From The President

I would like to share with our members and donors the important APF activities of the past 6 months.

1. APF ISRAEL CRISIS FUND REPORT After placing on our website and sending a special crisis appeal from Dr. Danny Laor, the Deputy Minister for Emergency Preparedness, on the critical needs of the Northern hospitals, it was very gratifying indeed that over $100,000 was received for our Crisis Fund. All of this will be distributed to hospitals such as Sieff Hospital in Safed, Poriya in Tiberias, Western Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, and Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, with the hospital CEO’s given the discretion as to how best to utilize these funds to help their hospital in light of the recent crisis.

2. MISSION TO ISRAEL Three APF Board members, Drs. Paul Liebman, Michael Frogel, and Charles Kurtzer, in addition to APF member Dr. Dan Moskowitz, spent 5 days in Israel in August in discussions with the Ministry of Health, hospital CEO’s, Israel Defense Forces Medical Corps, and the Surgeon General. They conferred as to how the APF Emergency Medical Volunteers (EMV Program) could function in any forthcoming conflicts. APF conducted a mock call up drill in May 2006 which was quite successful and has generated a list of over 400 physicians, nurses and other health care professionals ready and willing to go to Israel on short notice if needed. The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor was very grateful for APF’s effort and their letter of appreciation is included in this newsletter (pg. 2). We are looking for ways to expand this program if lower level activity conflicts occur in the future and physicians and other healthcare professionals are needed.

3. THE EMV PROGRAM Included in this mailing is an announcement of the upcoming Courses sponsored by APF, in conjunction with the Israel Defense Forces Medical Corps and the Ministry of Health. We hope that you will take the opportunity to be part of this important and state-of-the-art training.

4. APF STUDENT PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL A 10 day mission, in conjunction with the Taglit/birthright israel program, took place in June 2006, and there are plans for another this summer. We clearly need additional funds to expand the student APF initiatives.

5. APF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS APF was able to fund 50 fellowship awards for the academic year July 2006-June 2007. Much of this funding comes directly from your membership dues. The insert provides details on the awardees.

All of the above clearly indicates the scope and importance of our activities and underscores the need for all APF members and donors to respond to this Appeal with a generous donation. The events of July and August 2006 emphasize how vital it is to provide continued support for Israel, and APF is a logical conduit for such support.

Once again, I appeal to all of you to give generously!

Norton J. Greenberger, M.D.

Israel in Crisis Mission
August 2006
by Dr. Dan Moskowitz

This past August, I had the privilege of being invited to participate in an Emergency APF Mission to Israel with APF Board members Drs. Mike Frogel, Paul Liebman and Charles Kurtzer. Dr. Boaz Tadmor organized an incredible, whirlwind tour for us, only two days after the cessation of hostilities in Israel. We were provided with a unique glimpse of the Israeli healthcare system under stress, including face-to-face meetings with top healthcare officials, as well as visits to the traumatized hospitals in northern Israel. Perhaps most importantly, we visited with injured soldiers at Rambam Hospital who had just returned from their tours of duty in Lebanon.

Several themes emerged from this trip. Most prominent was the apparent paradigm shift in thinking among Israeli healthcare leaders concerning the need for volunteers in times of crisis. Dr. Mor-Yossef, Director General of Hadassah Hospital, articulated this perceptual change most clearly. He admitted that prior to the conflict, he thought of the APF as primarily an organization which provided fellowship opportunities for Israeli medical professionals. However, when fifty medical residents were called up for reserve duty, he recognized how volunteers could have filled the vacuum created by their absence. The call up left the medical staff and clinics severely strained.

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One of the challenges in using medical volunteers is that there is often not sufficient time to train these people. Therefore, it is critically important that such volunteers be familiar with hospital procedures in advance. Our trip to Safed underscored the need to have volunteers who had previously trained at the facility with Israeli staff. Dr. Oscar Embon, CEO of Rebecca Sieff Medical Center in Safed, noted the critical role played by Dr. Bill Schecter during the hostilities. Dr. Schecter, a US trained trauma surgeon from San Francisco, happened to be at a medical conference in Israel at the outbreak of hostilities. He had previously spent time at the Medical Center and therefore, was able to easily transition into the critical care operations and helped to save many lives.

Finally, all hospital directors in the North, as well as, the Surgeon General of Israel, Dr. Chezi Levi, emphasized the need to "harden" the hospitals in the North. This necessity was visually reinforced to us by the shocking damage we witnessed to Safed Hospital. A katusha rocket landed on the roof of the hospital, its ball bearings causing extensive damage not only to the roof, but also to the wall of an adjacent hospital wing. Implicit in the concept of "hardening" is the construction of underground hospital facilities, as seen at Nahariya Hospital, which would make the hospital less susceptible to damage.

