

# The Azrieli Faculty of Medicine Newsletter

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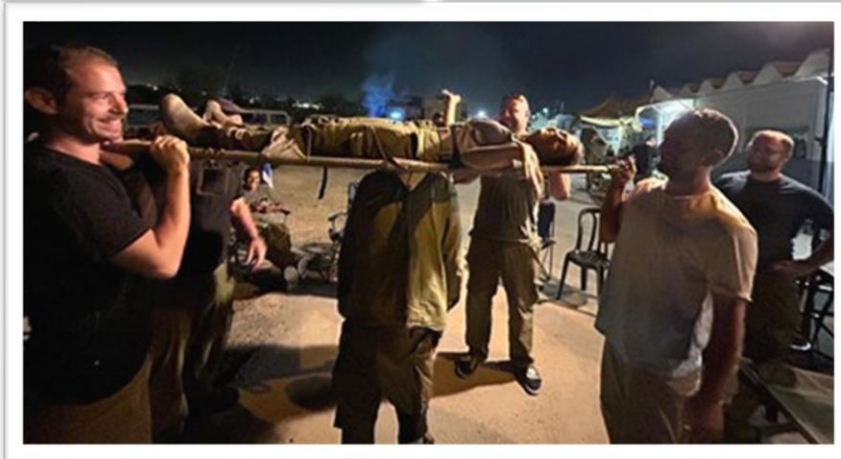


**THIS NEWSLETTER IS DEDICATED TO OUR SOLDIERS,  
RESERVE AND ENLISTED, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE  
STATIONED, AND TO EVERYONE HELPING IN THE HOME  
FRONT, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TO VACATE  
THEIR HOMES NEAR THE FRONT LINES.**

**WE PRESENT YOU THIS MONTH WITH A PHOTO ESSAY. FOR  
MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT THE FACULTY WEBSITE.**







## TEDDY BEAR STRENGTH AND RESILIENCE CENTER

After three successful pilot events – October 23, 2023 at the Faculty's Safed campus, then October 26 and November 1 at the BIU Ramat Gan campus – the Teddy Bear Strength and Resilience Center visited Mitspeh Ramon on November 21, 2023.

Some two dozen student volunteers put in a 12-hour day in the south, meeting approximately 70 children from Kibbutz Erez who were relocated to Mitspeh Ramon after the horrific events they personally experienced on October 7.

A groundbreaking collaboration between the Faculty of Medicine, the Department of Psychology and the School of Social Work, the project is being led by Prof. Orly Avni, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Noa Vilchinsky, head of the Dedicated Programs unit, together with the Faculty of Medicine Student Union and students from the Department of Psychology and the School of Social Work.

Stay tuned for more "[Teddy Bear](#)" events.



## THANK YOU TO POCUS DONORS



Friends of BIU (Israel and abroad) was sent a warm thank you from the field (pictured here), as well as an official letter of thanks from Col. Avi Benov, MD, MHA, MBA, Deputy Surgeon General of the IDF Medical Corps: "These [POCUS devices](#), in the hands of our elite physicians, advance the medical capabilities of our forces and enable us to save the lives of soldiers in the battlefield."



## APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

- Congratulations to Prof. Hava Gil Henn on her promotion to Associate Professor.
- Congratulations to Dr. Rawi Hazzan on his appointment as Clinical Lecturer.
- Congratulations to Dr. Elias Nasrallah on his appointment as Clinical Lecturer.
- Congratulations to Dr. Roie Tal on his appointment as Clinical Lecturer.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Prof. Naim Shehadeh on the birth of a granddaughter.

## UPDATE REGARDING THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Clinical studies commenced on November 5, 2023.

## CONFERENCES

On hold due to the war situation.

## SEMINARS

Returning soon...

## RUSSELL BERRIE GALILEE DIABETES SPHERE

Full details about SPHERE activities can be found on their Facebook page [here](#) as well as on LinkedIn [here](#) and Youtube [here](#).



