



**RAMBAM**  
Health Care Campus

# Christian Friends of Rambam Newsletter

VOLUME 5, ISSUE 4

OCTOBER 2016

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- OR of the Future—at Rambam** 2
- Bizarre Work Accident Survivor** 2
- 10 Years Ago** 2
- After 70 Years—Still Caring for Holocaust Survivors** 3
- FDA Approves what Israel has Used for Years!** 3
- You Can Help** 3
- Five Year Marathon** 4
- Contact Us** 4

## Only in Israel—Only at Rambam

It is not every day that someone gets on a bus and then loses consciousness. However, that is what happened to a woman here in Israel—in Haifa.

The quick thinking bus driver didn't think twice: he drove straight to the emergency room of Rambam Health Care Campus. He even called ahead to let Rambam's security knowing that he was coming, to assure her immediate reception.

We all hear stories like this about the "heart" of the Israeli people, but it is a great

privilege when we can be a part of it.

So many things happen here at Rambam. Perhaps they can happen only here, only in Israel.

This October, all of the High Holy Days will be celebrated. For many, it means close to one month off from work or school! Now that for sure only happens in Israel. However, hospitals never close, not even for the High Holy days.

Enjoy this issue of special Rambam stories. After all, making a difference in people's lives is why we are here.



**Haifa bus driver, Roi Levi, arriving at Rambam HCC.**

[Read the Full Story](#)

## Syrian Girl Touches Hearts

There are so many people from the Palestinian Authority and nations surrounding us

who come to Rambam for treatment. It is no longer news that Israel receives Syrians who

were seriously injured due to the situation there. However, the story of "B" touched all of our hearts.

"B" came to Rambam in February—a wounded and scared child from Syria. In the course of treatment, blood tests revealed that she had also had a blood disease related to poor bone marrow function.

With the help of the Israeli government, "B" was able to undergo treatment.

Just last month her condition improved enough to allow her to go home. "B" had endeared herself to everyone who knew her—patients and staff. So, they had a fun going away party for her.

A few hours after she returned home to Syria, she sent a reassuring message back to the people who had cared for her, "I'm home!"

[Read the Full Story](#)



**Staff and patients give a going away party for "B" before she returns to Syria.**

**Photo: Pieter Fliter**

## OR of the Future—at Rambam



**The New Head and Neck Operating Room at Rambam.**  
Credit: Pioter Fliter

Like a scene out of a science-fiction movie, white-coated figures in a dark room intently follow data projected on a semi-circular wall of screens flanking a patient prone on an operating room table.

Some monitor the patient's vital signs, while others follow the surgeon's movements as he uses

sophisticated imaging tools to guide a surgical tool through the patient's nostril, in order to excise a tumor in her neck.

This state-of-the-art control system installed in the recently opened Head and Neck Operating Room at Rambam Health Care Campus is the first of its kind in the world, made possible through a donation by a group of business leaders who prefer to remain anonymous.

"This system was built to meet our particular specifications" explains Professor Ziv Gil, Director of the Department of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Rambam. "It enables all of the operating room's systems to be adjusted and coordinated by the surgical team according to the needs of the patient and the type of intervention."

## Bizarre Work Accident Survivor



**(L-R): Dr. Ran Kemer, Director of the Thoracic Surgery Department at Rambam, Genady Box, and Liliana Biton, Head Nurse at the department.**

Credit: Pioter Fliter

Genady Box, a 55-year-old worker from Haifa's bay-side was injured in a bizarre work injury. A piece of metal from a hammer had entered his heart! Only three days after undergoing a complex emergency surgery at Rambam, Box's medical condition was stable.

[Read the full article in the Jerusalem Post](#)

## 10 Years Ago

Ten years ago, during the Second Lebanon War, a young tank commander in the Israeli army, Asael Lubotzky, was brought to Rambam after being seriously wounded during the Battle of Binat Jbeil in Lebanon.

Doctors fought for his life for many days. They hoped that one day he would again be able to stand on his feet.

A decade following the event, Asael is now a young doctor, an author, and a family man.

Asael has written a book about his experience, titled, "From the Wilderness and Lebanon" (ISBN 978-1-59264-417-9).

Photo Credit: Ofer Golan

[Watch Asael Tell His Story](#)



# After 70 Years—Still Caring for Holocaust

## Survivors

At the end of July, Rambam's mandate to care for Israel's remaining holocaust survivors was affirmed during an emotional ceremony in the hospital's modern, new Joseph Fishman Oncology Center. Ribbons were cut to celebrate the opening of the new Radiotherapy Inpatient Department and Chemotherapy Inpatient Department. Both were built and equipped thanks to a generous donation from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims against Germany, also known as the Claims Conference.