Practical solutions to the above problems were discussed. One suggestion was the creation of a "matching" program where volunteers would be matched with an Israeli hospital. The basis for "matching" would be hospital need and volunteer skills and preferences. The volunteers would then agree to spend time, once a year, in the "matched" hospital to facilitate their ability to help out in time of emergency. The reconstruction and upgrading of northern hospitals, including the construction of underground facilities, is an expensive proposition (estimated to cost $3 billion by Dr. Danny Laor of the Ministry of Health), and a long term project that would welcome the assistance of fund raising efforts by the APF. The APF could partner with Israeli hospitals which already have fund raising organizations outside Israel.

Our trip was made all the more worthwhile by our visits with soldiers who were wounded during this last conflict. Their stories put a human face on the importance of a well-prepared and adequately staffed medical system. I would once again like to thank Paul, Mike and Charles for inviting me on this unforgettable trip. Also, my great appreciation to Boaz for his selfless and tireless dedication to the APF. Lastly, I am grateful to all the medical personnel, the unsung heroes, who worked non-stop for weeks saving the lives of our Israeli soldiers and civilians.

First-Hand Account from Haifa During Recent Crisis
Written by APF Alumni Fellow and Spouse - Dr. Yaron and Mrs. Iris Denekamp

I am an Internist at Carmel Medical Center in Haifa which is located on one of the hills of Mount Carmel. During the war the routine work at the Department of Medicine continued as usual, in addition to the ongoing preparedness for admitting casualties. In many days the sirens broke the routine several times. Sometimes the falls of the rockets were heard loudly and one rocket fell quite close to the hospital.

Some clinical departments, which are in the higher floors or facing the north, were moved to lower parts of the building. In addition, the windows were covered by a material that is supposed to prevent glass from being broken to pieces. Gladly, this was not tested in reality. Despite this situation, after a short “adjustment period” the staff behaved calmly and professionally during that period.

Following is the point of view of Iris, Yaron’s wife: I was also expected to continue working as a project manager in a software company. We are parents to a 3 year old boy and a 1 year old baby, and it wasn’t easy keeping them at a sheltered room all day for such a long period. So we decided to keep them away from the war zone and moved to our relatives in Tel-Aviv. Our parents came from Haifa to baby-sit while we were doing our best to continue our routine work. After a while my company, which has a branch in Tel-Aviv, as well as in Haifa, decided to fund a hotel for the "Northern" employees; thus, employees could continue their work from the Tel-Aviv branch. As the war continued we moved to a hotel in Caesarea (half an hour drive from Haifa) to where our nanny came to take care of the baby. Also, our son’s kindergarten reopened at a nearby location. Unfortunately two days later a rocket that probably targeted a nearby big power plant fell close to where we were staying. We then decided to pack again and moved to a seashore guest house in Kibbutz Nachsholim, which is a 20 minute drive from Haifa. It was a small place, a bit sandy, but far enough from any strategic point that could be of interest to the Hezbollah.

Finally, after 4 weeks of war we were thrilled to return to our home and normal life.
The Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund was established in 1988 at the American Physicians Fellowship by Dr. Richard Hirsh in memory of his father. The Fund sponsors Israeli nurses for short-term specialized training at leading medical centers in North America, granting them the opportunity to expand their knowledge and clinical expertise. Over fifty nurses have been sponsored since the Fund’s inception.

Yakov Berman — the Deputy Chief Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit of the Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer participated in a program in the I.C.U. at Shands Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida. Mr. Berman is a role model for students and peers at his home institution, and hopes to develop and implement new professional projects based on his visit.

Nurit Zusman — is the Head Nurse in the Pediatrics “A” Department of Schneider Children’s Medical Center in Tel Aviv. She participated in a program at the Hospital for Sick Kids in Toronto, Canada. Her specialty pertains to the connection between the hospital and the community, with emphasis for children with special needs. During Ms. Zusman’s visit she met with the Discharge Planner Unit and the CCAS (Community Center Access Center) which helps patients and their families plan and make informed choices about managing health care needs when discharged. She writes that collaboration between the community and the hospital is necessary for client health, especially for children.

Ruth Ifargan — is the only Stoma Nurse Coordinator at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa. She is also a Clinical Instructor in Advanced and Continuous Education programs. Ms. Ifargan participated in the Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Course at The Cleveland Clinic. The program consisted of four weeks of didactic and four weeks of clinical training involving the care of patients with abdominal stomas, dermal wounds, and pressure ulcers. Upon her return she notes that she has been able to incorporate quite a lot of the information learned during her time at the Course into her daily routine at Rambam.

APF Sends Two Israeli Physicians and An Israeli Nurse to Medical Conferences

Moshe Michaelson, M.D., Director of the Trauma Unit/Emergency Department at Rambam Medical Center, a member of the National Trauma Council, and Head of the Committee of Mass Casualty Situations in Israel, attended the Pan American Conference (International Trauma Conference 2006) in Canada. The Conference focused on inter-continental approaches to issues and controversies of public health, disaster preparedness, trauma system development, and delivery of complex trauma care. Dr. Michaelson greatly appreciated APF’s help to attend this Conference, and specifically the lectures on mass casualty incidences, about which he writes “were very interesting and added a lot to my knowledge.”

