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Dr. Shamir sees great importance in volunteering in the community. To this end, he is an on-call physician for United Hatzalah of Israel, a free, volunteer-based emergency medical service, as well as a highway patrol trooper.

Photography is a hobby that Dr. Shamir uses to counteract the strenuous occupation as an anesthesiologist. It helps to balance the stress and responsibility of anesthesiology.

Landscapes, especially of nature and wildlife photography, are his preferred genre.

The photo on the cover, Sunset, illustrates a moment of magical dramatic glory, which disappeared quickly. One moment it was there and then it was gone. Yet, the camera caught the beauty of the moment and gave it eternal life.

Dr. Shamir used a Nikon D-7200 camera, Nikkor 70-200@200mm, f/8, 1/1000sec, ISO 720 for this photograph.

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