

MDA Bloodmobile Caravans

In continually aiming to improve and expand its pre-hospitalisation lifesaving care to the people of Israel, MDA has now introduced its next innovation: the Bloodmobile Caravan.

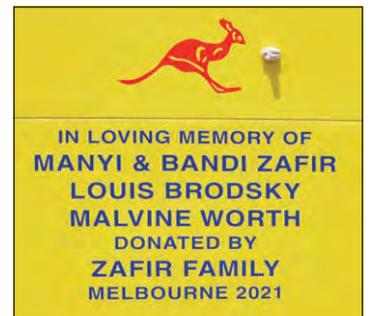
This unique vehicle enables access to remote areas and has been adapted to streamline blood and plasma donations.

They are designed to accommodate four donors. Each caravan has a separate room for mandatory pre-donation check-up and interview of the voluntary donors and, in order to facilitate the required delicate activities, the caravan carries a generator, refrigerators and enables easy public accessibility.



The Bloodmobile caravans allow MDA Blood Services teams to easily reach small communities such as Bedouin tribes, Northern peripheral communities and small minority neighbourhoods within major cities, thereby significantly increasing the pool of donors available.

MDA Australia is proud to announce that we have donated TWO such vehicles through the support of community partners and donors during our 2021 Annual Appeal.



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Operation Guardian of the Walls

Operation Guardian of the Walls lasted 11 days, but it was one of the most intense wars experienced between Israel's military and Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorists, in the Gaza Strip.

By many measures, this round was the most intense escalation since Operation Protective Edge in 2014.

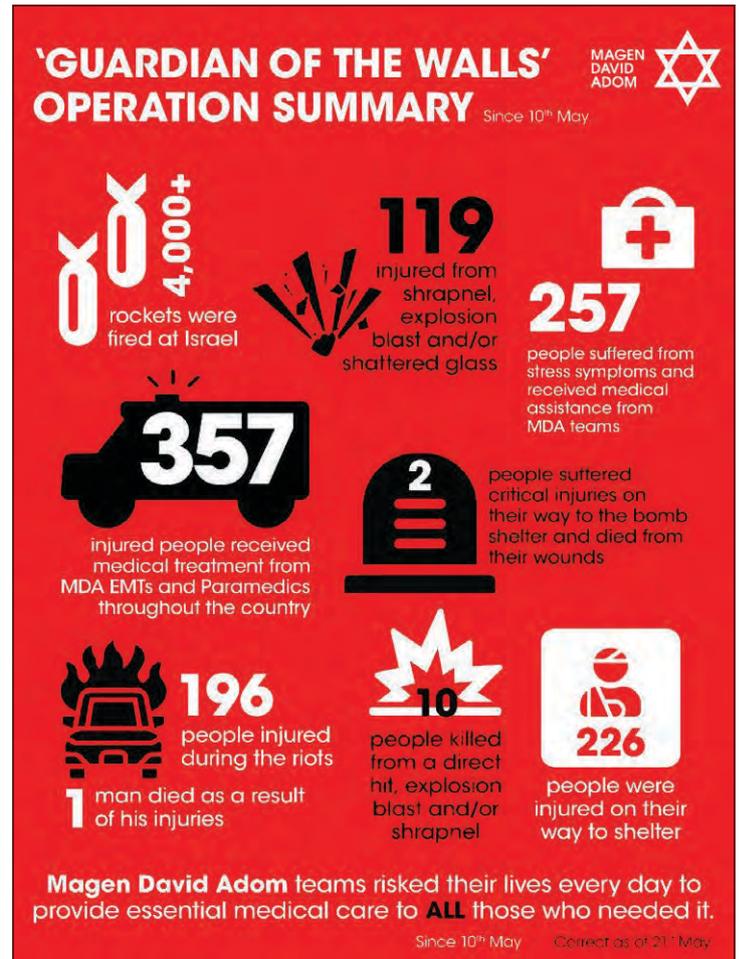
"For the first time, Artificial Intelligence (AI) was a key component and power and force multiplier in fighting the enemy",

an Israeli Defence Force (IDF) Intelligence Corps senior officer stated.

