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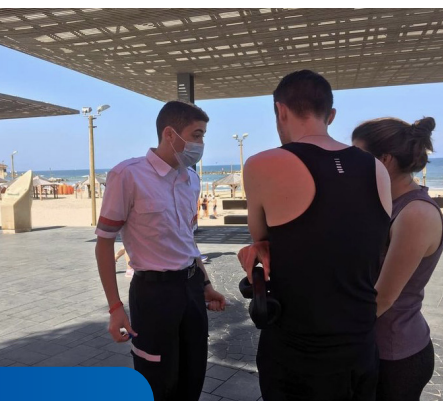
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Picture of the week

MDA volunteers from all over the country were deployed in the streets and malls explaining about allergy and proper use of EpiPen syringe



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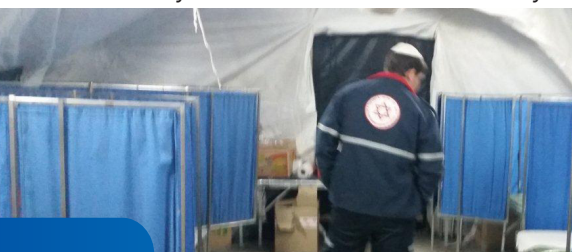
During the celebration in Meron, MDA in the north of the country is operating on high alert. The many Magen David Adom teams from all over the country who arrived to Meron in cooperation with dozens of rescue organizations operating under MDA throughout the year, are medically secure the hundreds of thousands of celebrants who arrived according to the Ministry of Health's Corona guidelines. The deployment of forces in the field began yesterday (28.4). Magen David Adom, which works in full coordination with the Israel Police, all the emergency and security forces and the National Center for the Development of Holy Places, is prepared for medical security with large forces including dozens of ambulances, intensive care units, ATVs, MDA motorcycles, unique intensive care buses and dedicated rescue vehicles. They are ready to provide prompt and professional medical care for any scenario in the field. In addition, the northern MDA-Lahak helicopter is on standby and will be dispatched if necessary. The management of MDA's many teams is carried out in the Meron area, with a special mobile MDA command and control center, from the organization's national command post truck, which enables the use of the most advanced technologies in the world. MDA forces are medically secure the revelers from Thursday

morning until Saturday evening.

A number of clinics have been established in the Meron area and in addition, a reserve force of dozens of paramedics and medics provide an immediate medical response on foot.

The medically securing the Rashbi celebration in Meron are carried out by Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency medical and blood services organization, in cooperation with volunteers from dozens of rescue organizations operating under MDA and in full cooperation throughout the year.

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "Last year the masses of worshipers couldn't attend the celebration, in view of the Corona's restrictions. This year the pattern returns to normal, with hundreds of thousands of worshipers visiting Mount Meron. We call on all visitors to act responsibly and carefully, to follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health Corona and obey the instructions of the security forces and ushers in the field. MDA teams are ready with increased forces and extensive preparedness in order to medically secure the revelry and enable its existence in the safest way."





Tradition of Aid

MDA volunteers in Sakhnin are collecting food for families in need for the fifth year in a special project in the city, during the month of Ramadan. MDA teams will stand at the entrance to supermarkets and food chains in the city, distribute flyers and collect food from the public. , Tahini, sugar, salt, halva, soups, drinks, sweets and more.

After collecting the food, MDA volunteers and staff will pack the food baskets - which will be donated to families in need through local aid organizations in Sakhnin. Last year about 600 food packages were collected and packaged and this year the Sakhnin station hopes to collect more to help as many families as possible.

MDA volunteer senior medic Ahmed Badarna said: "This is our annual operation, with the aim of helping and strengthening the city's



residents in need. We launched an information campaign for the city's residents and we hope to raise tons of food products for Ramadan this year as well. We specifically asked for products pertaining to this period, through which all residents would be able to eat a respectable meal.

