

NEWSLETTER



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Shalom

This year, help
Magen David Adom Australia create
8 miracles in 8 days by raising \$64,000 to purchase 8 defibrillators.
Our aim is to put a defibrillator on street corners throughout Israel in
cities such as
Akko, Carmiel, Kiryat Gat, Kiryat Ono, Ra'anana & Yokneam.

Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone – anywhere

Immediate response is vital. A victim's chance of survival dramatically decreases every minute without treatment.

That's why public access defibrillators are so important.

Through this initiative, **Magen David Adom** will ensure the public is equipped to help save lives.

Only one week to go
and your donation will be doubled by our generous sponsors

\$90 = \$180

\$360 = \$720

\$540 = \$1080

\$900 = \$1800

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8 MIRACLES IN 8 DAYS



**8 Defibrillators for
the streets of Israel in 8 days!**

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Israel's heroes come in all shapes and sizes.
And one looks just like you.



Throughout the year we've highlighted many MDA heroes. Today we're saluting one more: **YOU**. Thanks to donors like you, MDA paramedics provide expert lifesaving care to the people of Israel every day.

So be today's hero and join MDA in performing miracles great and small. With your help, we'll fund the equipment and training Magen David Adom EMTs need to keep saving lives in Israel.

As **Chanukah** will be starting soon, so will our [Eight Miracles in Eight Days Campaign](#). Please stand shoulder-to-shoulder with MDA's heroes once again and make a gift.



Defibrillators save lives

Panic at the Zoo

Amir Bendel, a zookeeper in the Safari in Ramat Gan, was on a routine visit to the kangaroo yard when he suddenly suffered a heart attack and collapsed. Thanks to the defibrillator installed at the zoo Amir's life was saved.

Now, when most places are closed, workers and zookeepers continue to care for the animals despite the lack of visitors. The day started the same as any other, but nearly ended in tragedy.

A few weeks prior, management had decided that, for safety, two caregivers would work in the kangaroo yard. That decision saved lives. Amir Bendel, a zookeeper, routinely entered the kangaroo yard, but quickly collapsed. His co-worker who was standing nearby immediately called Magen David Adom and called Doron Tam, the Operations Manager at the Safari, who has also been a volunteer MDA Senior EMT for the past eight years.

Doron Tam, in addition to being the operations manager at the Safari, is also responsible for the first aid at the zoo. As part of his job, he had arranged for two defibrillators to be installed at different locations in the park. That morning, he and his co-worker Gilad received an emergency call for their unresponsive co-worker.

The two immediately rushed to the scene with the Automated external defibrillator (AED). Doron recounted those first few moments "when we arrived at the compound, we saw Amir on the ground unresponsive. We began CPR and connected the AED, which provided two electrical shocks. Following the second shock, he began the breath again. We provided him with oxygen, and at the same time an MDA Medi-cycle First Responder and MICU arrived and continued medical treatment. Amir was evacuated in stable condition to Sheba Tel HaShomer Hospital for further treatment."

He adds: "This is the first time I have performed CPR in the Safari and on a co-worker. We have set up a network of medical assistance and I am glad that this enabled us to save his life. Once he was able, Amir came to visit us and it was very emotional. We are eager to see him return to work and make a full recovery".

Amir Bendel, a caretaker in the monkey department and a safari train driver, admitted that he does not remember anything from the moment of the incident. Despite this, he heard about the case from his co-workers and medical staff and was thrilled to discover that, thanks to his safari colleagues - his life was miraculously saved.

On his return to the safari for the first time after the incident, Amir excitedly recalled: "I was very happy to return, even if it was a short visit until I make a full recovery. It was very exciting to meet Doron and Gilad - this time when we were all smiling and on our feet. I thanked them - and Doron was more excited than me. I am still in the process of

rehabilitation, walking around my home but am looking forward to returning to the safari. I thank everyone who helped and was a part of my return to life



Even with a year full of so many challenges, there's so much we're thankful for.

We're thankful for the 25,000 EMTs and paramedics of **Magen David Adom** who have waged a tireless battle to stop the spread of Covid and thwart terrorist attacks, to keep thousands and thousands of Israelis alive this year.

But we're also thankful for donors like you.

Your continued support provides the PPE, suits, defibrillators, training, ambulances & equipment that enable MDA to perform its lifesaving work every day.

So **Thank You** for all the things you make possible, and our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a safe, happy & healthy 2021.

Wishing all our members and supporters and Shabbat shalom.



SPECIAL DATES

Channukah	Fri-Fri, 11-18 December	OPEN
MDA Australia Office	Wed, 23 December 2020	CLOSES
MDA Australia Office	Mon, 11 January 2021	OPENS
Australia Day	Tues, 26 January 2021	CLOSED
Community Blood Drive	Wed, 17 February 2021	



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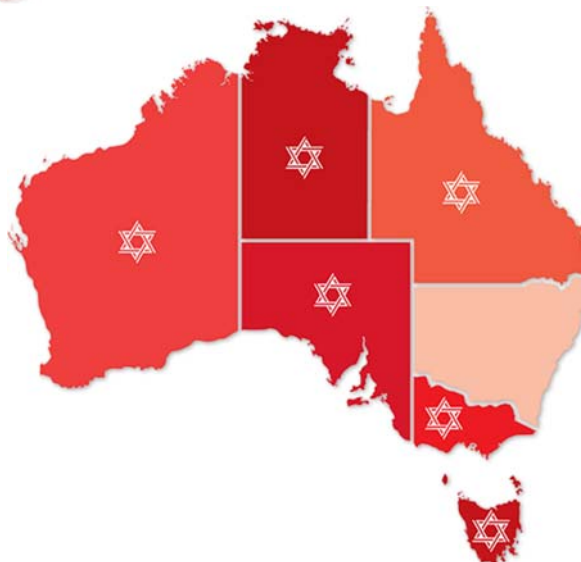


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