

The first meeting of the Working Group (alias "the hug") organized by the new Vaad will take place next week, on **Thursday, April 26** at 19.00 (7 PM).

**המקום: בית חיל אוויר בהרצלייה (נקרא גם "מרכז  
אומנויות הבמה בהרצלייה). <= יש מפה מצורפת (ראה ATTACHMENT)**

The meeting will be entirely dedicated to the issue of ICD indications for primary prevention of sudden death in Israel.

The reason for selecting this topic is the urgent need to define the position of the Working Group on this important topic at a time when important discussions are being held with Kupat Holim and the Ministry of Health.

The First Part of the meeting will be dedicated to the presentation of **the evidence based** approach to primary prevention.

This would be in the form of a DEBATE entitled:

**Primary Prevention of Sudden Death in Israel:  
Pro-Life or Pro-Choice:**

**ICD for every patient with low ejection fraction or better risk stratification.**

**Every patient with low EF should get an ICD: Prof. Amos Katz.  
We can do better than that: Dr. Sami Viskin.**

The Second Part of the meeting will be dedicated to presentation of the dialog and discussions held so far between the Vaad (new and old) and the Israel Heart Society, with Kupat Holim and the Ministry of Health: Prof. Belhassen, Prof. Glikson, Prof. Katz, Dr. Freedberg.

The Third Part of the meeting will be an open discussion followed by a CONSENSUS (... or a vote).

**Dinner will be served.** We expect a heated meeting... Drinks will be served only after the meeting

הערב בחסות חברת גמידה.

Sami Viskin.