medical treatment, performed CPR on Omer and reported the event to MDA at the same time.

Raz, while performing CPR, sent a worshiper to the school gate to direct the ambulance and bring a defibrillator, and together with MDA teams, gave electric shocks that saved Omer's life and restored his pulse. At the end of nerve-wracking and strenuous resuscitation, and his condition stabilized, the MDA team evacuated him to the hospital for further treatment and recovery.

Raz Yitzhaki, an MDA EMT: "After the prayer, I

heard cries for help, I ran to the scene and saw Omer unconscious. He just collapsed on the ground. I immediately called MDA and started CPR. When the ambulance arrived, they gave him two electric shocks and we continued with compressions. To our great joy, his pulse returned and after a few minutes, he started breathing on his own. Meeting Omer today for the first time since the event while standing on his feet is very exciting, it's an amazing feeling. It is very important that every citizen in Israel knows basic CPR it is simple can save lives. "

Regarding the difficult event and the miracle that happened, Omer Haim said: "I felt good that morning, I arrived at the prayer, as usual, after which I just collapsed on the floor. Luckily, two worshipers were behind me and called for Raz's help. But I'm very emotional about the miracle that happened to me and Raz's amazing help. I feel like I was reborn, I received a gift from heaven and a great miracle happened here. I thank Raz and the MDA team who saved my life. I thank the Creator of the world who sent me a messenger who helped me in my distress. "