We wish everyone a happy Ramadan. "

MDA Director General Eli Bin: "The important and social initiative of MDA staff in Sakhnin, who work around the clock every year, night and day, to help all the residents of the city and put a dignified and worthy holiday meal on their table is a pride for us. MDA is an organization whose life-saving activities are intertwined with the lives of Israeli residents of all faiths. We will continue to help and assist in the future, for the needy throughout the country. The MDA family wishes Ramadan Karim."



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Eliyahu Peltz, a 16-year-old boy from Modi'in Illit with Down's syndrome, found himself in the first lockdown about a year ago without an education system, activities and society - his family was looking for a solution to his plight.

Tovy, Eliyahu's mother, heard about Moshe Kuperman (48), an educator who lives in the city and volunteers at MDA. A few hours later, Eliyahu and Moshe met to connect Eliyahu to MDA and since then - his life has changed.

Over the past year, Eliyahu has accompanied Moshe, a senior medic at MDA, in the Corona activities - sampling complexes, vaccination centers, verified patient transportation, patient transport and more and has actually become an integral part of the organization.

Eliyahu assists Moshe in routine tasks and of course takes care of the protection and social distance. Eliyahu is already experienced in managing Corona samples and assisting with the testing and vaccination complexes. But apart from the technical assistance to

the organization - Eliyahu became from a closed and frameless boy, to happy and full of purpose and vitality.

Moshe Kuperman, a senior medic and MDA volunteer, added: "I have been a professional educator and have been in the field for over 30 years. My wife runs the special education department in the city - and that's how the connection with Tovy was born. Eliyahu is a child who must be in motion and activity. I, in the face of my work at MDA - do not stop for a moment. So I came to the conclusion that this is the perfect connection. I walk around all day and there is a boy who is stuck at home looking for adventure. The connection was successful from day one, we are good friends and the patients respond to him very nicely and respectfully. He is just like any other youth volunteer. The connection with Eliyahu gives me a lot of strength and a lot of joy. I know he goes back home very happy and it gives him and his family peace and quiet. It gives me tremendous satisfaction, we love him very much."



The Extraordinary Story of Holocaust survivor Motke Wiesel

He lost his family in the Holocaust, fought SS officers and became an MDA volunteer at the age of 93



The story of the life of Motke Wiesel (93), a resident of Jerusalem, is full of tragedies and wars of survival but on the other hand is full of power, volunteering and giving back to the public. From 1988 until today, Wiesel has volunteered at the Jerusalem station in Magen David Adom and has become the organization's oldest volunteer of all time.

Wiesel was born in 1929 in Transylvania and had five brothers and sisters. In Auschwitz, he saw his family disappeared in front of his eyes and this, he said, was the greatest trauma of his life he could not overcome it. In 1944, when he was only 15 years old, Wiesel confronted an SS officer when he slammed the officer into the sandbar and to his astonishment and to the astonishment of the entire ghetto, he was not punished and miraculously survived. "The whole ghetto was proud of me for daring to shout at an SS officer. He himself did not know how to react and was in complete shock. I was taken to court at the end of the day, after 10 km of walking and I was waiting for a death sentence. After a few minutes, we were told 'released' and we just went to sleep. I was the hero of the camp," Wiesel recalls excitedly.

"One morning, a Russian tank broke into the camp and the soldiers told us that we were

free. It was all over, just like that. At first we did not believe them and were afraid to move even an inch, but very quickly we were filled with feelings of joy and liberation. We devoured the food. We slept for 48 hours straight," Wiesel recalled excitedly. He immigrated to Israel in '46, got married and started a family. He currently has eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and lives in Jerusalem.

Wiesel finished military service in the field of logistics, stumbled upon the MDA warehouse and fell in love. "I was retired and came across the MDA warehouse in Jerusalem. Since then, I have been there, volunteering around the clock over the years. In my opinion, MDA is one of the most important organizations in the country. To this day, everywhere I present myself as a proud and happy MDA volunteer "adds with a smile. Wiesel survived the Holocaust heroically, fought against the SS and even served in Israel as chairman of an organization supporting Nazi prisoners in Jerusalem.

Eli Bin, MDA Director General: "Motke's inspiring life story touches the hearts of us all and makes us proud of his tremendous contribution to the Jewish people and his heritage which includes values, giving and free love.