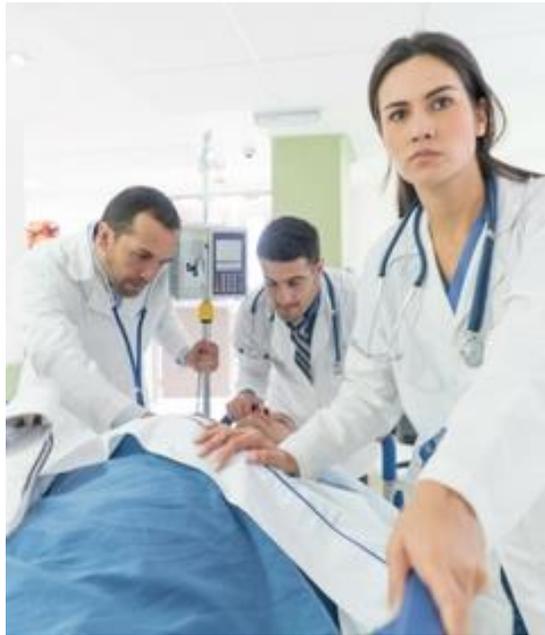


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Meet doctors bringing change through medicine at Jerusalem's emergency clinics

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Hear their stories

Learn about their impact

Discuss social change

Imagine Israel Podcast Episode #5:
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This episode marks 50 years of a reunified Jerusalem. In keeping with the theme of uniting diverse faiths to live together in peace, we meet three people who deal with the unity and division in terms of life and death in Israel's capital city. Join us as we hear from three doctors at the forefront of the emerging field of emergency medicine in Israel, bringing change through medicine at Jerusalem's emergency clinics.

Discussion Questions:

1. In Psalms 122:3 we find a hope/prayer/aspiration "Jerusalem built up like a city joined together..". How does the practice of emergency medicine as described in this podcast act as a bonding agent to Jerusalem and her diverse population?
2. Emergency medicine and urgent care promotes the values for saving life and making maximum use of resources (human and medical).

In what way may the innovations of this new medical practice add to more just care for Jerusalemites?
3. Terem urgent care has diverse patients and diverse medical staff. One doctor observes "We leave politics at the hospital door." How does this match with your experiences with local urgent care? Why could Jerusalem have complications in its treatment policies?
4. "We are a family, so we don't talk politics..." comments one doctor. But we know that families with issues that do not get discussed often end in crisis. What may a staff do to surface issues of religion and hate in a healthy way?
5. The Ramadan Protocols (how to treat Moslem patients during the month of prayer and daytime fasting) was created through a "Talmudic" process by religious Yeshiva graduates who are now doctors. How is this a ray of hope for intergroup cooperation?



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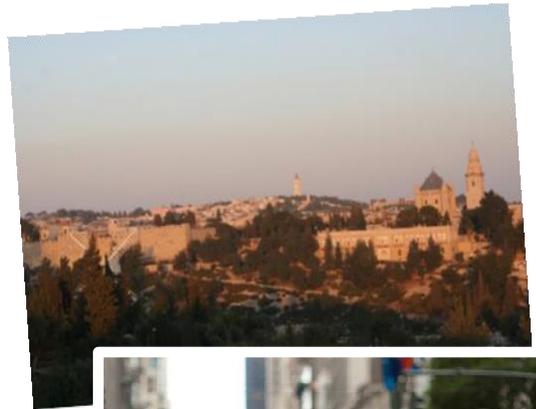
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General Questions:

1. Read the excerpt from the Israeli Declaration of Independence, below. From what you hear on the news and media, do you think the document is an actual guideline or an aspirational standard?

"THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the in gathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations."

2. How does this podcast episode affect your perspective of Israel? How may you explore this topic further?
3. How does the issue addressed in this episode relate to you as a Jew living in DC?
4. How would you share this aspect of Israel with others to engage them in a conversation about Israel?
5. Did you learn anything new about Israel? Did anything surprise you?
6. Based on what you heard in this podcast would you describe Israel as a Jewish, democratic or Zionist state?



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Interactive Activities

1. Google Dr. David Appelbaum or go to this website ourjerusalem.com/series20031117 to read reports and anecdotes about the life of Dr. Applebaum and his daughter Nava. Do you know of other *olim* (people immigrating to Israel) that bring wisdom and experience to their new home land? Do you know of immigrants to America who were “changemakers” and contributed to a better American society?
2. One of the highest Jewish values is called *pikuach nefesh* (the imperative to save a life). What complications, medical/moral/spiritual does a city like Jerusalem face while trying to live this value? For an overview, visit: [thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(15\)60674-2/fulltext](http://thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(15)60674-2/fulltext).

Another value held sacred by most Jewish groups (including the large ultra-orthodox charedi population) and other religious groups (Moslem, Christian) is *tzniyut* (modesty). How does a doctor describe the care emergency medical teams take to preserve the dignity and modesty of all patients?

3. Yerushalayim in Hebrew looks like a plural form, a word implying duality. Judaism has talked about a *Yerushalayim shel maala* and *mata*, an upper and lower Jerusalem. Read the poem in this article and comment on this duality. sichaconversation.org/2012/06/25/yerushalayim-a-pronounced-hope



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