



A Century of Caring

- The **first “Jewish” Hospital** is founded with only 20 beds, treating Haifa’s diverse residents as well as illegal Jewish refugees smuggled in via the nearby British-controlled port. (1922)
- Population growth motivates the **Rothschild Family** to buy, name, and build the Hospital to 85 beds, 3 departments, and a laboratory. (1942)
- A key player during the **War of Independence**, the Hospital treats wounded citizens and soldiers, including underground organizations such as the Haganah, Etzel and Lechi. (1947)
- **Haifa’s Municipality** takes over management and over the following decades builds it to a 330-bed internationally-famous Institute of Medicine. (1949)
- The Hospital becomes a prestigious teaching facility when it establishes the **Faculty of Medicine** at the Technion (Israel Institute of Technology), and later, at Haifa University. (1969)
- **Bnai Zion Foundation** assumes funding for the Hospital, renames it Bnai Zion Medical Center, and completes the additional wings that house most of its present-day departments and laboratories. (1987)
- During the **2006 Second Lebanon War**, the Hospital, again on the frontline, provides outstanding emergency care to thousands of wounded victims subject to Hezbollah terrorist rocket attacks. (2006)
- The last rocket of the 34-day war exploded a few feet from the Hospital prompting a current urgent need for an underground **Emergency Room facility**.