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During Passover we must remember that thousands of people in Israel will celebrate in safety thanks to your continuous support

# Magen David Adom: First on the scene

Beyond ambulances, Magen David Adom saves lives by providing superior training to EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and by developing innovations like the new smart phone app and its "Life Guardian" Program.

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**MAGEN DAVID ADOM** 

(Original article written by Ella Lavon appeared in *Haaretz*)

The shrieks of terror grew louder as Lina Cooperman, a volunteer MDA EMT reached the esplanade in Jaffa. There, minutes earlier, a terrorist went on a rampage, stabbing anyone in his vicinity and leaving a trail of carnage in his wake. "It was chaos, absolute chaos," she said.

Anwar Srkaoi, another MDA volunteer, arrived within minutes of being dispatched to the Jaffa clock tower, slipping through Tel Aviv's notorious rush hour traffic on his well-equipped Emergency Medicycle.

The Jaffa attack killed one man and injured ten others. There were similar, albeit less deadly attacks that day in Jerusalem and Petah Tikvah, a stark reminder that no place in Israel is immune from violence in the current climate. These attacks are part of the wave of stabbings, car-rammings and shootings that have plagued Israelis since September 2015, killing more than 40 people and injuring 500.

While thwarting all these attacks is nearly impossible, responding to them is not. MDA, having developed worldrenowned expertise in mass casualty responses, has saved hundreds of lives. It has done this by embracing efficient and tech-savvy innovations.

In an effort to "see" the scene of an emergency and dispatch the most appropriate vehicles and personnel, MDA has up-graded its smart phone

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app in order to provide a live video feed from the scene, adding another capability to what is already the most sophisticated phone app for summoning EMS help.

Users can mobilize MDA paramedics with one touch and enable dispatchers to see their exact location and the scene so that critical medical decisions can be made even as the paramedics are being dispatched.

"The app allows callers to obtain immediate help and provides dispatchers with critical information," said Eli Bin, MDA Director General. "It is all about providing a better and faster response and ensuring that we have the best equipment and the best-qualified medics for a particular injury or ailment. Once they arrive, their training is what ultimately saves a person's life."

MDA is constantly refining and improving its training and protocols, making it a sought after authority in the medical community, frequently training other Red Cross societies and first responders from around the world. Emergency medical technicians who responded to the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013 cited their training with Magen David Adom a year earlier as instrumental in their rapid response.

MDA's cutting-edge training continues to save lives with its Life Guardian Program. This adds another layer of



responders by training and/or recertifying everyday Israeli citizens in CPR. Depending on their location, these Life Guardians receive notifications of an emergency on their mobile app and can rush to administer CPR or first aid until an MDA ambulance or

medicycle arrives.

Donor support is critical because MDA does not receive Israeli government funding. Yoni Yagodovsky, MDA's Director of International Affairs, commented, "As Israel's only national emergency response organization, it is our responsibility to provide Israelis with the best, most professional treatment possible, and we can't offer that without the support from donors."

In this era of unpredictable and unprovoked attacks, the unique combination of innovatin, MDA training, and donor support is helping to keep Israelis alive.

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And a Healthy Passover to all our Donors, Supporters and Friends



# **SAVE THE DATE** Fundraising Gala

In support of the new Magen David Adom Blood Services Center for Lifesaving Equipment for Israel's State-of-the-Art Blood Bank



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## 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 on this principle and, 40 years ago, Canadian Magen David Adom became the sole authorized fundraising organization in Canada, dedicated to supporting the lifesaving efforts of MDA in the State of Israel.

As Israel's official national rescue and blood services organization, MDA provides emergency medical services and blood services, as well as humanitarian aid to other countries in times of crisis. Every day, thousands of paramedics, medics and volunteers work together to provide medical care to the people of Israel. This requires a vast amount of resources, vehicles, equipment and supplies. Emergency vehicles must be maintained, medical equipment and supplies need to be replenished.

Our organization directly and actively saves lives and mitigates the suffering of human beings affected by violence and the human condition.

All of MDA's equipment, medical and blood products are supplied solely by the Diaspora, us! That is why MDA cannot exist without us.

Israel cannot survive without Magen David Adom.



