MDA drivers and teams could not have hoped for a better result during a recent resuscitation process.

On a bright February night, a call was received at the 101 Magen David Adom dispatch center reporting a man who had lost consciousness.

Twenty-three-year-old Moshe Stern, a 3 year volunteer at the Kiryat Ono station, received his MDA Medi-cycle on the very same day he was called to resuscitate the 40-year-old patient. He recalls: "I was on my way from Tel Aviv to my home when I received a call via the App about a case of shortness of breath. MDA 101 dispatch center informed me of a man who collapsed at home, on the very same street I was riding on which meant I was able to reach the house within a minute. I went into the house and saw a gentleman in his 40s lying on the floor, his nervous wife said he just lost consciousness; he had a pulse and was not breathing. I proceeded to administer CPR and immediately called for an ambulance."

The Intensive Care Ambulance arrived within minutes manned by 22 year old Shay Alpha also a 3 year first responder and instructor who recalled: "In an immediate ECG check we observed a severe myocardial infarction, and during the preparations for monitoring, ventilation and further treatment, the patient started to breathe by himself. While preparing to evacuate him to the hospital, we contacted the emergency room and the intensive care unit immediately, and when we reached the emergency room the cardiologist was already waiting for us pleasantly surprised seeing that the patient, who had since returned to full consciousness, was conversing with the medical staff. Shay Alpha continues: "After the call, I drove to the hospital to see how he was doing and arrived just as he was on his way to the catheterization lab. It was truly amazing to see him fully awake and communicative. The next day his wife called and said that he woke up after the surgery, was feeling great and thanked us for the quick response."

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Volunteering highlighted the inner need in me to help others in a most profound way."

Menny Shalom praised the teams: "I am happy that the patient was able to receive such an immediate response and am very proud of the first responders who save lives every day!"

There are not many jobs that provide this tremendous satisfaction in saving lives. This gives us the strength to continue with a lot of motivation to love what we do and provide the advanced treatment for emergency medicine.

YOUR SUPPORT MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

Chag Sameach!
And a Healthy Passover to all our Donors, Supporters and Friends
Holiday greetings from Michael I. Levine, National President

Passover is a celebration of freedom from slavery and the rebirth of a Nation, over three thousand years ago. Our festivities take place during this time of year when the earth awakens and life emerges into full bloom. This celebration of life is apropos to the Talmudic principle, “Whoever saves a single life is as though he saved the whole world”.

Magen David Adom was founded upon this principle and continues to save lives every day.

On behalf of our 14,000 volunteers and 2,000 full time employees in Israel, and our Canadian Board of Directors and staff here in Canada, we thank you for your support and wish you all a wonderful and loving Passover holiday.

Michael I. Levine, National President

ISRAEL CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT MAGEN DAVID ADOM. MAGEN DAVID ADOM CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU.

A Fitting Tribute

On a sunny day in February in Tel Aviv, Marilyn Takefman graciously hosted the dedication of an emergency medical scooter donated to the people of Israel in memory of her beloved husband, Stanley Backman, and her dear brother, Steven Takefman.

What made this a very special and moving tribute was that both her husband and her brother had supported and visited Israel. It was even more meaningful because she was able to share the dedication with her niece, Melanie Takefman, who lives in Israel, and her friends from CAARI – Canadian and American Active Retirees in Israel – of which she is a member.

Marilyn’s interest and appreciation of Magen David Adom and the important life-saving services it provides developed initially through her synagogue and later as a participant in a Canadian Magen David Adom Mission to Poland and Israel. Subsequent visits to Israel have strengthened her love of the country.

Marilyn is grateful to the MDA staff who made all the necessary arrangement for the dedication. Her hope is that her gift will encourage others to donate so that Magen David Adom can continue to provide emergency life-saving services to the people of Israel.

Yasher koach, Marilyn, on this moving and fitting tribute.
What do 32 doctors from Canada and France have in common?
The love of and devotion to Medicine, Magen David Adom and the state of Israel.

“MCI Preparedness & Community Leadership Course”
In January, the Advanced Mission took place. All 32 doctors who took part in the program had already taken the basic course and returned to receive higher level training. They sharpened their skills in MCI, Triage, Medical Protocols, Management and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS). They even worked on MDA’s Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICUs) around the country.

The highlight of the trip was a Mass Casualty Incident surprise drill in Ashdod. The doctors were told that they were going to a synagogue to meet Ashdod’s head rabbi. Unknown to them, 25 fake casualties were waiting to be found in the basement beneath the synagogue. The “rabbi” – an MDA volunteer – came into the room and, one minute after he began his speech, alarms began sounding in the synagogue. “A missile has hit the synagogue... DRILL, DRILL, DRILL, everyone down to the basement.”

As smoke filled the room, doctors took command of the scene, calling for back-up, and began treating the casualties until MDA teams arrived. Real Emergency Medi-Cycle and Ambulances were involved in the drill. The drill was executed beautifully, demonstrating the doctors’ knowledge, training, devotion and hard work.

Canadian doctors, interested in joining our next International Unit Mission?
For more information, contact Daniel Amzallag at 416 780-0034. Ext. 202, or by e-mail at damzallag@cmdai.org

Magen David Adom to the Rescue
When five-year old Shachar accidentally had the pad of his middle finger cut on a sharp piece of metal, his parents immediately called Magen David Adom. The paramedics, who arrived in an ambulance donated by the Tanenbaum Family of Toronto, administered first aid and took Shachar to the hospital for further care.
CMDA’s Young Professionals Launch

CMDA’s Young Professionals Committee launched their inaugural CMDA LOL! Comedy Soirée on February 24th at the Rialto Hall.

