Dr. Mudi Misgav
Photograph of an egret
taken at the Yarkon River estuary at twilight

Dr. Mudi Misgav is a senior physician at the National Hemophilia Center and the Institute of Thrombosis and Hemostasis at Sheba Medical Center as well as a passionate photographer.

Dr. Misgav was born in Tel Aviv and has lived most of his life in this vibrant city. After graduating from the Technion–Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, he trained in internal medicine and continued to hematology.

His interest in photography was there all along but only developed recently. With encouragement from his wife, he decided to take his hobby to the next level. After finishing a basic course in photography at Galitz Photography School, he continued with more advanced courses, which exposed him to a variety of genres.

One important lesson was that the camera is the least important tool when taking a picture. The ability to observe, together with imagination, enables a photographer to turn an ordinary scene into a captivating photograph. These qualities are also important to physicians and scientists as some important discoveries were made by individuals who applied sharp observation skills. Dr. Misgav also strongly believes that photography is not only about taking one photo at a time but rather about telling a story. To him, the most relevant subject is humanity. This is why he is attracted most to the genre known as street photography.

Most of his photographs were taken in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area. For him, the sea, the river, and the different neighborhoods are a mosaic of unique places, people, and unexpected nature scenes. To capture those candid moments one must first be curious. The wonderful, sometimes hidden and brief, magical moments are out there to those who are attentive.

The photograph Last Meal of the Day was taken with a Canon SLR-like camera (1/250,f7, ISO160) at sunset. Dr. Misgav followed the bird with his lens as it was walking in shallow water close to the bridge that crosses the Yarkon River estuary.

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