



# Fall 2023 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel

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\*After Shabbat



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The American Healthcare Professionals and Friends for Medicine in Israel (APF), a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization of physicians and healthcare professionals, is committed to advancing the state of medical education, research, and care in Israel by assisting in the training of young Israeli physicians and healthcare professionals, and in fostering ties between the North American and Israel's healthcare communities.

Created in conjunction with Israel's Ministry of Health and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Medical Corps, this one-of-a-kind program offers physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals firsthand training from some of the world's foremost experts. The Course is open to all, Jews and non-Jews alike. Past participants have included those in the fields of: Pediatrics, Gynecology, Internal medicine, Podiatry, Anesthesiology, Family medicine, Physical therapy, Nursing, Advanced Practice Nursing, Emergency Medical Technology, etc.

The course is all in English; it provides participants with an in-depth understanding of the components of disaster preparedness, as well as of the responses of both pre-hospital and hospital systems and of community resilience. Graduates of the course gain competencies in disaster/emergency preparedness and response so that following this, many continue to build their capacities and become involved in their institutions/fields as part of Emergency Management committees/teams.

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“This was truly an amazing course – transformative, enlightening and enjoyable. I doff my hat to all who set this up. Thank You!”



“This was the most amazing, fun, and fascinating CME conference I have ever participated in! There was hands-on training, simulations, and various activities that were unlike anything I have ever experienced in my medical training. Most incredible was the warmth, friendliness, and hospitality of the Israeli people. We all felt so welcome in Israel. Also impressive is the advanced technology use in training of medical personnel in Israel. Generally a very impressive and fun course! I can highly recommend this program/course to any physician or allied health professional.”

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“I am responsible for clinical Emergency Department Disaster Prep for a major urban healthcare system. The APF course exceeded my expectations with regards to best practice and content offered, but also the caliber of lecturers, and experts with whom we had the privilege to interact. Highly recommended!”

“Thank you for a great week! The presenters were enthusiastic and welcoming. I felt comfortable asking questions or asking for help in certain areas. All were very accommodating.”



# Example of typical program



## **Saturday** (after Shabbat)

Welcome/Orientation Dinner at the hotel

## **Sunday**

Hand-on light training in Search & Rescue at Wingate Institute  
Visit in the Home Front Command base

## **Monday**

Visit Rambam Medical Center in Haifa  
Meet with Israeli colleagues  
Tour the innovative underground hospital  
Attend lectures at Israel National Resilience Institute

## **Tuesday**

Receive hands-on training at the Israel Center for Medical Simulation  
Visit the Magen David Adom National Dispatch Center

## **Wednesday**

Visit IDF's Medical Military Training Base  
Drive to Sderot  
Observe the Gaza Strip and its proximity to Israeli towns and villages  
Attend lectures at the Israel Trauma Coalition

## **Thursday**

Visit Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem  
Attend lectures on characteristics, demography, and epidemiology of MCI's  
Participate in hospital preparedness drill  
Tour Jerusalem  
Course ends with a graduation ceremony at the Old City of Jerusalem



Costs*		
Single Room	\$3,100	Includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, all course fees, cultural events, transportation during course, taxes and gratuities
Double Room**	\$2,600	
Non-Participant	\$1,800	Includes shared room, breakfast, dinner, cultural events, taxes and gratuities
No Hotel	\$1,600	Includes all course fees, transportation during the course, orientation dinner, lunch, taxes and gratuities
*Price do not include airfare      **APF is not responsible for pairing participants		

A \$500 per person deposit is required with your registration

Final payments are due not later than 60 days prior to Course

APF accepts all major credit cards  
Please make checks payable to: APF

### Additional trip arrangements

Pre/Post Course hotel arrangements |  
Mehadrin Kosher Meals |  
Airport transfers | Shabbat dinner |  
Visits to Jerusalem, Eliat, Petra etc. |  
Travel Insurance |

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be submitted in writing via email or fax:

60 days prior to departure	\$300 plus \$100 administrative fee
30 days prior to departure	25% plus \$150 administrative fee
15 days prior to departure	50% plus \$200 administrative fee
Day of departure/No show	100% forfeiture of all fees