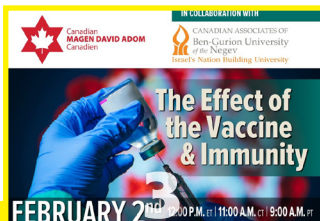
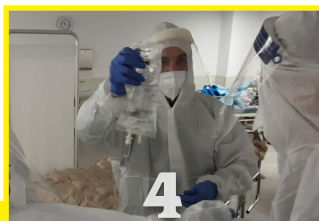




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Picture of the week

MDA has Placed 7 Street Defibrillators in Kiyat Ono

MDA has undertaken a life saving project for the benefit of the public and is placing hundreds of AEDs in public places around the country



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Magen David Adom vaccinated all residents and employees of sheltered housing and nursing homes in Israel as part of the Magen Avot Velmaot program of the Ministry of Health

Magen David Adom reports on Monday that it has successfully completed the vaccination campaign as part of the Magen Avot Velmaot program of the Ministry of Health in all nursing homes and sheltered housing in the country. In doing so, Israel became the first country in the world to fully vaccinate all sheltered housing systems in its territory.

The Corona vaccination campaign for the elderly in nursing homes and sheltered housing began at the end of December and today, as stated, has reached the end of the second vaccination dose, for all residents and employees of sheltered housing and nursing homes in Israel.

MDA teams with extensive experience with the elderly population have undergone special

training in preparation for the vaccinations as part of the "Magen Avot Velmaot" program and performed them in a high-quality, fast and highly professional manner.

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "We have taken a significant step in eradicating the pandemic. This is an important day where the elderly, parents, grandparents of all of us who are at high risk and a top priority in terms of vaccinations can breathe a sigh of relief and see the light at the end of the tunnel. Israel is at the forefront of vaccinating countries and a leader in the field worldwide and I sincerely hope that soon the vaccination campaign will expand to the entire population and with its help, we will defeat the corona virus and return to our daily lives. , professionally and quickly."



Canadian Webinar

This week, many MDA supporters from around Canada gathered to hear about MDA's participation in the vaccination effort. Participants heard from Yoni Yagodovsky, Director of International Relations and Fundraising at MDA and Professor Nadav Davidovitch of Ben Gurion University about the vaccination campaign conducted by the State of Israel and the completion of the vaccination of the residents of all the nursing homes by MDA teams, as well as the effectiveness of the vaccines on the immune system.



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“This is what collapse looks like.”



MDA Paramedic Aaron Adler in a Chilling Testimonial: “This is what collapse looks like.”

“When my grandchildren ask me what I remember most, I will tell them about the day I stood dressed in full PPE, losing a patient after patient to an invisible enemy”

Shortly after 8 am, we are called for a confirmed corona patient with severe difficulty breathing. The patient is hospitalized in an emergency hospital which is situated in an underground bomb shelter. It was set up to deal with the all-out war we are facing.

While on our way to the incident, we hear ambulance after ambulance looking for a hospital which will take their patients and they are sent far from the city to Ichilov, Belinson, Tel Hashomer, or maybe not because they are also full. Dispatch tells us that if our patient is unstable and in life threatening condition, we cannot take them to a hospital in Jerusalem, but that the managers will do their best to try and help us be able to take them to the closest hospital.

It's not that they don't want to receive patients, it's simply that they can't. They don't have anywhere to put another patient. They don't have any space on the floor. They don't have another bed in the ICU. I know

that they want to help, I have known these people for years and know how much their patients matter to them. They want to, but they simply can't.

We enter a large hall, there are lines of beds lining the walls with patients lying there in various states of consciousness and respiratory states, there are medical professionals in PPE from head to toe who are practically running from patient to patient.

Our patient is lying there unresponsive, using every ounce of strength to bring in air to his failing lungs despite the illness. But he is powerless against it.

We perform CPR alongside the team at this facility, all of us together are doing CPR when we know there is little chance of success. How can we give up? He's only 73 and came in a couple of days ago on his own two feet.

Time of death is called. Baruch Dayan Emet.

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We go to the nearby MDA station to restock and have barely finished cleaning the ambulance when we are called back to the same facility. The same facility which literally was established to handle the pandemic, for yet another corona patient with severe respiratory distress.

We haven't even made it in the door yet when we are greeted by the head nurse who tells us "Wait. Don't go to your patient, there's another patient crashing right now. Go to her first!" We pass the original patient, lying there, she's breathing relatively well and her oxygen levels are fine.

We get to the patient who is crashing. She's cyanotic (blue) and failing to breathe. And once again, we start CPR, once again, with the staff at the facility who has been living this hell for weeks. Once again, we fight and once again we lose.

Time of death is called. Baruch Dayan Emet.

On our way out, we see the new patients waiting to be registered. Our first patient is lying in his bed covered, while a new patient is waiting next to his bed to take his place. He will take his place after the body is moved.

Another patient comes, and yet another, and yet another, and the teams register each one and find a space for them. "it has been like this for weeks. One goes downhill and another comes in his place", the nurse tells me. She adds, "four died during my night shift", and all I want to do is give her a hug through our stifling PPE and tell her that it will be ok, that it will pass, that I know that she and everyone else here are doing everything that they can.

I have seen a lot in my time as a paramedic, maybe even too much some will say. I carry the scars in my soul (and on my body) from

horrific terror attacks to which I responded. But, when my grandchildren ask me what I remember the most, I think I will tell them about today.

The day that I stood in the bomb shelter, in full protective gear, losing patient after patient to an invisible enemy, the first day I felt defeated.

I am constantly asking myself how you all out there don't see what's happening?! How do you not see what this horrible disease is doing to us?!

But, then I remember that you have no way of seeing it. How can you see it when it's just me Masala, Chen and Yoni underground trying to save another person? How?

I implore you, do as much as you can to protect yourselves and others.

I implore you to help us and yourselves take control of the situation.

This is all of our lives and at the moment, you have the power to save it.

This is what collapse looks like.



MDA Paramedic Aaron Adler ◀

A Reward for the Outstanding Volunteer

Congratulations to Amit Heisler, from Moshav Moreshet, a student of Yeshivat Tikvat Yaakov in the Jezreel Valley and a youth volunteer at MDA for about two and a half years, who received the "Elad Rivan Volunteer Award" for his significant contribution to society and the community.

"Receiving the award moved me greatly, especially in light of the fact that my brother also received the award about three years ago.

The smile on a patient's face and the gratitude we, MDA volunteers receive from his family after the treatment we provide are the best award possible," said Amit.

The volunteer award is given in the name of the late boy Elad Rivan who volunteered at " Firefighters Scouts " and perished in the Carmel disaster in 2010 and is awarded annually to outstanding youth in donating to the community.



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MDA's Corona Ambassadors Continue their Work

As part of the continued rise in corona cases, the Corona Ambassadors Project held a friendly competition to bring more people into the project and raise awareness using a video.

MDA volunteer Sheli Troib, a 10th grade student and Corona Ambassador, had 72 people view the video.

"I was really happy to take part in this project which is so important to me, we are in a very difficult and complicated time and it is really difficult for us to know what the next day brings. The more people know how to behave and how to be careful then we can beat the pandemic. I am glad to be part of MDA's Rehovot station.