The IDF established an advanced AI technological platform that centralises all data on terrorist groups in the Gaza Strip into one system that enables the analysis and extraction of the intelligence.

Meanwhile, MDA is at all times on standby to help save lives:

- Due to terrorism from rockets, **357** people received medical attention from MDA EMTs and Paramedics throughout the country.
- Of the **357**, Hamas killed **10** with direct hits while another **2** later died in hospitals from explosion and shrapnel injuries.
- Shrapnel, rocket explosions blasts, and shattered glass injured **119**. Of those, **7** were in severe condition, **13** in moderate condition, and **99** in mild condition.
- **226** of the **357** people requiring medical attention following the rocket attacks sustained injuries while finding shelter.
- **196** people around the country required medical care from MDA due to the nationwide riots during which a 56 year old man suffered a critical head injury from which he later died.



THANK YOU to all our GENEROUS DONORS

MDA Australia once again thanks all our associated retailers and service providers for their ongoing generosity. Each year these wonderful suppliers provide discounts and value-added items to paid members of MDA Australia.

Community support is a cornerstone of the success of MDA Australia. Without Tzedakah being donated year in, year out by our Shules, Schools, Aged Care homes and the community in general, we would not be able to maintain our high level of support to Israel each and every year.

We thank you all for your ongoing support of the lifesaving work of Magen David Adom.

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Medal of Honour

On Sunday, May 6th, a special ceremony was held to honour the stars of the Israeli health system. In attendance were Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Minister of Health, MK Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein.

Among the honourees recognised for service in the fight against the Corona virus was **MAGEN DAVID ADOM (MDA)**.

Eli Bin, MDA's Director General, accepted the award on behalf of MDA, the National Emergency Medical and Blood Services Organisation, which has been at the forefront of the fight against the corona virus since the beginning of the pandemic.

Magen David Adom has operated an extensive national sampling system, set up hundreds of **"Drive and Test"** complexes throughout the country, operated a **call centre for citizens**, carried out **Operation Magen Avot V'Imaot**, operated the **home testing system** and was at the forefront of the **national vaccination campaign**.

MDA paramedics performed about **3,000** serology tests during Corona prior to May 6, 2021, as well as this, **23,589** plasma units were donated to MDA blood services from COVID recovered donors, of which **6,890** doses were given to **3,445** Corona patients in moderate and severe condition (2 doses per patient).

In addition, **32,912** Corona patients were transferred to medical centres; **2,254** home-bound people were taken in MDA ambulances



for vaccinations and **1,718** civilians were vaccinated in their homes by MDA staff, in collaboration with nurses from HMOs.

At the end of the ceremony, MDA Director General Eli Bin said: **"I would like to thank the Prime Minister and the Minister of Health. I am proud of our organization's volunteers and employees from Metula to Eilat. The MDA family has been involved in the crisis since day one and we fought it successfully and with increased and steadfast forces"**

Yochai Porat Overseas Volunteer Program Blog

LEON MILLER – Participant from Melbourne, Australia who completed the MDA Overseas Volunteer Program during 2020.

"I decided to volunteer with MDA for three main reasons.

The first of which was my desire to learn and gain practical experience in first aid. The second being my interest in continuing my Hebrew learning that I had begun in an ulpan for the first half of the year and the third was my need to keep myself busy while waiting to return to Australia.

I am happy to say that the MDA volunteer program satisfied all of the aforementioned reasons as much as I could have hoped for.

The course was very instructive and comprehensive covering everything from CPR to car accidents. It was also really amazing to meet and learn with people from all over the globe, in my class alone we had people from Mexico, Argentina, Switzerland, England, Israel and of course America.



