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Welcome to our monthly e-newsletter.

Incredibly we are already into 2021 and with schools returning and Aged Care once again opening to the wider community we will, all being well, continue with our outreach and MDA education within those communities. We go, we visit and we engage.
Should you be a part of a group that would like to benefit from the work we do or just know a little more about us, please feel free to contact our office at your convenience. Details at the bottom of this email.

MDA Australia is proud to congratulate all recipients on their Australia Day Honours.

Mazal Tov
Australia Day Honours

MAGEN DAVID ADOM AUSTRALIA

John Levi AM AC
Susan Davis AO
Andrew Markus AO
Gregory Goodman AM
Rabbi Mordechai Gutnick AM
Daniel Lubman AM
Philip Mayers AM
Peter Davis OAM
Irma Hanner OAM
Elizabeth James OAM
Larry Kornhauser OAM
Henry Lew OAM
Amanda Mandie OAM
Hilary Rubinstein OAM
Megan Rynderman OAM
Neil Samuel OAM
Renata Singer OAM
Avi Susskind OAM

On Behalf of Magen David Adom Australia Mazal Tov on your Australia Day Honour Awards which are so richly deserved.

We are happy to announce that once again MDA Australia has teamed up with Hatzolah and will be providing ongoing First Aid training to the community. Numbers are limited so please contact Hatzolah direct to make a booking for either of the dates listed below. If you require a group booking, corporate or private, contact either MDA Australia or Hatzolah to arrange a mutually convenient date.
Just mention us when booking and support MDA.

FIRST AID TRAINING
WITH MDA AND HATZOLAH

HLTAID001
PROVIDE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION
$65 (6PM - 7PM)

OR

HLTAID003
PROVIDE FIRST AID
$140 (6PM - 9PM)

OR

HLTAID004
PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY FIRST AID RESPONSE IN AN EDUCATION AND CARE SETTING
$140 (6PM - 9PM)

ONLINE COMPONENT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ATTENDING

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2021
6PM - 9PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH MAY 2021
6PM - 9PM

LOCATION: HATZOLAH HQ
320 ORRONG RD, CAULFIELD NORTH

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF ALLENS TRAINING PTY LTD RTO 90909

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CALL **8534 0100** OR EMAIL **INFO@HATZOLAH.ORG.AU**

Magen David Adom Australia holds a Blood Drive every three months to align with the optimum number of times one can give blood. Plasma may be given every two weeks!

Should you be available on the date below please contact our office to book in, otherwise just mention **Magen David Adom** when you go in to donate either blood or plasma and it will go toward our annual group tally. One unit of blood can save three lives!

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COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2021

4:15pm - 7pm

Caulfield Blood Bank
322 HAWTHORN RD, CAULFIELD
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
RSVP BY 6 FEBRUARY 2021
JOEY@MAGENDAVIDADOM.COM.AU

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ITTAY FLESCHER receives his second COVID vaccination, ISRAEL.

For those who don't speak the mameloshen, the T-Shirt says “Don’t Worry Be Happy.” Even though I never met her, I can’t imagine it would have been a phrase my Yiddish-German speaking grandmother would have said often before she emigrated to Palestine from Germany to establish a Kibbutz in the 1930s, leading to me being born in this country.

For the past year, the hope of the entire world to “not worry” and “be happy” has been riding on this miraculous vaccine which was created thanks to the German government granting BioNTech €375 million for its COVID-19 vaccine development program at a time when Pfizer funded its portion of development costs without government funding.

As one of the privileged few in the world to have received two doses, I am deeply grateful to all the MDA staff and volunteers at the Jerusalem Municipality who arranged the efficient vaccine delivery for thousands today. The agreement between Albert Bourla and Benjamin Netanyahu that led to so many doses arriving quickly in this country, plus our incredible socialized health care system that allowed for quick and effective distribution also deserve much praise on this day.

Yet as much as I’d like to be happier and worry less about the devastation this pandemic has wrought to this planet, I know that time is still a long way in the future, as many people with whom I share this land have yet to be vaccinated, with billions around the world not even close to receiving this gift.

May their deltoids all be granted this life-transforming injection speedily and in our days, so that this pandemic soon becomes a chapter in our history books rather than the reality of our lives.

MDA in Israel has been on the front lines from the start of the pandemic, and continues to be today with its massive vaccination campaign. As part of this campaign MDA Israel has recently produced a video in Arabic to encourage the Arab population in Israel to get vaccinated. View it below!

VIEW VACCINATION VIDEO HERE

Greeting Cards now available in lieu of Mishloach Manot

Please call the MDA office on (03) 9272 5633 to arrange for your personalised cards to be sent.

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Tzedakah Campaign

Magen David Adom Australia invites all within our community to participate in the act of giving.
We encourage you, together with your family, to support our Tzedakah Campaign and help MDA in Israel.

If you would like to receive a Magen David Adom Australia Tzedakah box please call (03) 9272 5633 or visit

Contact us now or go online to purchase our MDA commemorative coffee table book.

PURCHASE HERE

MEMBERSHIP

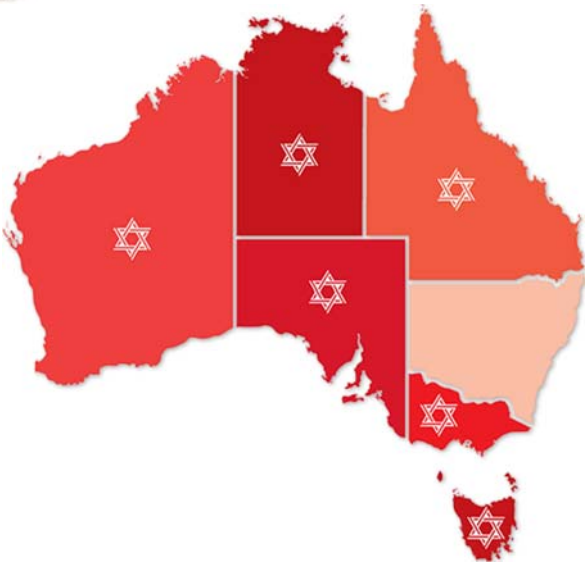
For only $54 you receive **free ambulance service**, if required, while in Israel and access to **discounts** at a fantastic range of local retailers and service providers.

PAY MEMBERSHIP HERE

SPECIAL DATES

To stay up to date with all the latest news & events and to donate, please visit:

www.magendavidadom.com.au



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