Michael I. Levine, National President

## Message de souhaits de la part de Michael I. Levine, Président National

À Pessa'h, on commémore la liberté retrouvée après la servitude, et la renaissance d'une nation, des événements qui se sont produits il y a plus de 3000 ans. Nos festivités se déroulent à une époque de l'année où la terre se réveille et où la nature recommence à s'épanouir. Cette célébration de la vie est en harmonie avec l'adage talmudique voulant que quiconque sauve une vie, sauve le monde entier.

Magen David Adom a été fondé sur ce principe et, il y a 40 ans, Magen David Adom canadien pour Israël est devenu le seul organisme de collecte de fonds autorisé au Canada à soutenir les efforts de sauvetage de vies assurés par MDA en Israël.

Service national israélien d'urgence, d'ambulance et de dons de sang, MDA fournit des services transfusionnels et médicaux d'urgence, ainsi que de l'aide humanitaire à d'autres pays en temps de crise. Chaque jour, des milliers d'ambulanciers paramédicaux, de médecins et de bénévoles unissent leurs efforts pour fournir des soins à toute la population d'Israël. Cela exige beaucoup de ressources, des véhicules, de l'équipement et des fournitures. Il faut entretenir les véhicules d'urgence, et renouveler les réserves et le matériel médical.

Notre organisme contribue directement et activement à sauver des vies et à atténuer les souffrances d'êtres humains en détresse ou touchés par la violence.

L'ensemble de l'équipement de MDA, de ses fournitures médicales et de ses produits sanguins est entièrement assuré par des donateurs de la diaspora, par nous! C'est pour cela que MDA ne peut exister sans nous, sans vous!

Israël ne peut pas survivre sans Magen David Adom.

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Michael I. Levine, président national

## **Family Foundation donates** Ambulance & Scooter WINNIPEG

(Original article written by Rebeca Kuropatwa appeared in the December 21, 2016 edition of the Winnipeg Jewish Post & News)

In honour of the 90th Birthday of Mark Bernstein, the Zita and Mark Bernstein Family Foundation has donated an ambulance and a scooter to Magen David Adom. This generous gift was made in memory of Sara Bernstein, Mark's mother, who was the first National Chair of Magen David Adom in Canada under the Hadassah-WIZO umbrella.

"I come from a very strong Zionist family," said Mark. "For as long as I can remember, my mother was active with Hadassah-WIZO. What

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I was not aware of until she passed away in 1986 was that she was also involved with Magen David Adom.

Asked why he chose to donate an ambulance and a scooter, he said, "because I can and I felt the need to do it. The survival of Israel is deeply engrained in me... Magen David Adom is an organization that saves lives."

"Learning of my mother's involvement gave me the push to make this donation in her memory...It is a gift to the people of Israel and the State of Israel. The survival of Israel and its people is a very important part of my life."





Please contact us to make a donation, to purchase equipment or to volunteer.

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# **MDA International Physicians' Unit**



A group of 25 physicians from Canada and France recently spent a week in Israel taking part in the MDA "International Unit" - Advance Course. They attended lectures, courses and participated in trauma classes, Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) shifts, and extreme drills throughout the south of Israel.

Leader of the Canadian group was Daniel Amzallag, CMDA's National Media and Volunteer Coordinator and himself a trained MDA Paramedic.

The course commenced with a conference at the Jerusalem Station, "MDA and Emergency Medical Innovations", and included topics on technological dispatch, instruction methods, how to utilize volunteers and medical innovations. An emotional personal story was shared by Michael Kosovski who was saved TWICE by the same Paramedic, Israel Weingarten. Michael sustained a cardiac arrest while playing baseball and, thanks to the MDA dispatcher who was able to instruct bystanders to perform CPR until the MDA team arrived, he survived.



Front row: Dr. Lisa Goldstein, (Toronto). L to R: Ilan Klein, Dr. Stanley Herman (Toronto), Daniel Amzallag, Dr. Barry Dworkin (Ottawa).

Two years later, while in the gym, Michael went into yet another cardiac arrest and as fate would have it, the SAME paramedic was on call and saved his life again!

A Challenging Medical Championship was set up that included ten different medical emergency scenarios specifically arranged for the physicians. They dealt with a woman giving birth, a child suffering from heat stroke, a penetrating wound, even a tiger bite and more. This Championship could not have been the success it was without the cooperation and assistance of our friends from MDA Negev Region, MDA's Paramedic School, Canadian Magen David Adom's representatives as well as our "Maguen David Adom France" representative, Victor Wintz.

