

From the Editor: Renewal

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At the time the time that this issue goes to press, the State of Israel is in the process of rebuilding from losses sustained in another war - loss of life, loss of homes, loss of forests, loss of a sense of normalcy. While life returns to business as usual, hostages remain unaccounted for, hostility and political instability grow by the day on the southern and northern borders, and Iran sponsors an international holocaust denial conference while aggressively pursuing nuclear technology and making threats about annihilating Israel.

The human spirit, though, has resilience that defies untold challenges - be they challenges posed by adversaries, by disease, or by acts of nature. Emergency medicine is the branch of

medicine dedicated to being prepared to treat injury and disease in the face of all of these, whenever they may occur and in whatever form. This preparedness is, or should be, part of society's contract with its citizens.

This issue is devoted to perseverance under fire. Guest Editor Dr. Michael Drescher guides the reader in an exploration of the recent interface of Israeli emergency medicine with renewed military conflict, in this case manifest as a broad missile campaign against the civilian population of Northern Israel.

To my colleagues in Israel and around the world, friends and healers, wishes for nothing less than health and normalcy.

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