SPHERE has been very active since the war erupted on October 7, and International Diabetes Day took place on November 14, 2023. Highlights of their very recent activities include:

- Clinical consultation for family doctors regarding the best way to treat diabetes patients these trying days
- Support program for diabetes, pre-diabetes and obesity patients in a state of war or under continuous states of stress
- Support for municipal health workers during an emergency
- Participation in international conferences in the field of diabetes

Read more [here](#).



## WEBSITE MEDICINE.BIU.AC.IL/EN: WHAT'S NEW?

Publications (Please see [here](#) )

*Reminder that publications by Azrieli faculty are generally posted in chronological order based on publication date, per PubMed listings. If you have published an article recently that appears on PubMed but that was not listed in a Newsletter, I apologize, and please do let me know.*

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PUBLICATIONS BY RESEARCHERS AT AZRIELI OR ITS AFFILIATE RESEARCH CENTERS MUST PROPERLY CITE THIS AFFILIATION: Azrieli Faculty of Medicine, Bar-Ilan University, Safed, Israel. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OR NEED GUIDANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US.**

- Avraham Jacobson, Sivan Spitzer, Yanay Gorelik, Michael Edelstein: Barriers and enablers to vaccination in the ultra-orthodox Jewish population: a systematic review (Front Public Health . )
- Khalaf Kridin: Reply to: "Comment on Kridin et al. - Considering Both Relative and Absolute Risk Differences in Infection Risk Between Biologics Classes in Patients With Psoriasis" (J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol . )
- Nasser Sakran: Malnutrition Following One-Anastomosis Gastric Bypass: a Systematic Review (Obes Surg . )
- Karl L Skorecki: Release Our Hostages Now! (Rambam Maimonides Med J . )
- Littal Rubin, Yaniv Avraham, Adi Sharabi-Nov2, Tanous Shebly, David E Rothem: Acupuncture Effect on Analgesic Consumption and Cortisol Levels Following Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Randomized Controlled Trial (Med Acupunct . )
- Tomer Bernstine, Michael Edelstein, Danna Krupik: Pediatric injury attendances in different population groups in Israel before, during, and after COVID-19 lockdowns: a descriptive study, 2018-2022 (Int J Emerg Med . )
- Moshe Carmel, Basem Hijazi, Narges Azzam, Tawfik Khoury, Amir Mari: Chicago Classification Version 4.0 Improves Stratification of Ineffective Esophageal Motility Patients into Clinically Meaningful Subtypes: A Two-Center International Study (Dysphagia )
- Inshirah Sgayer, Gabriel Shamalov, Silas Assi, Daniel Glikman, Lior Lowenstein, Maya Frank Wolf: Bacteriology and clinical outcomes of urine mixed bacterial growth in pregnancy (Int Urogynecol J . )
- Chaim Putterman; Novel biomarker discovery through comprehensive proteomic analysis of lupus mouse serum (J Autoimmun . )
- Avi Benov: The Association Between Glasgow Coma Scale Scores and PTSD in Military Trauma Casualties: Does Mental Status Following Injury Play a Role in PTSD Development? (Mil Med . )
- Khalaf Kridin: Isotretinoin is not associated with inflammatory bowel disease even when compared to topical antibiotics and topical retinoids (J Am Acad Dermatol . )

