

Inaugurating Beit Ida Child Health Center

With the help of a generous donation from the Legacy Heritage Fund, Ziv Medical Center with the Ministry of Health initiated the construction of the Beit Ida Child Health Center. The Center will enable Ziv to substantially increase its existing pediatric services, allowing for an integrated and comprehensive approach to child care, catering to the growing population of the region.

The newly inaugurated Child Health Center is situated in a completely new building, meeting all the current standards for reinforcement. It has 31 beds for general pediatrics, including 2 pediatric surgical beds and isolation bed, a 6-bed emergency medicine unit, 5 intensive care beds, ambulatory clinics including day-admission, pediatric cardiology and a juvenile diabetes service.

The Center's dual purpose auditorium has 250 retractable seats on rails, designed to serve as a sheltered in-patient facility with an infrastructure for 100 beds in times of emergency.



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Ziv Medical Center, a general hospital in northern Israel incorporating a level II Trauma Unit, is the only hospital serving the 250,000 residents of the Upper Galilee and northern Golan Heights. As a front-line hospital, Ziv also provides medical care to IDF soldiers and UN peacekeepers serving in the region. Since February 2013, Ziv has provided humanitarian life saving medical assistance to Syrian civilians, wounded in the civil war raging in Syria.



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Israel's Humanitarian Medical Response

Dr. Salman Zarka, Director General of Ziv Medical Center, visited Miami, Atlanta, Washington D.C. and New York where he spoke about Ziv Medical Center's role in Israel's lifesaving humanitarian assistance to Syrian casualties. In Miami, Dr. Zarka was hosted by members of the board of Friends of Ziv Medical Center who organized events in a number of venues in Miami, Jupiter and Boca Raton.

Many thanks to Rabbi Moshe Pitchon, Chairman of Friends of Ziv, the many amazing Board Members and Mr. Ben Shamir, Director of American Healthcare Professionals and Friends for Medicine in Israel (APF) for their untiring efforts in organizing this successful visit.



FZMC Board Members (l to r): Mrs. Tova Pitchon, Rabbi Moshe Pitchon, Dr. Salman Zarka, Mrs. Orit Kom, Mrs. Sima Rosenthal

Delegation to Ludwigsburg

The cooperation between Ziv Medical Center and Ludwigsburg hospitals was strengthened with a return-visit of a delegation from Ziv, headed by Director General Dr. Salman Zarka.



Members of the delegation from Ziv included Prof. Alexander Lerner, Head, Orthopedic Dept., Dr. Yael Shaki-Tamir, Head, Gynecology Ultrasound Unit, Dr. Saher Srour, Head, MRI Unit, Mr. Meir Cohen-Hamuz, Administrative Director, Mr. Arie Bitan, Head of Nursing, Ms. Michal Vazana, Head Nurse, Internal Medicine B, and Ms. Orit Tamir, Head of Health Services of the Regional Council, Upper Galilee. The delegation met with their German counterparts headed by Prof. Jörg Martin, General Director of the Regional Clinics Holding, Ludwigsburg and Dr. Rainer Haas, President of the County District of Ludwigsburg. This partnership will now be upgraded with physicians from both sides spending longer periods of time at the hosting hospital, enabling them to benefit from one another's fields of expertise.

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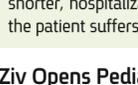
Anterior Knee Replacement

Ziv Medical Center is the second hospital in Israel to perform an operation to replace the anterior section of the knee, following innovative surgery performed at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.



Dr. Hussein Shada, Deputy Head of Ziv's Orthopedic Department who performed the surgery stated that "The significance of this form of replacement is that it is a partial knee replacement, the length of the surgical incision is shorter, hospitalization and recovery time are briefer and the patient suffers less discomfort".

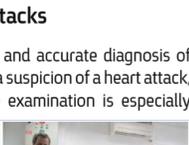
Ziv Opens Pediatric Hemato-Oncology Service



In keeping with Ziv's mission to provide the residents of the area with an increasing number of top quality services, Ziv has opened a Hemato-Oncology Service, headed by Dr. Doua Bakry which provides treatment for children suffering from chronic blood diseases or cancer, including chemotherapy treatment, to date unavailable in our region.

