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A LOOK AT 2016

- 5,163 births
- 91,294 adult ER patients
- 25,256 pediatric ER patients
- 6,461 dialysis treatments
- 41 kidney transplants (adults and children)

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You are Making a Difference

We would like to start the New Year by giving you, our Christian supporters from around the world, a huge thanks for your prayers and support over the past year.

Each of you is making a difference, whether in serving as our ambassador by raising awareness of Rambam's unique role in Israel, through your heartfelt prayers for Israel and our medical center, or your generosity which is helping to fund essential health care related activities, facilities, and equipment.

We have had the honor of hosting many of you here at Rambam Health Care Campus—hundreds of Christians from around the

world! Your kind words and excitement as you have seen what is happening here has been so encouraging to us—particularly in a world that is increasingly forgetting the important role Israel plays in our region.

Among the groups that visited Rambam this year were End Time Ministries, lead by Pastor Irwin Baxter; a group from Puerto Rico led by Pastor Nita Luttrell; two groups from Christians United for Israel (CUFI), led by Pastor Dumisani Washington, CUFI's Diversity Outreach Coordinator; a Scandinavian delegation led by Pastor Jon Brammer; and a large group from Southwest

Radio Ministries, led by Dr. Larry Spargimino.

From helping to equip the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital and our new Joseph Fishman Oncology Center to praying for our doctors and patients, including those we care for from Syria and the Palestinian Authority—you have made Rambam Health Care Campus a very real part of your life.

Thankyou!

Deborah Hemstreet
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Pastor Irwin Baxter (far right) of End Time Ministries brought two groups to Rambam this year. Their donations are helping to equip the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital.

The Fortified Command Center



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Rambam is deeply grateful to the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (IFCJ) and its founder and president, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, for

their donation for the Fortified Command Center—the nerve center of the Sammy Ofer Fortified Underground Emergency Hospital. It is the physical location where Rambam's expertly trained staff will come together in an urgent situation to coordinate information and personnel, manage response, and optimize resources in the most effective and efficient manner. Rambam's leadership

will be kept abreast of disaster circumstances as they unfold in order to take the appropriate action in any crisis situation.

Along with the recent donation for the Fortified Command Center, IFCJ has also donated surgical suits for Rambam's Underground Emergency Hospital.

Rambam's highest award of recognition—the Rambam Award—was bestowed on Rabbi Eckstein in 2012.



Shir with her surgeon Dr. David Nikomorov, an orthopedic oncologist at Rambam.

Cannabis, Children, and Epilepsy

Just the mention of using cannabis for medical reasons can provoke long and heated discussions. However, recent

research at Rambam has shown that a revolutionary usage of cannabis can be more than helpful in children with

epilepsy. It can revolutionize their quality of life!

[Read the full article](#)

Israeli First: An Implant that Grows

Nine-year-old Shir D. became the first child in Israel to receive a special implant to replace bone and preserve her mobility—an implant that can be adjusted as she grows.

at least a year. An incidental X-ray helped find the diagnosis. But a collaboration between a Rambam orthopedic oncologist, Dr. David Nikomorov, and Stanmore Implants, a UK-based company, led to the solution.

In an 11-hour operation, Rambam surgeons removed the diseased bone and positioned the implant. The following day, Shir was able to get out of bed and apply pressure on the affected leg.

[Read the full article](#)



L) The shrapnel in P.'s heart; R) P. with Dr. Adler.

Syrian Girl Gets New Chance for Life

Rambam is one of the hospitals in Northern Israel that provides humanitarian care to Syrian civilian casualties. An injured young girl from Syria, P., underwent a series of medical imaging procedures here. Doctors

discovered that a sliver of metal had not only pierced the lining of the young girl's heart, but it was actually penetrating the heart muscle.

A multi-disciplinary medical team, led by cardiovascular surgeon, Dr. Tzvika Adler,

performed the urgent and delicate operation to remove the shrapnel from P's heart.

After a successful surgery, P. is now back with her family in Syria.

[Read the full article](#)

Joseph and Dreamers

The biblical story of Joseph has many messages for all people—even today. His father's favorite son, the second-youngest of 12 sons and a daughter, Joseph was most likely brought up by his mother's handmaiden, Bilhah, as Rachel, his mother, died giving birth to Benjamin, Joseph's younger brother.