After the course ended, we immediately started our shifts on the ambulances. I was exceedingly nervous at first because I thought that I was still ill-prepared to function as a useful member of an ambulance crew especially due to the fact that I was by no means fluent in Hebrew.

However, the first medic I was with was an immigrant from New York, so not only did he explain everything that was expected of me, he was also able to do so in perfect English, thus calming my nerves and making me feel a lot more confident about the whole experience.

After the first week I found that not only had my ambulance instincts improved to the point that I started to be a useful member of the crew, my Hebrew was also improving. I was starting to only converse with the team I was with in Hebrew which I was quite happy about.

Overall, I'd say that volunteering with MDA was an immensely beneficial experience and I would recommend it to all who have the opportunity."

A message from Glynis Lipson, Chairperson Magen David Adom Australia.

The COVID 19 pandemic has changed our daily lives in more ways than we could have ever imagined and now Melbourne has the dubious honour of being locked down longer than any other city in the world!



At the beginning of March 2020, as the whole world learnt more about the virus, we very quickly had to change our way of operating and familiarise ourselves with a range of new words, including the terms: **corona virus, COVID-19, social distancing, isolation, community spread, transmission, fatality rate, ventilator and quarantine.** These words rapidly became part of our daily lives via social media as well as word of mouth. This is the new normal!

As we try to navigate through this pandemic and constant change, we are very proud of Magen David Adom Israel who, as the National Emergency Service in Israel, has helped the population deal with COVID-19. Israel was one of the first countries to roll out the vaccines to its population and help get the virus under control. This was largely thanks to MDA, who took on the role of dispensing vaccines, testing, creating "at home" medical treatments and tests, and transporting patients to hospitals, all in a COVID-safe environment.

In Israel, there are over 25,000 people who dedicate themselves to Magen David Adom. Many are teenagers, volunteering in their spare time to save lives and support the vital work of MDA.

Whether it be COVID, mass casualties or war – nothing is too much for the dedicated people who run into danger, putting their own lives at risk daily.

The last 18 months has taken its toll on many of these people. Mental health and well-being is of paramount importance amongst the staff of MDA. That is why MDA has launched a number of programs to support those experiencing pressure.

Here in Melbourne, we have had to cancel many events and work from home for the majority of the year. I hope that 2022 will bring us a return to in-person events.

As a result of holding our **June 2021 Appeal** through social media and our website, we were able to purchase **two Bloodmobile Caravans.** These vehicles were desperately needed due to a huge shortage of blood throughout Israel.

We are so grateful to all our partners and donors. Through your generosity lives will continue to be saved.

Between lockdowns MDA Australia managed to move our premises to a new home, **Suite 4/115 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield North,** where we look forward to seeing many of our valued supporters as soon as restrictions allow.

Moving forward to 2022, we hope to hold many events, have lots of volunteers in our new office and continue to SAVE LIVES.

Glynis Lipson, Chairperson, Magen David Adom Australia.



A Message from Uriel Goldberg, International Relations & Diplomacy Manager PR & Training Division, Magen David Adom in Israel

Dear Friends and Supporters of Magen David Adom Australia. The past year from October 2020 to September 2021 has been a challenging one for all of us.

MDA has been at the forefront of fighting the COVID pandemic since day one.

During the past year, we have collected and supplied to the hospitals 260,000 units of blood and since April 2020, 7918 units of convalescent plasma which have been used to treat 3774 patients with COVID.

MDA EMTs and Paramedics continued with the daily ambulance services treating close to 1 million patients, injured and women in labour. In addition to the COVID pandemic and the daily ambulance calls, MDA and Israel dealt with 2 Mass Casualty incidents and a military conflict.

In the Meron Crowd Crush, MDA teams provided treatment to 150 people who were injured and an additional 45 who were killed.

In the Givat Zev Synagogue bleachers collapse, 184 people were treated and evacuated to hospitals and 2 were pronounced dead at the scene.