Time was also built into the program to allow for a climb up Masada and an emotional ceremony at the top of Masada in English, French and Hebrew with the picturesque sunrise in the background.



One event that was definitely not built into the program was an actual encounter with two severe car accidents on the way back to Jerusalem from Masada. The physicians were able to put their skills to work when they treated four people – two with life-threatening injuries, one with moderate injuries and one with mild injuries.

Are you a Physician or know one? Want to join our Team and be part of an unforgettable experience? The Third Basic Course of the International Unit will take place November 16th to 26th, 2017. For further information and to register, please contact Daniel Amzallag at damzallag@cmdai.org.

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ADMISSION \$18 DONATIONS ARE WELCOME

Funds raised will enable the purchase of blood testing kits for the MDA National Blood Center for Israel.







## **Celebrating 70 Years**

In honour of Josh Dubitsky's 70th Birthday, his family purchased a Paramedic Life Pack for MDA Israel. Mazel Tov, Josh, and may you celebrate many more.



What better way to acknowledge the donation of an emergency medical scooter than to share the event with family. Ivan Jozsef did just that when he visited his family in Israel and invited them to join him at the dedication of the scooter generously donated by himself and Ben Zukierman. The scooter is now stationed in the Yarkon region.



# PRESENTS **Evening of Entertainment Tuesday, June 27, 2017** 7:30 p.m.

**Cote Saint-Luc Men's Club** 

Cote Saint-Luc Aquatic & Community Centre 5794 Parkhaven, Cote Saint-Luc



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KEEP THE DATE OPEN

## MONTREAL

Why is the evening of June 27th different from all other evenings? Because on this evening, the Cote Saint-Luc Men's Club has chosen to present an Evening of Entertainment to benefit CMDA.

In existence for 30 plus years, the Club is well known for the many courses, social activities and outings it arranges for its members, as well as the fundraising events which benefit many organizations. An active committee, headed by President Sid Kronish, has worked tirelessly to arrange for an evening

that must not be missed. Mitchell

Brownstein, Mayor of Cote Saint-

Luc, has graciously agreed to be

the evening's chairman. Special

guest will be the Consul General of

Israel, Ziv Nevo Kulman. Entertainment will be provided by Cantor Yossi Pomerantz and

Blogger-in-Chief, Al Kustanowitz.

Cantor Pomerantz is known for his

extensive repertoire of liturgical

music as well as modern Israeli,

Broadway, opera and pop music.



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## Laugh Out Loud!

Don't miss this evening which will have you singing along to some of your favorite tunes and laughing at jokes until your sides hurt.

For information and tickets:

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## WINDSOR

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We are grateful to the Morris & Beverly Baker Foundation for their generous donation of a MICU to the people of Israel. Stationed in Kiryat Gat, this life-saving vehicle is now in service.





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## **A Special & Generous Gift**

Grateful appreciation to the Estate of George Frank Nelson and Wertman Development Corporation, Joseph Wertman, President, for the generous donation of a Mobile Intensive Care Unit. This lifesaving vehicle recently joined the MDA fleet and is stationed in Tel Aviv.

Presented to the State of Israel Frank & Rosie Nelson (of blessed memory) from Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada - They loved the Jewish people -מוקדש למדינת ישראל ע"י עזבונותיהם של פרנק ורוזי נלסון [ז״ל] - אוהבי העם היהודי -מאבונוספורד, ברינויש קולומביה, קנדה

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## Sylvia Walt z'l

Honorary Toronto Chapter Co-Founder and Past President

Her kind and gentle soul, her tireless dedication and loyalty to CMDA and Israel will be sorely missed by us all.

"May her memory be a blessing to all who knew her and her family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem."



In this rapidly changing world Israel is increasingly being recognized as a world leader in disaster preparedness. Please join us for an enlightening evening to learn about Israel's unique approach to Mass Casualty and Disaster Management. Hear from Israeli medical experts at Magen David Adom, Israel's national Emergency Medical Services.

## April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8 p.m.

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The MDA Overseas Volunteer Program, in memory of Yochai Porat z"l, gives young adults between the ages of 18-30 from all over the world the opportunity to become certified first responders, and to work on ambulances in Israel, as part of MDA's life saving efforts.

## Why Magen David Adom?

Explore the medical field by working in an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) system with first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and doctors.

## Experience & Expand

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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