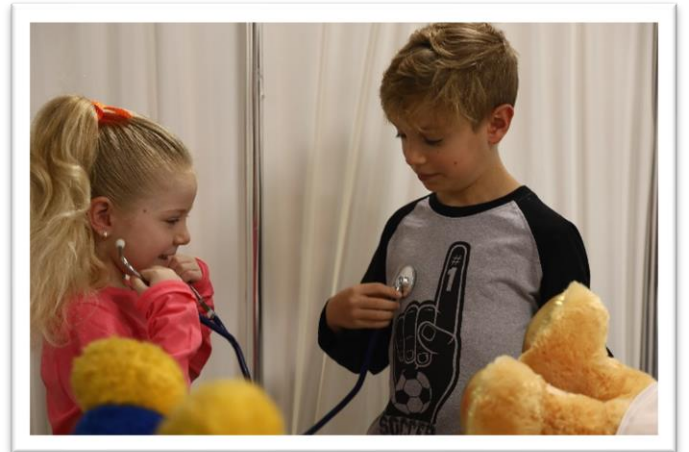


- Ran Handel, Yotam Peleg: Real-Time Artificial Intelligence-Based Guidance of Echocardiographic Imaging by Novices: Image Quality and Suitability for Diagnostic Interpretation and Quantitative Analysis (Circ Cardiovasc Imaging .)
- Yuri Perlitz, Lilach Yacov Shavit, Galit Magril, Noa Harel, Sofia Soltsman, Enav Yefet: The effect of oral probiotics on glycemic control of women with gestational diabetes mellitus - multicenter, randomized, double blind, placebo controlled trial (Am J Obstet Gynecol MFM)
- Nasser Sakran: One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass in 6722 Patients: Early Outcomes from a Private Hospital Registry (J Clin Med .)
- Inshirah Sgayer, Maskit Shmueli, Lior Lowenstein, Maya Frank Wolf: Colposcopy-A Valuable Diagnostic Tool for Pregnant Women With Unexplained Vaginal Bleeding (J Low Genit Tract Dis .)
- Moshe Lapidot: Prolonged air leak after lung surgery-prevalent complication without a perfect solution (J Thorac Dis .)
- Inbar Ben-Zvi, David Karasik: Zebrafish as a Model for Osteoporosis: Functional Validations of Genome-Wide Association Studies (Curr Osteoporos Rep .)
- Nadra Naser Samra, Hanna Mandel: Lisch epithelial corneal dystrophy is caused by heterozygous loss-of-function variants in MCOLN1: Molecular basis of Lisch epithelial corneal dystrophy (Am J Ophthalmol .)
- Gassan Moady, Moanis Serhan, Shaul Atar, Alexander Shturman: Complete Transesophageal Assessment of the Aortic Valve Using the Continuity Equation in Equivocal Cases of Aortic Stenosis (Isr Med Assoc J .)
- Andrei Braester, Celia Surriu, Luiza Akria, Moran Zarfati, Najib Dally, Masad Barhoum: Can an Anemic Patient Be a Partner to Treatment Decision-Making? (Isr Med Assoc J .)
- Yaseen Awad-Igbaria, Saher Abu-Atta, Yara Nakhleh-Francis, Lior Lowenstein, Jacob Bornstein, Eilam Palzur: Exploring venlafaxine effects on chronic vulvar pain: Changes in mood and pain regulation networks (Neuropharmacology .)
- Inshirah Sgayer, Marwan Odeh, Maya Frank Wolf, Ala Aiob, Lior Lowenstein: The impact on pregnancy outcomes of late-onset gestational diabetes mellitus diagnosed during the third trimester: A systematic review and meta-analysis (Int J Gynaecol Obstet .)
- Avshalom Sharon, Ala Aiob, Mohammad Kais, Liat Apel-Sarid, Renee Tendler, Grigory Dourleshter, Jacob Bornstein: Detection and dissection of sentinel nodes in endometrial endometrioid cancer with indocyanine green using PinPoint laparoscopy: Analysis of the learning curve (Eur J Obstet Gynecol Reprod Biol .)



Faculty Press Exposure (Please see [here](#).)

- [ynet.co.il](http://ynet.co.il): [במרפאת הדובונים של בר- אילן מלמדים ילדים להתמודד עם מלחמה ואזעקות](#)
- [makorrishon.co.il](http://makorrishon.co.il): [" מרכז חוזק " לדובים": טיפול בילדים באמצעות בובות](#)



Faculty News (Please see [here](#).)

- [Faculty Management Visit to the EMMS \(Scottish\) Hospital in Nazareth](#)



- [Workshop on Principles, Methods and Tools for Active Teaching and Learning](#)
- [And Yet Again...Prof. Omry Koren Selected by Clarivate as Most Frequently Cited Researcher](#)

Image Gallery (Please see [here](#).)

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