During The Guardian of the Walls operation, MDA treated 357 injured and 12 who were killed due to rocket fire. Throughout the violence across Israel, MDA treated 196 injured and 1 who was killed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends in Australia and New Zealand for many years of support but especially over the past year. I know that it has been challenging going from lockdown to lockdown. I hope that we can meet again, soon, here in Israel COVID free. Best regards, Uriel Goldberg.



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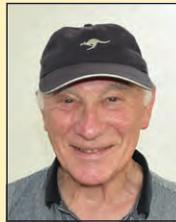
MDA Life Members

At the May Committee Meeting, Joe Saltzman, John Sojka and Eric Aufgang were awarded Life Membership to Magen David Adom after their many years of volunteering and commitment to our organisation.

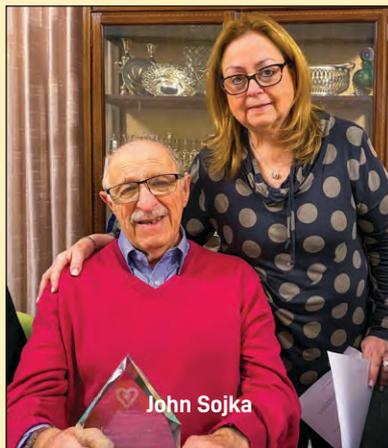
Both Joe and John have been involved in MDA for many years and have dedicated countless hours to helping raise funds and awareness for MDA.

Eric Aufgang (right) was also awarded life membership but was unfortunately unable to attend on the night.

We thank these three people, so devoted to our cause, for their many years of service to MDA.



Joe Saltzman



John Sojka

Twelve & Thirteen Program

In 2021 MDA and Hatzolah worked together to provide First Aid Courses to families participating in the Twelve & Thirteen Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program.

Due to lockdown, we ran only two sessions this year, for approximately 25 families.

Our participants loved the interactive nature of this MDA session. It was an opportunity for our Twelve & Thirteen teens and parents to learn all about the valuable lifesaving work MDA does in Israel. In collaboration with Hatzolah, the families explored how they might put some basic first aid skills into practice, to perhaps one day save a person's life. It was a very worthwhile way to spend two hours on a Sunday.

Jennifer Dew, Program Manager



Celebrate with Magen David Adom Australia

Next time you need a gift for a new baby or toddler, consider supporting the lifesaving work of MDA and purchase a beautiful, custom made gift hamper.

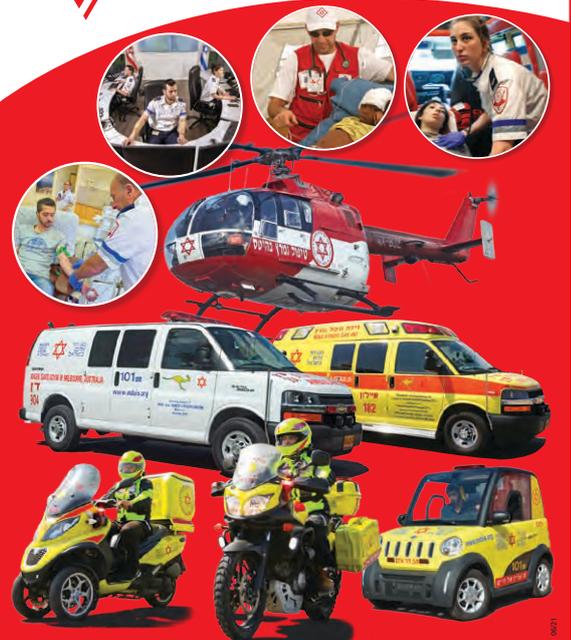


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First Wish Granted



Four years ago, Rafael Yotam Cohen, who has Leukaemia, fulfilled his dream of flying in a helicopter through the southern skies of Israel, thanks to the MDA Wish Ambulance.

