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Picture of the week

MDA paramedic, Aryeh Mayers,
arrived to his son's kindergarten
for first aid training for toddlers



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Itzik (53) and Amir Amzallag (25), a father and son, we met recently in a special and extraordinary occasion when they both took the stage at the graduation ceremony of MDA's paramedics course and received the certification. Afterwards, they went out for their first shift together on a MICU.

In 1981, Itzik Amzallag, a resident of Avigdor, came to MDA as a volunteer and has since fallen in love with the organization and held a variety of positions over the years. Today, Amzallag is a paramedic and acting manager of the MDA station in Kiryat Malachi.

Recently, both Itzik and his son Amir both graduated from MDA's paramedics course. Amir, a resident of Ashdod, began his career in the organization at age 15 as a youth volunteer. Now, he is the acting manager of the National Dispatch and First Responders Dispatch at MDA's National Operations Center in Kiryat Ono.

On the stage of the ceremony, in the exciting occasion, Itzik and Amir, a father and son, became MDA paramedics and recently even worked their first shift together. **Itzik shared**



his thoughts on the special occasion saying:

“Working with my son has showed me how responsible and dedicated he is. He sticks to his goals and loves his job. I am very proud of him and happy that we are able to work together. This is not something that every father

and son gets to do, and that made our first shift very special.”

On the shared responsibility and experience, Amir added:

“We manage to make a complete separation during the shift during which we work professionally and regardless of being family. Despite this, the experience is great and we have a lot to talk about at Shabbat dinners. We manage the situation together, come with good spirit, and desire to help. “Helping others. The last word is of Dad, of course, who has been in the organization for 40 years and has years of experience, but we work very well together. When we travel together in an ambulance, the feeling is very special - not something that happens to everyone.”

In 1979, the Ministry of Health granted Magen David Adom the authority to train and certify paramedics in the State of Israel. 41 years ago, on June 25, 1980, the first course certified the first 18 paramedics in the country. Since then, Magen David Adom has trained 3,578 paramedics, including all paramedics in the Israel Defense Forces, universities, hospitals, the National Service and members of Hesder yeshivas who work daily to save lives with professionalism and dedication.

Of all the paramedics trained in the State of Israel in the past 41 years, MDA currently has 1,162 paramedics from all populations and communities in Israel, including Jews, Arabs, Christians, Druze, new immigrants and secularists, secular, national-religious and ultra-Orthodox, including 918 employees and 244 volunteers, including 34 National and Civil Service volunteers.

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Thousands of teenagers aged 12-17 arrived to the Magen David Adom vaccination complexes and were vaccinated against the Corona. Despite the heat and despite the crowding, the teams worked quickly and managed to meet this challenge as well.

Magen David Adom, Israel's National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organization, continues the vaccination project in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and now vaccinates teenagers aged 12-17. Due to being minors, the youngsters come to the vaccination complexes accompanied by their parents, who support them.



minutes.

The parents and children look happy and in conversations with them, they report that a stone has been rolled over their hearts "We have come to get vaccinated because we want to return to routine. We do not want more closures and isolation. We want to enjoy our summer, to be liberated."

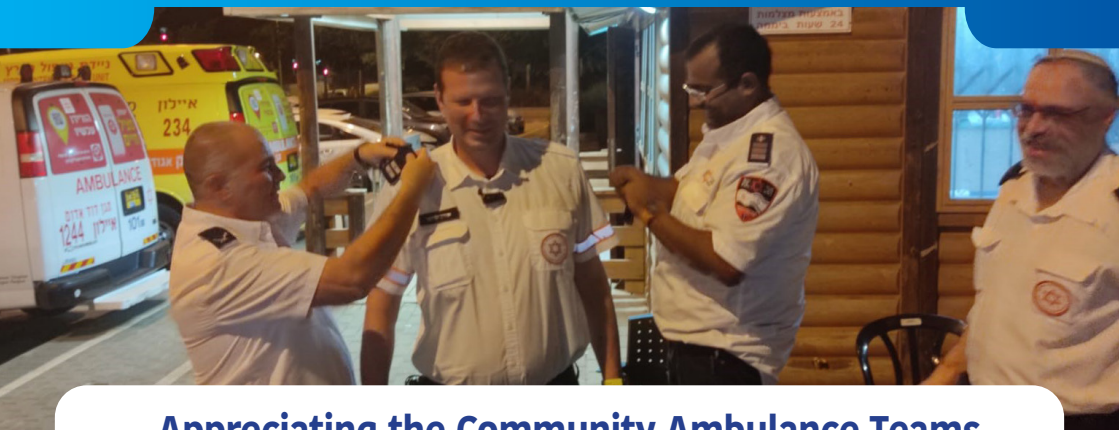
That's what Klil, a 17-year-old from Tel Aviv, told us.

In recent weeks, there has been concern that young people will refuse to be vaccinated, but the reality in Israel has been that for young people this was not a question at all. After a year and a half in which they were forced to remain in their homes, in closures, isolation and social alienation, losing precious time in school, youth movements, the youngsters said "no" to Corona and came in masse to get vaccinated.

A visit to the vaccine complexes around the country shows exemplary efficiency. Skilled, agile and professional MDA teams perform the vaccination quickly, give an explanation to each of the young people and supervise them after the end of the process for a period of 15

The decision to speed up the vaccination process for young people was made in light of the renewed outbreak of the Corona virus in Israel, and the Delta variant which is known for being more contagious. The Government of Israel and the Ministry of Health asked MDA to mobilize for this operation this time as well, and to lead it, and the activity began.