Early Detection of Heart Attacks

A new examination, enabling fast and accurate diagnosis of patients reaching the hospital with a suspicion of a heart attack, has been inaugurated at Ziv. The examination is especially meaningful for women, because symptoms indicating a heart attack among women are far less obvious and this examination tests the rate of Troponin in the blood which is a central indicator for fast and accurate detection of heart attacks.



(l to r): Dr. Jacob Milrad, Head of Ziv's Biochemical Laboratories and Dr. Majdi Halabi, Head of Ziv's Cardiac Institute

Treating ALS Patients

In cooperation with the Israeli ALS Research Association, Ziv has recently opened the first clinic in the Galilee, for the treatment of neurodegenerative Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Known also as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS attacks the brain nerve cells responsible for controlling voluntary muscles.

"One of the important aspects of maintaining the quality of life of ALS patients is consistent professional treatment and follow-up in a multi-disciplinary clinic" said Dr. Radi Shahien, Head of Ziv's Neurology Department.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Morshid Farhat, Deputy Director

Dr. Farhat graduated from the Hadassah Hebrew University School of Medicine, specializing in Ob/Gyn as well as in Health Services Management. Prior to moving to the Galilee, Dr. Farhat practiced as a senior physician in the IVF Unit of the Ob/Gyn Department at Hadassah Hospital, Mt. Scopus. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Health (MPH) and a Master of Business Administration, from the Hebrew University. He is a lecturer in Health Management and Medical Law and Ethics at the Hadassah College and is also a lawyer and strategic counselor.

Dr. Moshe Bocher, Head, Nuclear Medicine Unit

Dr. Bocher is a graduate of the Faculty of Medicine of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Hadassah Hospital where he specialized in Nuclear Medicine in the Biophysics and Nuclear Medicine Departments. Dr. Bocher is one of the pioneers in the fields of clinical and research PET in Israel and took part in the development of the first clinical PET CT in the world.

Dr. Sion Koren, Chief Medical Physicist, Oncology Institute

Dr. Koren graduated from a three-year medical physics residency at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. Prior to joining Ziv's team, he held the position of Director

of Physics at the Davidoff Center for two years. Dr. Koren practiced medical physics at Mt. Sinai, St. Luke's and Roosevelt hospitals in New York and is certified in therapeutic medical physics by the American Board of Radiology.

Dr. Yoram Ozer, Hand Specialist

Dr. Ozer is a graduate of the School of Medicine at the Ben Gurion University. He specialized in Orthopedic Surgery at Tel HaShomer Sheba Medical Center and in leading institutes for hand and comprehensive nerve surgery in Paris and New York. Prior to joining the Orthopedic staff at Ziv, Dr. Ozer was a senior physician at Sheba and at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Dr. Doua Bakry, Head, Hemato-Oncology Services

Dr. Bakry graduated from the Technion's Medical School in Haifa, specializing in Pediatric Medicine and Pediatric Hemato-Oncology at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. She practiced as a senior physician in Rambam's Hematology Department, in the Unit for Bone Marrow Transplants and as a clinical associate at Hematology division at the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, Canada.

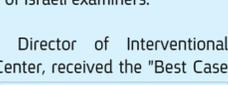
CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Alexander Izakson, Head of Ziv's Anesthesia Department,

was appointed as an examiner of the ordination tests stage II towards The European Diploma in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care examination. This prestigious title is reserved for a small and select group of Israeli examiners.

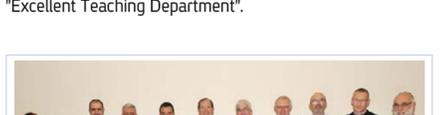
Dr. Alexander Goldberg, Director of Interventional Cardiology in Ziv Medical Center,

received the "Best Case Award" at the prestigious Cardiovascular Summit TCTAP 2016, attended by about 5000 interventional cardiologists worldwide held in Seoul, South Korea.



Bar-Ilan University's Faculty of Medicine in Zefat awarded

11 physicians from Ziv with the title "Excellent Lecturers" and Ziv's Internal Medicine Department B, was awarded "Excellent Teaching Department".



ZIV IN THE COMMUNITY

Marking International Health Day

Ziv sponsored the first of its kind "Race of the Diplomats" initiated by the Foreign Office and the Surgical Association, organized by the Jerusalem Municipality. Dr. Ron Golan, Head of Ziv's Cardiac Rehabilitation and Medical Sports Services and Chairman of the Israel Society for Sports Medicine, was the medical director of the event. Together with Mr. David Fuchs, Ziv's Trauma Coordinator, they provided the participants with free BMI calculations and blood pressure tests.