His first wish had incredibly positive results immediately afterwards. As a result, his mother, Ravit, decided to take an active part in the fundraising campaign for a new ambulance, which brought her and Rafael Yotam's sister, Elisheva, here to Australia.

The Cohen family had originally contacted MDA to tell them about Rafael Yotam's wish and the organisation immediately joined the mission to make it come true!

Unfortunately for Rafael Yotam (now 7 ½ years old), his illness recently returned for the third time, so MDA fulfilled his next dream – **to sail in a Navy ship!**

This was the first wish to be granted in the new WISH Ambulance, that was generously donated by Magen David Adom Australia.

He arrived in MDA's new Wish Ambulance at the naval base in **Ashdod**, where officers and fighters of the Navy's **Shaldag** ship were waiting for him with excitement and special refreshments and surprises.

As part of the special day, Rafael Yotam met Naval soldiers and officers, received an explanation about the ship and the weapons placed in it and even set sail while sitting in the captain's chair and holding the rudder.

The WISH Ambulance, made in Germany, is a Mercedes-Benz Sprinter type, and includes full intensive care mobile

equipment, the first and only electric bed of its kind in Israel adapted for critically ill patients, a special place for attendants and a specialised medicine refrigerator.

Compartments in the ambulance are hidden, to reduce the level of visual stress among the passengers and simulate normal driving conditions.

The ambulance includes a place for the driver, two staff members, a patient and three accompanying family members.



The first wish in the new ambulance was accompanied by paramedics **Tomer Bar-Levi** and **Shachar Hezkelevich** and paramedic **Yonat Daskal-Dagan**, who accompanied Rafael Yotam on his first wish:

"I am doubly excited – both to fulfill Rafael Yotam's wish and to launch the new Wish Ambulance. When we set out on the journey to Australia, Yotam had recovered after the first wish.

We were very saddened to hear that he was ill again. We created a special day in order to put a smile on his face, at least for a few

moments. I thank the Navy for enlisting in this special mission and we wish Rafael Yotam complete recovery and full health."

The captain of the ship, **Captain Peleg**, together with his soldiers, wished Rafael Yotam health and said:

"We are very, very excited and happy that you came to sail with us. Thanks to children like you and your family we do what we do. You give us the strength to keep going, thank you very much."

Ravit Cohen, Rafael Yotam's mother, said: *"Already at the fulfilment of the first wish, we became very connected to the MDA family and the staff of the Wish Ambulance – and we remained in close contact.*

After Rafael Yotam recovered, I flew to Australia to promote donations to MDA's new ambulance, and to my delight the donations were successfully raised.

This time when we asked him what he would like to do, he answered – to sail a ship.

MDA immediately organised the special day with the Navy, which was charming and extraordinary.

The experience was amazing - the soldiers hugged us and were prepared with special gifts for Rafael Yotam. He was happy and excited, and told everyone he met about his wonderful past experience."

On the fulfilment of the special dream, Rafael Yotam concluded: **"I had a lot of fun and I want to be a captain now. I wander around the house all day with the flag I received from the soldiers, like Superman. Thank you all."**

Wish Ambulance on the Road

In 2019, as part of our Beyond a Wish Campaign, we raised over \$360,000 to purchase a new WISH Ambulance for Magen David Adom in Israel.

After many set backs and delays due to COVID-19, the WISH Ambulance is finally in Israel and granting wishes to those who are terminally ill or burdened by illness or injury.

Everyone involved with the WISH Ambulance gives of their time and expertise voluntarily, ensuring there is no cost to the user. Wishes are granted to all citizens regardless of race, religion, gender or means.

The new WISH Ambulance dedication took place at the גן גורו - Gan Garoo Zoo (The Australian Zoo in Israel) recently, where it was met with a baby joey! **Thank you to our incredible sponsors and donors for supporting this project!**



Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

WOW! Over 750 sausages were sold at our April Bunnings Sausage Sizzle this year!



Thank you to those who attended despite the torrential rain, and supported Magen David Adom!