In recent days we have witnessed an increased number of patients and tens of thousands of young people entering quarantine each day. The hope is that the vaccination process will assist in pausing the current spread of the virus and MDA is eagerly awaiting the results in a few weeks time.



Appreciating the Community Ambulance Teams

In the last weekend, an evening of appreciation was held in Modi'in for the community ambulance teams in the Ayalon region.

MDA's community ambulances project deploys ambulances which are operated around the clock by volunteers in many cities and localities in the country. This is in order to shorten the response times for patients and provide as immediate medical treatment as possible.

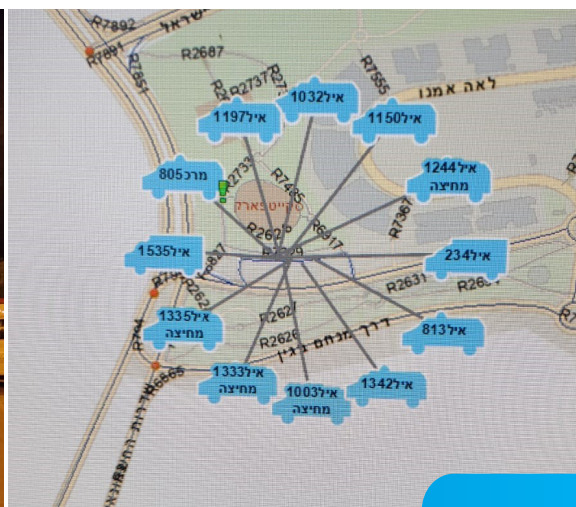
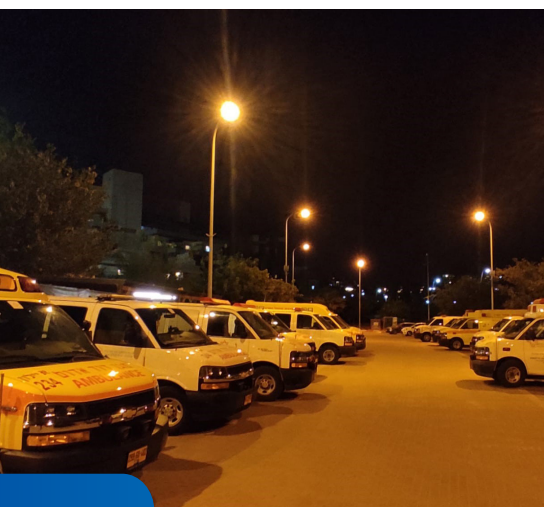
24 vehicles are currently staffed in the major cities in the Ayalon region including Bat Yam, Holon, Rishon Lezion, Modiin, Yavne and others by EMT/Drivers who are on call while at home or work and respond

when needed.

Over the past two years, the teams have not only responded to emergency medical calls but have lent a hand in the other tasks with which MDA is tasked.

For that, the crews received certificates of appreciation in an exciting evening that is all about gratitude.

In attendance at the event were MDA Deputy Director General, Community Dr. Eli Jaffe, Ayalon Regional Manager Efi Bar and his deputy Ziv Klainbart, Project manager, Dovale Shachor, Regional Volunteers Coordinator Rami Meushar as well as all of the volunteers.



A Teenager's Birthday Celebration Ended Last Weekend with a 17-year-old Hospitalized in Critical Condition - After Developing an Allergic Reaction to a Dish he Ate at a Restaurant

A 17 year old, MDA volunteer developed a severe and life threatening reaction to food which he ate at a restaurant while celebrating a friend's birthday in central Israel. Upon identifying that he was having an allergic reaction, the boy injected himself with his Epi-pen and immediately called MDA's 101 emergency call center. MDA EMTs and Paramedics arrived to the scene, provided him lifesaving treatment and evacuated him to the hospital in severe, yet stable condition.

A 17-year-old boy, an MDA volunteer, who celebrated a birthday with his friends at a restaurant, developed a severe allergic reaction with immediate danger to life, after eating food to which he is allergic in a restaurant in the central area. The boy who identified the allergic reaction and regularly holds Epinephrine syringes (for the treatment of acute allergy) injected the substance. His friends, MDA volunteers, also immediately understood the severity of the reaction, assisted him and urgently called an MDA MICU.

MDA medics and paramedics who arrived at the scene provided him with life-saving medical treatment and evacuated him to a hospital when his condition was defined as serious and stable.

MDA paramedics Elhanan Alon and Dr. Yehuda Sabiner, a pediatrician who volunteers at MDA, said:

"We saw the boy sitting in a restaurant having a severe allergic reaction and in immediate danger. Next to him were his friends who said they immediately helped the boy to inject his Epi-pen he was carrying everywhere, but his condition did not improve and later even worsened. We provided him lifesaving treatment for severe allergy conditions, and respiratory assistance, and we evacuated him to the hospital as his condition improved.

There is no doubt that thanks to his friends who quickly called MDA, his life was saved," concluded the paramedic Elhanan.





5 Life-Saving Units

About three years ago, a 5-unit matriculation study program in the field of “Emergency Professions” was opened. Various areas related to the field of emergency were studied, both theoretically and practically. The project was conducted in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality together with MDA, the Fire Department and the Home Front Command. MDA has a very significant place in the program in terms

of partnership and school hours. During their schooling, the students volunteer at MDA and at the end of the three years of study, they are qualified as EMTs. Last week, an evening of appreciation was held for all participants in the program in the presence representatives of the Ministry of Education and the emergency organizations. The study of the program in the schools is led by teachers who are MDA employees / volunteers.