Joseph dreamed that one day he would become great and powerful. But could his dream possibly come true? His brothers sold Joseph into slavery. Later he was imprisoned in Egypt when Potiphar's wife tried to ensnare Joseph, the slave, with a false claim of having molested her. Nevertheless, Joseph survived. Eventually, Pharaoh, the ruler of all of mighty Egypt, had dreams which it seemed no one could interpret. Called to attempt to interpret Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph asked to know the dream and explained that while he could not interpret the dream, God would provide an answer (Genesis 41:16). When Pharaoh readily accepted Joseph's interpretation of the dream—seven fat and then seven lean

years to come—Joseph was appointed Viceroy, second to only to Pharaoh. In modern terms, Joseph headed the Department of Agriculture, and eventually also the treasury for all of Egypt.

Joseph did not take anything for himself; rather all he did was for Pharaoh and for Egypt. He stored and later distributed produce, and collected remuneration against the produce distributed. As a result, Joseph saved Egypt and his own family, who came to him in need of food—bowing. They had no idea that the Viceroy of Egypt was brother they had sold into slavery. Joseph's dreams of his brothers bowing to his power came true! Yet Joseph remained kind, forgiving, and accepting of his destiny which had been guided all along by God. One of Joseph's greater rewards was to be the only person recorded in Scripture who became a great-grandfather.

Who are we to dream, and what do we dream of? At Rambam Health Care Campus we dream of making great

medical achievements, of preventing diseases, and of treating people with the best possible treatments available, and to have the highest success rates that destiny will allow. Out of their dreams, the leaders of our hospital have developed solid written plans to build a new multidisciplinary facility for the advancement of medicine on both the clinical and the scientific fronts. Each of Rambam's employees is encouraged to fulfill their career dreams.

Without a dream and goals for ourselves, we have no chance of achieving them. However, if do have goals, even if we fall a little short of our dreams to always help others, we will still achieve great things as a collaborative body of willing people striving together to advance healing. This is our aim at Rambam Health Care Campus, and by God's grace, may it be so.



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

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Culture,
and
Rambam*

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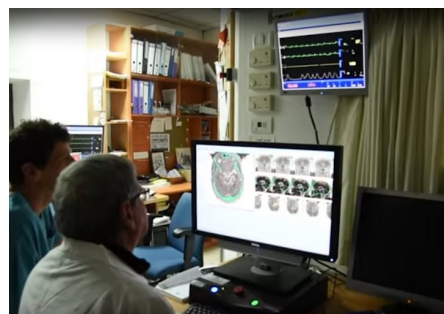
Chanukah Miracle at Rambam

She suffered for 10 years from a severe tremor that stopped her from doing what she loved the most. Haya Mandelbaum a baker from a small city near Haifa came to Rambam to undergo an advanced noninvasive brain surgery using the focused ultrasound technology (FUS).

During Chanukah, Haya returned to Rambam to give out the traditional holiday donuts she had made herself.

"A great miracle happened here," she told the team that treated her, "I received my life back!"

[Watch the movie](#)





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You Can Help Secure & Modern Heart Care

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.

The current Department of Cardiology is housed in older buildings dating back to the British Mandate. While these facilities are well equipped and have been refurbished to meet today's high standards—they are not fortified. In addition, the limited facilities cannot be expanded, and some procedures that would be better performed with a multi-disciplinary team in one room must be performed in two rooms.

The shell of the new Cardiovascular Hospital has been on hold for several months due to lack of funds. This important facility will provide a secure environment for our heart patients, as well as the most modern facilities possible, enabling patients to receive top

cardiovascular surgeries, treatments, and therapies in one central location.

Your prayers and support for completing construction and equipping of the new Cardiovascular Hospital are deeply appreciated. What better way to impact the lives of Israelis than to assure safe medical care and to keep hearts beating?

For more information about how to pray for and support Israel via Rambam Health Care Campus, read this short brochure, "[Be Prepared.](#)"

For more information, do not hesitate to contact us via one of the addresses posted above, or [contact our Christian Friends representative by email.](#)

I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread.

Psalm 37:25 (NKJV)