It was incredible to see such a huge turn out from the community even in the cold!

A big thank you to **Continental Kosher Butchers, Glick's Cakes and Bagels, Peter Unger Catering, Kosher Australia and Bunnings Warehouse Australia**, for your support and enabling us to raise funds for Magen David Adom in Israel.

We send the biggest thank you to all the volunteers who helped us on the day!

THE EVENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU!

We raised over \$2000 and once again raised MDA awareness.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT ONE!



Mt Meron

In one of the worst civilian incidents in Israel's history, 45 people died and 150 were injured on the 3rd of May 2021, when attendees at a Lag B'Omer celebration near Mount Meron in the Galilee, were crushed while exiting the stadium.

In anticipation of the large crowds, Magen David Adom were prepared with approximately 250 EMTs and paramedics at the scene, as well as ambulances, Mobile Intensive Care Units, and Medicycles. In addition, MDA established a field hospital and landing area for a Medivac helicopter, and had conducted a multi-casualty



incident drill the day prior, involving the scenario of a stage collapse.

As a result of Magen David Adom's preparedness, EMTs and paramedics were rendering aid and initiating CPR to the injured within seconds of the incident. Many of the injured were sadly beyond resuscitation, but the death toll and

casualties would have been far greater had MDA not been prepared, on site and able to respond so quickly. Our hearts go out to the families who lost loved ones at Mount Meron and we send our prayers to the injured for a speedy recovery.

Hamakom y'nechem etchem b'toch sh'ar availai Ttziyon v'Yerushalayim.

Thanks to the support of MDA Australia the following vehicles were in attendance at the Mt Meron disaster:

AMBULANCES:

- Icyk And Lola Reiser
- Estate of Alwynne Jona #1 and #2

MASS CASUALTY VEHICLE:

- Estate of Gita Hoffman

MICU AMBULANCE:

- Estate of Ron Scharf

Introducing MDA Staff

Emma Lipson

How long have you been with MDA?

I have been involved with MDA since around 2000 having volunteered on the YMCA committee for many years but have worked in the office since 2013.

What is your role? Office and Finance Manager.

What event stands out most during your time at MDA? Our Unity Day event in 2016 would have to be a highlight, with over 1000 people attending our indoor market place with incredible stall holders, entertainment and Israeli style food. It was incredible to see the community come together and not only support MDA but also the Unity Day which was created in honour of Eyal, Gil-ad and Naftali, the three Israeli teenagers who were kidnapped and killed in 2014.



I suggested the ABC medico-journalist Norman Swan. To my delight we sent him an email and he accepted! I have always been a Norman Swan fan and to have him address our MDA audience was a highlight. Who knew back then that Norman Swan would become an Australian TV and radio celebrity?

Sharon Unger

How long have you been with MDA? I met up with Glynis whilst on holiday in Israel at the end of 2014, where she asked if I would like to join her at an MDA event. I was so impressed with the people and the work that MDA was doing that once I returned to Melbourne I spoke with Glynis and began working at MDA on a casual basis. This grew to be a regular part time position, so its now 7 years since I began with MDA.

What is your role? Administration and Data Co-ordinator. I also attend various community/MDA liaison events as required, for example occasionally attending and assisting with Aged Care and Educational events, and am involved in event creation, brain storming and organisation which is my background.

What event/incident stands out the most during your time at MDA? Our 2020 Annual Appeal event with hosted UN Watch's Executive Director Hillel Neuer. That we were able to introduce this NGO and Hillel, an amazing civil rights activist and defender of rights, to the community, was a fabulous opportunity and experience. We held the event just prior to Covid shutting down all events so it was special in so many ways, and was a great fundraiser for MDA.



Glynis Lipson

How long have you been with MDA?

I started in 2000 as a volunteer phoning for the MDA telethon, and working in the office.

What is your role?

My role has changed over the years. I started as a volunteer and I am now Chairperson of MDA Australia.

