

Real-Life HEROES

When you think of a hero,
who do you think of? A
soldier? An athlete? Or
maybe your own

5 grandfather? The truth is
that heroes come in all
forms. Even teenagers can
be heroes. For example, in
Magen David Adom
10 (MADA), teenagers between
the ages of 15 and 18 learn
how to help people who are
hurt. With their parent's
permission, they take a
15 60-hour summer course, and
become MADA volunteers.
There are lots of challenges,
but they may even get to
save a life!

20 Heroes can be men or
women, rich or poor, young
or old. Here are three
unusual stories about
people who are all heroes in
25 their own way.

Magen David Adom

- What does a **teenager** need to do to join Magen David Adom?
 - a. take a **course**
 - b. get permission (אישור / אישור) from their parents
 - c. both a and b
- When does the **course** for teenagers take place?
 - a. after a car **accident**
 - b. during the summer vacation
 - c. in a **crowd**
- How many hours is a basic first-aid (עזרה ראשונה / إسعافات أولية) **course**?
 - a. sixty hours
 - b. six hours
 - c. twenty hours
- Which **skill** do teens learn at Magen David Adom?
 - a. how to **save** animals
 - b. how to help people who are hurt
 - c. how to **injure** someone
- Why is it hard to work for Magen David Adom?
 - a. There are lots of **challenges**.
 - b. It's a really good job.
 - c. No one **encourages** you.



Before you read the article, Look for names and numbers in the article p. 69-70 to complete the chart.

	Daniel Wolfson	Samuel Boas	Mamoudou Gassama
Age			
Date of Event			
Place			

1 On Top of the World



On May 23, 2021, 43-year-old mountain climber Daniel Wolfson wrote the following on her Facebook page:

I'm at the summit!! At this very moment I have reached the summit of Everest, and I am on top of the world 😊.

It was indeed a very special moment for Daniel, especially since she was the first Israeli woman to reach the summit of the highest mountain in the world.

However, the road to success had many challenges. Ten years earlier, Daniel had a bad skiing accident, and doctors had doubts whether she would ever walk again. This was obviously the last thing she wanted to hear. In fact, when Daniel was still in the hospital, she started thinking about climbing Mount Everest.

Somehow, the idea of doing something really hard gave her strength and encouraged her to get better. At the time, it seemed like an impossible dream, but after many years of hard work, Daniel made her dream come true. In a recent interview, she said "There are no limits² to one's dreams." Daniel's amazing achievement proves that!

¹summit פסגה / قمة

²limits גבולות / حدود

2 Bear Attack



Sometimes ordinary people do extraordinary¹ things. Samuel Boas from the USA is one of them. On July 23, 2011, he saved the lives of two of his friends after they were attacked by a huge bear.

When Samuel was 16 years old, he took a course in first aid². Towards the end of the course, he and a group of teenagers from the course went on a long hike in Alaska. Everything was going according to plan when suddenly an angry bear appeared out of nowhere and attacked them. The bear injured five of the teens. Two of them were seriously hurt.

Samuel was not hurt. After the attack, he first sent out a call for help. Until the rescue team arrived, he did everything he could to help his friends. Using what he learned in first aid, he was able to treat the twins that were injured the most.

"Samuel did a great job," said rescue worker³ Robert Brown in an interview the next day. "He saved the lives of two people. Thanks to his medical skills, these guys are alive today."

¹extraordinary יוצא דופן / شاذة

²first aid עזרה ראשונה / إسعاف أولي

³rescue worker עובד הצלה / عامل إنقاذ

3 The Spider-Man of Paris

You may not be familiar with the name Mamoudou Gassama, but this 25-year-old man's name was all over the news in May 2018. Why? He saved the life of a young boy who almost fell from a fourth-floor balcony¹.

- 5 This rescue happened in northern Paris. Gassama was passing through a quiet neighborhood when he saw a crowd looking up at a little boy who was holding on to the railing² of a fourth-floor balcony. It seemed like the boy was about to fall.

Gassama didn't think twice. Like Spider-Man, he quickly climbed

- 10 up the building, took the boy by the arm and lifted him over the railing. The whole event lasted about 30 seconds, but that was enough to make Gassama famous.

Both the president of France and the mayor³ of Paris gave him a medal. In addition, the city's firefighters⁴ offered him the opportunity to join them. They thought that this was the perfect job for the man who they now call "the Spider-Man of Paris".

¹balcony מרפסת / شرفة

³mayor ראש עיר / رئيس البلدية

²railing מעקה / درابزين

⁴firefighters כבאים / إطفائيون



The President of France meets with Gassama