Philippe Mamane – President, Young Professionals, welcomed close to 150 Young Professionals (YP) who came together for a night of laughter and fun to benefit Canadian Magen David Adom. He emphasized the responsibilities YP had, which is to not only raise funds for Israel; more importantly, to raise awareness to ensure that there is a continuity of support in the generations to come for the organization.

At the event, Philippe introduced the launch of a new YP initiative; all proceeds raised from the evening’s event and from all upcoming YP events will go towards sending a scooter to Israel on behalf of the CMDA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – MONTREAL.

Comedians Neev, Mike Paterson, Eddy King and Anas Houssouna set the hall on fire the entire evening with bursts of laughter from the crowd!!

Thank you to an amazing volunteer committee and CMDA staff whose support, determination and perseverance played a huge role in the evening’s success.

Special thank you goes to our sponsors who attended the evening and graciously supported this event to benefit Canadian Magen David Adom.

Helping to Save Lives

Magen David Adom’s three-wheeled emergency medical scooters, driven by paramedics and containing essential life-saving supplies, are able to reach the scene of an accident in record time, helping to save lives.

Magen David Adom is dedicated to saving lives. Thank you to our donors – Ofira Green and Family, André and Gisela Sipos, Perla and Albert Soussan and Family and the Estates of the Late Frank & Rosie Nelson – whose donations of emergency medical scooters enable first responders and paramedics to arrive at the scene of an incident in two to three minutes from when the call is first received.
Wolf Bronet – Leader of the Pack

The best way to describe Wolf Bronet is that he is a man of great drive, inspiration and determination – to keep on running, to keep on giving, and to keep on saving lives. Wolf has devoted his life to humanitarian causes. He loves people, he loves helping people. A Holocaust survivor, Wolf understands the importance of community, the importance of “tzedakah”.

With the “Wolf Pack” of which he is ‘leader’, Wolf has been an active supporter of many organizations. Whether he was carrying the Olympic flame up Camilien Houde Parkway to launch Montreal’s 1976 Olympics, raising funds for cancer research with the Défi Canderel, holding the Torch of Unity in a St. Patrick’s Day parade, or actively supporting Magen David Adom, Wolf’s dedication to causes knows no bounds.

In conjunction with the YM-YWHA “Wolf Pack”, 12 ambulances have been donated to Magen David Adom, Israel’s national rescue and blood services organization. But Wolf wants more. He has always had a dream – to donate ambulance 13, the Bar Mitzvah ambulance, to the people of Israel.

Help make Wolf’s dream a reality. “Be part of it, be proud of it”! As Wolf has said many times, “We cannot do it without you”.

And that is why we call him “leader of the pack”!

In celebration of Wolf’s 94th Birthday, Canadian Magen David Adom will honour Wolf at a special evening at the Segal Centre on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018. Proceeds will enable the donation of the Bar Mitzvah Ambulance, number 13 to the people of Israel.

For further information, please contact Susan Puritz or Sandar Amar at 514-731-4400

A Bat Mitzvah Celebration

In the spirit of Tikkun Olam, Talya Samuel, who recently celebrated her Bat Mitzvah, chose to donate her gifts to Canadian Magen David Adom. This generous act of tzedakah on Talya’s part became even more meaningful when her family’s visit to Israel included a tour of the main MDA station in Tel Aviv.

Magen David Adom’s mission is well known to Talya and her family. Her father and uncle are doctors and her cousin participated in the First Physicians’ Mission to Israel and, again, in the Advanced Mission which took place in January, 2018.

The visit to the MDA station provided Talya and her family with the opportunity to see first-hand the scope of the operations and the life-saving equipment which is made possible thanks to the generous donations of people like Talya.

Talya, you are an inspiration to young people!
Fania Wedro was about to celebrate her special birthday. Not sure about the best way to acknowledge Fania on her special day, but knowing that she and her late husband, Leo z’l, have been loyal and generous supporters of Canadian Magen David Adom for many years, her friends chose to establish the CMDA “Leo z’l and Fania Wedro Fund”.

As a result, two emergency medical scooters have been donated to the people of Israel and are now stationed in Yarkon. They join the fleet of scooters which includes the one donated by Fania and her late husband, Leo z’l, in 2016 in honor of their son, Dr. Ben Wedro, which is stationed in Rishon Letzion.

Fania, may you enjoy continued good health and many more happy times shared with family and friends.

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The word “no” does not exist in Toby Friedman’s vocabulary. Her commitment to Canadian Magen David Adom through the Calgary Chapter is what makes her a long-time dedicated volunteer.

No task is too big or too small for Toby. Whether it is participating in an event, depositing cheques, or making telephone calls, Toby can always be counted on. The Calgary Chapter and Canadian Magen David Adom are grateful to her for her continued support.

Toby, you truly are “a volunteer par excellence”!

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Canadian Magen David Adom often receives requests from people who will be visiting Israel and want to include a tour of an MDA Station. Such a request was received from Leora Stoll (Thornhill, ON) who was visiting her son currently studying in Israel on the Bar Ilan Israel Experience and members of her family who live in Rehovot and in Moshav Tzippori.

Many thanks to Raphael Herbst, MDA International Department. The visit included a tour of the Jerusalem station and the Regional Dispatch Centre with a full explanation about MDA’s activities. It provided the family with an understanding about the life-saving work of MDA and the importance it plays in the lives of all the people of Israel.

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