

L'Chaim *A Will to Life*

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Saving Lives



*To life, to life, l'chaim.
L'chaim, l'chaim, to life.
To us and our good fortune.
Be happy! Be healthy! Long life!
May all our futures be pleasant ones,
Here's to whatever comes
Drink l'chaim, to life!*

Whoever preserves a single life is considered to have saved the whole world

(Sanhedrin)





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MAGEN DAVID ADOM AUSTRALIA

through fundraising activities
and awareness programs

supports the life-saving services provided by

MAGEN DAVID ADOM ISRAEL



Magen David Adom Israel – What do we do?

- ☆ Provide emergency medical services to all regardless of race or religion in times of both peace and crisis.
- ☆ Maintain a modern fleet of more than 900 ambulances that are on constant alert – and must be replaced at the rate of more than 80 vehicles per year.
- ☆ Have built and maintain Medical Emergency Stations throughout Israel that are always available, plus auxiliary services with ambulances at all critical border kibbutzim.
- ☆ Provide 97% of Israel's total blood needs through the MDA National Blood Services Centre.
- ☆ Cooperate with all hospitals and clinics throughout Israel.
- ☆ Collect donated umbilical cord blood to test and type stem cells for transplantation and research through the MDA Israel Cord Blood Bank.
- ☆ Established an emergency premature and high risk infant ambulance service with Hadassah Hospital.
- ☆ Train all Israeli Defence Force paramedics.
- ☆ Conduct emergency life-saving training for more than 60,000 people a year including postal workers, police, fire fighters, taxi drivers, tour guides and others.
- ☆ Provide training to young people in order for them to support their communities.
- ☆ Provide humanitarian aid in emergency situations around the world.



A Brief History of Magen David Adom...

1930 June 7, the Magen David Adom Tel Aviv Association was officially founded in one room with a single ambulance.

1935 MDA House in Tel Aviv dedicated.

1947 24 MDA Associations operated throughout Israel with 28 ambulances and 5,000 volunteers.*

1950 Legislation enacted for Magen David Adom Law to function as Israel's National Red Cross Society acting in accordance with the Geneva Convention.

1973 MDA evacuated casualties from border communities and transferred wounded soldiers to hospital.

1980 MDA developed and pioneered the concept of Advanced Life Support (ALS) performed by trained paramedics manning Mobile Intensive Care units (MICU).

2006 Magen David Adom, Israel's official emergency medical, disaster, ambulance & blood bank service was finally accepted as a full member in the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

2010 MDA Societies worldwide:	20
Operational regions:	11
Medical Emergency Stations:	120
Trained volunteers:	14,000
Helicopters:	2

* During WWII and the War of Independence, MDA operated as the pre-hospital emergency medical organisation and established Israel's National Blood Bank.





Why making your Will is important...

Everyone needs a Will.

Regardless of the amount of property you own and regardless of whether or not you have dependents, you should have a Will. Making a Will can seem a complicated business. This booklet should answer your questions and additional information can be provided by contacting your local MDA office and your solicitor.

It is never too early or too late to make your Will or to bring it up-to-date, to make plans and to safeguard the future of family and friends.

Your Will is a powerful tool, which can turn hope into reality.

For the person who cares about the welfare of those they love and also the “family of Israel” it can be the means of making a real and lasting contribution. It is also a particularly appropriate and meaningful way to honour the memory of a parent or loved one.

All our lives, we care about others – family and friends – and, when we die, it is natural to use our hard-earned assets to benefit the people we love.

A Will which is both current and legal, ensures that your estate, no matter how large or small, will be distributed in exactly the way you want it to be.

Without a Will, there may be confusion, conflict and hefty legal fees. An administrator is appointed by the government and determines the distribution of your Estate without any knowledge of your wishes.

Many people tell us that by making their Will or bringing an old Will up-to-date, it lifts a load from their minds.

Your Will should be reviewed every few years to make sure the provisions are as you want them to be. Life changes and needs and circumstances change.

Your Will should reflect your current ideas for the distribution of your estate and the perpetuation of your values.

Changing your Will – It is a simple matter to add a codicil (an additional clause) to your Will.

Why a gift in your Will is important to MDA...

Your words can save lives...

By including a gift in your Will to Magen David Adom, you reflect your wider concerns for the future and for the cause in which you believe.

Your gift can be used to ease human suffering and provide emergency medical assistance and care, when and where it is needed most.

Magen David Adom Australia supports the life-saving services provided by Magen David Adom Israel.

- ✧ *Emergency medical services*
- ✧ *900 ambulances*
- ✧ *Blood plasma services*
- ✧ *Mobile cardiac survival and rescue units*
- ✧ *Emergency premature and high risk infant ambulance services*
- ✧ *First-aid and life-saving training*
- ✧ *Medical Emergency stations throughout Israel*





HOW YOU CAN HELP...

A gift in your Will can be made for a specific purpose which you nominate.

It can be a proportion of your estate or the residue after you have made provision for your family.

A gift can be a specific amount to be applied to the greatest need at the time.



It's a Simple Procedure...

- ☐ I have included a gift to MDA in my Will
- ☐ I would like a CONFIDENTIAL discussion with an MDA representative regarding the inclusion of a gift in my Will
- ☐ Please send me draft wording to include a gift to MDA in my Will
- ☐ I would like more information about the work of MDA

If you have included a gift to Magen David Adom in your Will, please let us know. It will be our privilege to thank you and honour your generosity during your lifetime.

A gift in a Will is applied for the purpose designated in your Will without any administrative expenses.

Please complete the details on the next page and return to your nearest MDA office.

All information is treated in the strictest confidence.





The Next Step...

FIRST NAME:

SURNAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

PHONE (HOME):

(WORK):

(MOBILE):

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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How you will be acknowledged and remembered...

Your name and foresight will always be remembered because you succeeded in making life better for the family of Israel.



By supporting Magen David Adom through a gift in your Will, you will become an honoured member of "CHAI – MDA's Friends for LIFE".

CHAI members receive

- ☆ Life Membership of MDA in your state
- ☆ A free comprehensive first-aid kit for your home or car
- ☆ Regular updates on the activities of MDA Israel / Australia
- ☆ An exclusive "MDA Friend for Life" lapel pin



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