



**2014  
ANNUAL  
REPORT  
STATS**

- 44,132 children treated
- 5,297 deliveries
- 23,243 emergency admissions
- 86,178 patient admissions

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## The 2015 Rambam Summit

The Rambam Summit is an annual event at Rambam Health Care Campus. This invitation-only event provides an in-depth update about Rambam's achievements over the past year to our supporters. It always includes a tour of hospital departments or buildings, a scientific conference, and a closing gala evening when the 2015 Rambam Award—Rambam's highest honor—is presented to particularly deserving individuals who have impacted the world, Israel, and Rambam in some extraordinary way.

We have been talking about our expansion project for quite a while. During the summit the new Joseph Fishman Oncology Center was inaugurated by the Fishman family. It was a very

moving moment, as, with us at Rambam, the Fishman family saw their vision become a reality.

This was the largest summit yet, with representatives from 13 different nations: The USA and UK, Canada, France, Switzerland, Spain, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Norway, South Africa, and even China!

The 2015 recipients of the Rambam Award included Israel's sixth president, Mr. Shimon Peres, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Emeritus Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, famous entrepreneurs Mariita and George

Feldenkreis, and Professor Mary-Claire King—the discover of the breast cancer gene!

Since you couldn't be here, we hope you enjoy these brief articles to fill you in on what we did, and what we learned.



**Closing Evening of the 2015 Rambam Summit.** On the left is the newly inaugurated Joseph Fishman Oncology Center.



## More About Joseph Fishman

Born in the Ukraine, Mr. Joseph Fishman and a few family members made their way to Israel after the Holocaust. Mr. Fishman settled in Haifa, served in the Israeli army, and met and married his wife Hanna; together they built a family.

A gifted, hardworking business man, Mr. Fishman established a small tool and die shop that

grew into Fishman Thermo Technologies, expanding to Haifa's suburbs, across the ocean and finally, to Canada, where he spent much of his life.

When diagnosed with cancer, Mr. Fishman chose to be treated at Rambam. He was deeply impressed by the care he received and together with his family, he made the gift that would enable construction of Rambam's new state-of-the-art Oncology Center. His vision was

for patients to be treated under the best possible conditions.

Sadly, Joseph died before he could see his vision become a reality. His family stepped in and partnered with Rambam to assure its fulfillment. We are grateful for the well-lived life of Mr. Joseph Fishman, and for his entire family. Their generosity will help cancer patients for decades to come.

[Learn More](#)

## Health of Tomorrow



The Rambam-Haifa Health of Tomorrow Conference at this year's summit looked at the worldwide challenges facing healthcare in the near future.

An all star cast of medical experts spoke to a full crowd of professional and lay people.

Professor Peter Fitzgerald, Director of the Center of Cardiovascular Technology of Stanford University Medical School in California brought his listeners up to date on medical advances over the

past 100 years to date.

One of the recipients of the 2015 Rambam Award, Professor Mary-Claire King, shared about her scientific adventures in Israel. From the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Professor King is the discoverer of the breast cancer gene. She concluded her lecture with moving words about her experience in Israel.

[Prof. King's Closing](#)

In the afternoon a panel discussion of environmental medicine experts discussed issues related to the health and well-being of the people in Haifa and the environs.

You can access lectures, films about the recipients of the 2015 Rambam Award and more on our YouTube Channel. Or visit our website to learn more about the 2015 Rambam Summit.

[Rambam Summit 2015](#)

## An Interview with Shimon Peres



Shimon Peres has played an important role in Israel's history. Born in Poland in 1923, he came to Israel with his family in 1934. He was a member of Israel's pre-independence military organization, the Haganah.

Mr. Peres has had an extraordinary political career serving as Knesset Member, Minister, Prime Minister and President of Israel. His passion and love for Israel

have extended far beyond the peace process—he is also a champion for welfare, health, and the safety of Israel's people.

Shimon Peres was presented with the 2015 Rambam Award, after which he gave a 30 minute interview.

He shared the history behind provision of medical care to children in the PA and Gaza, pointing out, "In our hospitals,

it is the only place in Israel where you have full peace."

Moving on to other topics, he also stressed that one cannot teach technology without morality—a reason why Rambam Hospital has been a model for him.

He concluded by encouraging the audience to "dream big" and live with hope.

[Watch the Interview](#)

## What Makes Us Human



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks is renowned for his teachings and writings that engage a broad audience regarding Jewish philosophy and ethics.

Rabbi Sacks has also been a strong supporter of Rambam Health Care Campus, promoting Rambam's development and expressing his strong commitment to the future of health care in Israel.

As such, Rabbi Sacks was also presented with the 2015 Rambam Award.

After receiving his award, Rabbi Sacks spoke on a topic of import for today's world, "What Makes Us Human." He stressed "That we actually have the choice as to whether to build a better world or regress into a much worse one... This defines our

humanity." He went on to point out that all other life forms are driven by drives and desires, where as humans alone can chose whether or not to indulge a drive or desire.

