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Professional Medical Clowns from Israel Coming to Milwaukee
'Dream Doctors' to share expertise and implementation

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin— Medical clowns from Israel will share their expertise with local health care professionals and Milwaukee area residents during presentations and workshops the week of Nov. 17.

Medical clowning is an expanding professional field that assists medical treatment for children and adults suffering from PTSD, sexual abuse, autism, dementia and more. The delegation coming to Milwaukee is part of The Dream Doctors Project in Israel, whose members participate in over 40 medical procedures and are integrated into healthcare teams in 25 Israeli medical centers. The project also helped establish the first bachelor's program in medical clowning at the University of Haifa.

A free program open to all will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 at the Harry & Rose Samson Family Jewish Community Center, 6255 N. Santa Monica Blvd. It will include a medical clowning presentation, Q&A with the audience, and roundtable discussions with three medical clowns and two medical doctors.

The medical clowns and doctors will be making rounds throughout the area, including presentations at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Drama and Nursing schools, Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health.

Complimenting the delegation from Israel, Professor Bernie Warren, Ph.D, an internationally respected researcher and teacher on the role of the arts in healthcare and education, will be holding a workshop for interested medical professionals on integrating humor and clown skills from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Jewish Home and Care Center.

This delegation is being brought here by Partnership2Gether, a program of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation's Israel Center.

Visit MilwaukeeJewish.org/MedicalClowns for further information, including bios of the delegates and links to medical clown research.

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