Representing the Claims Conference, Mr. Yaron Marcus and Mr. Avi Rosenthal accepted Rambam's Golden Maimonides Circle Award, presented by

Professor Ron Appelbaum, Director of the Joseph Fishman Oncology Center, and Dr. Esty Golan, Managing Director of International Relations and Chief of Strategic Development.

Over the years, the Claims Conference has supported Rambam with millions of dollars in donations, specifically targeted to upgrade and refurbish those departments that serve Israel's aging population and the Holocaust survivors within it. Thus, along with the new Oncology hospitalization facilities, the Claims Conference has been instrumental in supporting renovations in the Departments of Neurology, Urology, Ear, Nose and Throat, General Surgery,



**The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for One of the Departments.**

**Credit: Pieter Fliter**

Cardiovascular Surgery, Internal Medicine, Orthopedics and Rheumatology – with the goal of providing high quality, comfortable and dignified care to Israel's Holocaust survivors and other elderly patients.

## FDA Approves what Rambam has Used for Years!

Insightec, the leader in MRI-guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS) therapy, announced last week that the FDA has approved its Exablate Neuro System for the non-invasive treatment of essential tremor (ET) in patients who have not responded to medication.

Located near Haifa, Israel, Insightec and Rambam Health Care Campus have established an impressive cooperation. Rambam

was the first hospital in Israel to use this innovative treatment. The treatment produces significant and immediate relief of tremor. More than 400 patients have been successfully treated worldwide. Rambam has successfully treated over 40 patients.

[Watch an FUS Treatment at Rambam](#)

[Read the Full Article](#)



**Professor Menashe Zaaroor (R), Director of the Department of Neurosurgery, is shown with Neurologist Dr. Ilana Schlesinger (L, middle) and Neurophysiologist Alon Sinai (far L), as they prepare a patient for treatment with MRI-guided focused ultrasound.**



## RAMBAM Health Care Campus

Creating the future of medicine.

### Rambam Health Care Campus

P.O.B 9602  
Haifa 3109601  
Israel

Phone: +972-4-777-1285/2042  
Fax: +972-4-777-2657  
E-mail: [cfr@rambam.health.gov.il](mailto:cfr@rambam.health.gov.il)

**American Friends of Rambam Medical Center**  
[www.aforam.org](http://www.aforam.org) | [info@aforam.org](mailto:info@aforam.org)  
(212) 292-4499

**Canadian Friends of Rambam Medical Centre**  
[www.cfram.ca](http://www.cfram.ca) | [info@cfram.ca](mailto:info@cfram.ca)  
(416) 481-5552

**British Friends of Rambam Medical Centre**  
[www.rambamuk.co.uk](http://www.rambamuk.co.uk) | [anita@rambamuk.co.uk](mailto:anita@rambamuk.co.uk)  
(208) 371-1500

**Amis Français de l'Hôpital Rambam**  
[amisfrancaisrambam.asso-web.com](http://amisfrancaisrambam.asso-web.com) | [joelleabitbol16@gmail.com](mailto:joelleabitbol16@gmail.com)  
07.82.53.71.10

**Spanish Friends of Rambam Medical Centre**  
[www.amigosderambam.org](http://www.amigosderambam.org) | [info@amigosderambam.org](mailto:info@amigosderambam.org)  
(609) 580-268

**Friends of Rambam in India**  
[ralphy44@gmail.com](mailto:ralphy44@gmail.com) | (91) 981-986-4340

**Israeli Friends of Rambam Medical Center**  
[galit@rmc.gov.il](mailto:galit@rmc.gov.il)  
+972 (4) 852-0670

**[Donate Now by PayPal](#)**

#### For more information:



[www.rambam.org.il](http://www.rambam.org.il)

YouTube [rambambahospital](#)



Rambam Health Care Campus - Hospital



## You Can Help Five Year Marathon

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.

When the vulnerability of the human condition confronts, two essentials remain: hope and grace in the face of suffering. It is then that our achievements in research and advanced compassionate health care are the most meaningful.

The shell of our new Cardiovascular Hospital is waiting for an "infusion" to convert it into a modern and safe facility for our heart patients. The current outdated facilities are impeding expansion of our innovative therapies provided by our world-renowned cardiac teams. The Biomedical Discovery Tower—which will be central to the future of medicine and strongly contribute to the prestige and economy of our region and of Israel—has yet to be jump-started.

We are asking you to join us on this last lap by making a contribution to our new **five-year 100 million dollar campaign**—targeted at completing this essential health care project for the people of Israel. Now is the time to forge ahead, finish the race, and make our vision for the people of our region a reality.

This is your opportunity to invest in Israel and to have an impact in the lives of her people—by assuring quality health care for the years to come.

Thank you in advance for your prayers on our behalf, and for joining us in this "marathon." With your help, we know we will cross the finish line!

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap..."*

Luke 6:38 NIV