You can listen to Rabbi Saks' inspirational lecture on the [Rambam Pro YouTube Channel](#).

# A Fitting Tribute

The 2015 Rambam was truly an uplifting and inspiring experience. There is a something, however, that you may not know: Joseph Fishman, for whom our new oncology center is named, succumbed to pancreatic cancer.

Rambam HCC is home to the Israeli branch of the Johns Hopkins-coordinated multinational effort to achieve earlier detection and prevention of pancreatic cancers, mainly via use of the new endoscopic ultrasound (EUS) technology, to screen persons at high risk for this usually devastating disease. Rambam's EUS research and service program for pancreatic cancer screening was seen on Israeli national television on the same evening of the inauguration of the Joseph Fishman Oncology Center. As a result, people throughout the country have been volunteering to participate in this

important project. Earlier in the day, Shimon Peres, Israel's former president shared during Rambam's scientific conference that preventive healthcare must be the focus for the medicine of the future.

One can find an emphasis on preventive medicine in the Bible. Note the words of Exodus 15:26.

*"If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer."*

What are the implications for modern medicine? Just as God's healing role in the above verse is to prevent illness, so too a physician must emulate the Divine role by

emphasizing the prevention of illness. Why? Because we are commanded to follow in God's ways (Deuteronomy 11:22).

The Rambam, Maimonides, was a prime example of preventive-care-oriented physicians. From the Bible to the Rambam, to Shimon Peres and onwards, physicians have been guided by principles of preventive medicine. Rambam HCC is a supportive milieu for many on the forefront of scientific preventive medical efforts, including the earlier detection and prevention of pancreatic cancers—a fitting tribute to Mr. Joseph Fishman of blessed memory.



**Moses Maimonides, also known as Rabbi Moshe Ben Mimon (the Rambam)**

*Professor Jesse Lachter*  
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and  
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## Vision—Chazon—חִזּוֹן

In English, when we think of the word "vision" we think about eyesight, or maybe a company motto to keep us focused on important goals. However, in the Bible, a vision (*chazon*—חִזּוֹן) related to seeing a future that only God could bring about. God gave the vision, and He enabled the prophet to see and understand it. In Daniel 1:17 we read:

*...God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions (חִזּוֹן) and dreams.*

Interestingly, *chazon* is related to the word *machaze* (מַחֲזֵה), which means a play or a spectacle. Certainly a vision, with all of its symbolism could seem like a play enacted before the eyes of the prophet.

Visions could be encouraging as in Genesis 15:1 and Numbers 24:4 or warn of judgment as in Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Daniel. In either case, God wanted to bring spiritual blessing and healing to His people—but that often depended on the response of the people. Only God could bring the vision to pass, and only God could give the recipient the ability to see *and* understand it. Fulfillment of the prophet's vision included the response of the people; God working His purposes through His people.

The modern understanding of a vision is quite different from the Biblical one. Yet, here at Rambam, there are some similarities. Ten years ago Rambam's management developed a vision for Northern

Israel's largest hospital for the best that modern medicine could offer both to our patients and beyond our borders. It became their task to help others understand that vision. However, its fulfillment directly depended—and depends—on the reaction of others. Their responses have determined the extent to which our vision has been fulfilled.

We are thankful for the many people who have responded and are giving generously as we continue to proclaim our vision, asking others to join us in the pursuit of improved health care for all in our region.

Please consider how you can be a part of fulfilling our vision to bring physical health and healing to Israel's people.



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## You Can Help Current Needs at Rambam

The generosity of others is helping us replace old equipment, build new facilities, perform research, and care for our patients. Every gift counts. Click on the links below for more information on how you can help support the people of Israel via Rambam Health Care Campus.

### **Pray for Us and Tell Others About Us:**

Visit our [Christian Friends of Rambam Facebook page](#) often for prayer requests and regular updates about what is happening at Rambam.

**Friends Organizations:** Tax-deductible donations can be made via a Friends organization near you (listed above).

**Giving:** Please [visit our webpage](#) for more information about how you can make a difference in the lives of the people served by Rambam Health Care Campus.

Our most urgent need right now is the equipping of the new Joseph Fishman Oncology Center. The building is completed and ready to begin receiving patients. However, we are lacking the funds to actually move in. What is needed?

For the first stage, we need \$1.6 million to complete the essential patient units so that our cancer patients can move into more spacious and modern facilities.

For the second stage, we need another \$15.9 million. This includes the costly task of moving our current linear accelerators (essential for accurate radiation therapy) into the new facility. This latter amount is needed to prevent

having to replace the accelerators, which are subject to an expiration date defining when they can be moved.

This may sound like an overwhelming amount of money, but He who owns the cattle on a thousand hills and who moves the hearts of kings is able to provide.

In addition to praying for our patients, our doctors, and for people who are able to give, please consider making a gift of any amount designated for the new oncology center. Every gift makes a difference for improving the care we provide to our cancer patients.

Thank you in advance for being a blessing to Rambam Health Care Campus.

*Where there is no vision, the people perish...*

*Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)*