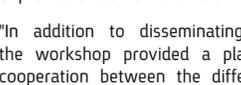


Geriatric Workshop

A successful workshop was initiated by Ziv's Geriatric Department, Headed by Dr. Yulia Vaserman by a wide array of professionals from the northern region.

"In addition to disseminating important information, the workshop provided a platform for strengthening cooperation between the different frameworks in the region which provide assistance to the elderly and their families", said Dr. Yonatan Grossman, a geriatric expert at Ziv and the initiator of the conference.

Planting trees with KKL



(l to r): Mr. Aviram Zuk, KKL Regional Director, Upper Galilee and Ramat Hagolan with Dr. Salman Zarka and Mr. Meir Cohen Hamuz, Administrative Director, planting trees at Ziv's Department for Mental Health Services in celebration of Tu B'Shvat.

Scientific Meeting at Ziv

Prof. Jamal Zeidan, Head of Ziv's Oncology Institute, hosted a meeting for fifty physicians from northern hospitals affiliated to the Bar-Ilan University Medical Faculty in Zefat. The doctors met to discuss innovations in the treatment of head-neck malignant tumors. "We hope to strengthen future cooperation and joint research projects in order to augment medical capabilities in the region", said Prof. Zeidan.

Insurance Rights for Patients

Following Ziv's recent expansion of its Neurological Services, the Neurological staff, headed by Dr. Radi Shahin and the Tiberias branch of the National Social Insurance, held a conference in which the audience received information and counseling regarding national social insurance benefits for patients and how to simplify the complex process of presenting insurance claims.

Awards of Honor

Ziv's Social Work team, represented by the Head of the Service, Mr. Yaniv Ben-Shoshan and social worker Mr. Fares Issa, received the Knesset Award of Honor in recognition of their innovative psycho-social treatment of Syrian casualties treated at Ziv.



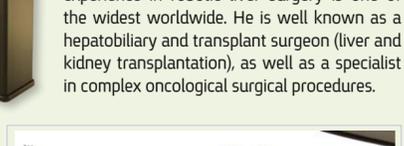
In a moving ceremony held at Yad Vashem, the Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel thanked Ziv's Social Work Service, headed by Mr. Yaniv Ben Shoshan, himself a second generation holocaust survivor, for their excellent work with hospitalized holocaust survivors, awarding them with a certificate of excellence.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgical Conference

The Surgical Department, Headed by Dr. Ivgeny Solomonov, in cooperation with the Israel Surgery Forum and the Surgical Association, organized The First International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgical Conference which dealt with a multi-disciplinary approach to Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Diseases, bringing together experts from Israel and around the world.

Dr. Solomonov is an exceptionally experienced surgeon in Laparoscopic Donor Nephrectomies, gaining his experience during his work in Bellinson Hospital between 2014-2008. His experience in robotic liver surgery is one of the widest worldwide. He is well known as a hepatobiliary and transplant surgeon (liver and kidney transplantation), as well as a specialist in complex oncological surgical procedures.

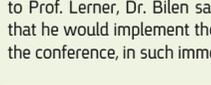


The 4th International Trauma & Orthopedic Conference

A wide variety of topics were discussed at the conference including treatment of war injuries sustained by victims of armed conflicts throughout the world with a focus on the humanitarian treatment hospitals in northern Israel provide to Syrian casualties.

The Conference, convened by Prof. Alexander Lerner, Head of Orthopedics, hosted leading orthopedic surgeons from Germany, Austria, UK, Russia, China, Latvia, Turkey, Ukraine, India, Sweden, Ireland, Fiji and Israel.

One of the participants, Dr. Erkal Bilen who was summoned home because of the tense situation in Turkey was requested to treat an Israeli who was severely injured in a bomb explosion in Istanbul which occurred within 24 hours of his return. In a phone call to Prof. Lerner, Dr. Bilen said that he never imagined that he would implement the knowledge he gained at the conference, in such immediate dire circumstances



Prof. Gerald Wozacek from the University of Vienna, Austria and Prof. Alexander Lerner with David, a former IDF soldier, who was operated on by Professors Lerner and Wozacek in 2015, for elongation of his injured leg resulting from a blast injury he sustained in 1997.



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