What event stands out most during your time at MDA?

Over the years there have been so many high lights for me, but a few really stand out. The visit in 2014 of Mohammed Al-Hadid who chaired the 29th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in 2006, which adopted the necessary statutory changes to accommodate the additional emblem, the Red Crystal, bringing a solution to the decades-long issue and allowing the Magen David Adom in Israel and the Palestinian Red Cross Society to join the Movement as full members. What a great achievement for Magen David Adom Israel.

Probably the most important achievement for me was in September 2016 when we were finally granted DGR status. This is something I had been working on for over 12 years with the help of numerous people.



WELCOME! Rachel Pitt

Community Liaison and Administration Officer

What attracted you to the role? I love that MDA takes particular interest in the welfare of the Jewish community in Australia, Israel and around the world. I am passionate about the breadth of services offered by MDA. Their sole purpose is the saving of human lives and the fact that I can help MDA's lifesaving work is truly rewarding.

What are you most looking forward to achieving with MDA? Creating awareness, educating others and making a significant difference to many lives in Australia, Israel and around the world. I am a mum of 3 children and I am passionate about positive change and community engagement. My degree in psychology has certainly helped me navigate my children's transition into teenage years as well as surviving and thriving in this changing world. I have over 15 years experience in the corporate industry and more recently in the not for profit sector. For the last 5 years I have volunteered in the Jewish and non Jewish community facilitating workshops and engaging programs for kids, teenagers and adults which teaches the value of giving back and actively participating in social justice. **I am excited to be part of the MDA family.**



Carla Sharp

How long have you been with MDA? Way back in 2010, when celebrating her 80th birthday, my late Mum, Sara Tishler, requested donations to MDA from her friends and family. To show her appreciation, Glynis took us out for lunch. Little did she realise that her throw-away comment, "would you be interested in getting more involved with MDA?" would start such a long-term relationship!

What is your role: Community and Admin Assistant.

What event stands out most during your time at MDA?

The most memorable was back in 2012 when the late Dan Alon, a member of the 1972 Israeli Olympic Fencing team, accepted our invitation to visit Melbourne to talk about his experience at the world changing event that came to be known as "The Munich Massacre". One day, sitting in the MDA office brainstorming who we could invite to emcee the evening,





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We look forward to welcoming the community at our new location.

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OUR NEW HOME!

Magen David Adom Australia is excited to announce that we have a new home! As of July 12th we began welcoming the community to Suite 4, 115 Hawthorn Rd, Caulfield North (the Wolfstep Building).



For our organisation, the move means a larger space to host more volunteers on a regular basis, as well as enabling us to hold small community events such as our **Code Red Connection talks** and **Boardroom lunches**.

Having been a part of the Beth Weizmann Community for over 40 years, MDA was sad to be departing however, we are extremely excited to relocate to a larger space for our ever-growing community organisation.

We look forward to welcoming our generous donors and supporters to our new home in the near future.

Jewish Care Visit

On 26th April, Magen David Adom Australia Committee Members Carla and Sharon visited Jewish Care Victoria's Gary Smorgon House to talk to the residents about the origins and work of MDA.



Carla introduced MDA and its early beginnings followed by Sharon who gave an explanation of the DIY challah covers the residents were encouraged to decorate. The activity was extremely well received and many of the residents were delighted with their handiwork.



To the joy of the residents, Carla and Sharon then distributed gifts containing a hand sanitiser, a tzedakah box and a pen.

The staff at Gary Smorgon House were warm and welcoming and we look forward to returning there soon!

We hope to be able to visit many more residents at a variety of accommodations in 2022. If you would like to book a visit by an MDA representative please email info@magendavidadom.com.au



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Collect your Tzedakah box today and give the gift of life!



Teddy Bear Hospital

In 2020, Magen David Adom Australia introduced our Teddy Bear Hospital program to Early Learning Centres and Kinders. Unfortunately due to COVID, many of our bookings had to be postponed however, we were lucky enough to squeeze in several sessions between lockdowns in 2021.

The program has been an absolute hit with the children and their educators. The aim is to familiarise children with both hospital and medical treatments as well as the work that MDA does both in Israel and around the world. It is aimed at children aged 2 – 5 years old.



The children are asked to bring their favourite teddy or soft toy and actively participate in the check up process at a mock hospital, acting as the teddy's doctor.

They are then able to take their teddy for a ride, have an x-ray, get immunised and make sure their teddies go home feeling better. We have goodie bags for the children to take home, which we hope works to encourage them to give tzedakah and become involved in volunteering from an early age.

In 2021 we were thrilled to have **Joey Jackson, our MDA Community Liaison** visit **Buddies Early Learning Centres** (Jasper Rd and Grange Rd), **Yavneh ELC** and **Chabad Malvern ELC**. We thank the children, parents and educators for supporting Magen David Adom and look forward to being able to visit many more ELC's in 2022!

To book in for a Teddy Bear Hospital session in 2022 please contact: info@magendavidadom.com.au



Share your Simcha

Thank you to the following MDA supporters for choosing to share their simcha with MDA in 2021

- Miriam Berman
- Ilana Ehrenreich
- Gabriel Farhi
- Jon Mark
- Chloe Marton
- Bella Samuel
- Abe Weiszberger

Be a part of our lifesaving team by celebrating your Simcha with Magen David Adom in 2022

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How many lives have we saved?

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194

times since January 2021.

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240

times by the end of the year.

That's **582** lives saved by the MDA team this year — give yourselves a pat on the back!



But the year isn't over yet.

Call **13 14 95** or visit donateblood.com.au/lifblood-teams to be part of the team.

Magen David Adom Holiday / Celebration Dates 2022

MDA HOLIDAY/CELEBRATION 2022	DATES	MDA OFFICE	MDA HOLIDAY/CELEBRATION 2022	DATES	MDA OFFICE
NEW YEARS DAY	JAN SAT 1	CLOSED	SHAVUOT	JUNE SUN 5/MON 6	CLOSED
MDA AUSTRALIA REOPENS	JAN MON 17	OPEN	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	JUNE MON 13	CLOSED
AUSTRALIA DAY	JAN WED 26	CLOSED	MDA ANNUAL APPEAL	JUNE 20-30	
LABOUR DAY	MARCH MON 14	CLOSED	TISHA B'AV (FAST DAY)	AUG SUN 7	NA
PURIM	MARCH THUR 17	OPEN	ROSH HASHANA	SEPT MON 26/TUE 27	CLOSED
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS	APRIL SUN 3	3AM TO 2AM	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	OCT SUN 2	3AM TO 4AM
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL FRI 15	CLOSED	YOM KIPPUR (FAST DAY)	OCT WED 5	CLOSED
PESACH FIRST DAYS	APRIL SAT 16/SUN 17	CLOSED	SUKKOT	OCT MON 10/TUE 11	CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY	APRIL MON 18	CLOSED	SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH	OCT MON 17/TUES 18	CLOSED
PESACH LAST DAYS	APRIL FRI 22/SAT 23	CLOSED	GRAND FINAL HOLIDAY	TBC	
ANZAC DAY	APRIL MON 25	CLOSED	MELBOURNE CUP WEEKEND	OCT MON 31/NOV TUE 1	CLOSED
YOM HA'SHOAH	APRIL THUR 28	OPEN	CHANUKAH	DEC MON 19/MON 26	OPEN
YOM HA'ZIKARON	MAY WED 4	OPEN	MDA AUSTRALIA LAST DAY	DEC THUR 23	OPEN
YOM HA'ATZMAUT	MAY THU 5	OPEN	CHRISTMAS DAY	DEC SUN 25	CLOSED
LAG B'OMER	MAY THURS 19	OPEN	BOXING DAY	DEC MON 26	CLOSED
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