Ariel Tessona, M.D. and Yacov Barda, RN, both from the Chaim Sheba Medical Center were awarded grants to attend the American Burn Association Meeting in Las Vegas, NV in April, 2006. The Conference focused on civilian and military burns issues and burn disasters, medicine and relief, children in disaster, rural emergency medical services, and other topics of importance.

Dr. Tessona is a first year resident in plastic surgery in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery & Burn Unit. He is taking part in studies on tissue engineering and angiogenesis, part of the future for the medical care for burn casualties.

Yacov Barda, RN is the chief nurse of the Burn Unit at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center, and a member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the hospital. He also serves as a member of the Burn Advisory Committee operated by the Emergency and Disaster Management Division of the Ministry of Health.

Dr. Josef Haik, Director of the Burn Unit writes to APF:

“Care, teaching, research, prevention and rehabilitation are our goals trying to reach the best outcomes in the present setting. Planning for time of peace as well as for time of disaster are our concern. Keeping our team updated and trained are of first importance. Your gift made it possible for our team to carry out that mission at the high professional level our patients deserve and to influence countless lives.”

APF is pleased that it was able to help facilitate these special grants.

APF Facilitates Special Grant for IDF Veterinarian to Attend Course

Under the auspices of APF, Dr. Ilan Frank, of the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) Special Forces K-9 Unit, recently attended the Military Veterinary Clinical Proficiency Course and Clinical Pathology for Veterinarians Course at the Department of Defense Military Working Dogs Veterinary Center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Frank is a military veterinarian, in charge of the dogs that participate in daily security activities in Israel. These animals have saved the lives of many soldiers. As the only veterinary clinician in the IDF, these Courses helped Dr. Frank improve his skills, knowledge and clinical ability in military working dogs’ veterinary medicine.
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Igor Kaiserman — an ophthalmologist from Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon is a Fellow in Ocular and External Disease at the University of Toronto and Toronto Western Hospital in Canada. During this fellowship, Dr. Kaiserman hopes to learn new technologies net yet available in Israel, including new types of surgeries; and upon his return to Israel to help spread their use among Israeli ophthalmologists. Dr. Kaiserman is accompanied by his wife and three children.

Ilia Kikashvili — a senior surgeon from Rambam Medical Center in Haifa is a Research Fellow in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery. He has been advanced training in repair and replacement of jointed implants in surgery and plastic repair of the articular surface. He hopes to be able to implement these complicated surgeries for pain conditions of Israel children as compared with those who live in North America. Additionally, she hopes to mentor other Israeli physicians in this growing field in oncology. Dr. Schechter-Finkelstein is a senior neurosurgeon and microsurgeon, a physician and past APF Fellow, and their two children. She is also the recipient of the APF’s Klitzberg Award.

Ronit Lavi — a Chief Fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California, San Francisco. She has a fellowship in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and intends to take advantage of the opportunity to return home and broaden her knowledge which she can apply to patients in her community. She is accompanied by her husband, a physician participating in a Thoracic Surgery (Liver Transplant) Fellowship, and their three children.

Yona Kosashvili — a senior neurosurgeon in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Assaf Harofeh Medical Center in Zerifin is a Fellow in the Department of Neurosurgery, in the field of orthopedics, at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He hopes to improve his skills and broaden his knowledge in the field of orthopedics, and dedicate himself to his patients as well as teaching the up-coming generation of orthopedic surgeons. Accompanied by his wife and two young children, Dr. Kosashvili is an International Chess Grandmaster.

Gennady Landa — an attending ophthalmologist at Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot is a Vitreoretinal Fellow at the Beaver Eye Institute at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, Massachusetts. He is planning on participating in extensive research investigating changes in the diabetic eye, followed by the clinical portion of his fellowship dealing with medical and surgical management of vitreoretinal diseases. He hopes to expand the skills acquired during this fellowship will enable him to help promote the field of posterior segment in his hospital in Israel.

Ronit Lavi — the Anesthesiology Department at Rambam Hospital is a Research Fellow in the Smokey Musculoskeletal Laboratory of the Anesthesia Research Division of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Her specific project focuses on determining the influence of muscle drugs on certain receptors in the tracheal smooth muscles. Additionally, she will be involved in clinical research. At the completion of her fellowship, in addition to the required clinical rotation, she intends to focus on teaching military physicians, intensists and residents in Israel. Dr. Lavi is accompanied by her husband and daughter, she plans to continue her research and knowledge regarding new techniques in the research field of vascular remodeling and become a leader in hypertension research in Israel.

Guy Lin — a Chief Fellow in the Department of Medicine at UCLA is a Fellow in the Division of Gastroenterology at the University of Toronto. He hopes to have lightened his financial burden by awarding me the APF grant, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspects of the fellowship. Your generosity has inspired me to help others. Addie Ron, M.D. — APF Fellow 2006 — 2007

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TOP TEN REASONS

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1. APF is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the state of medical education, research and healthcare in Israel.

2. **FELLOWSHIP GRANTS** annually provide supplemental grants to more than 50 young Israeli physicians coming to the US and Canada for post-doctoral fellowship training.

3. **APF’s EMERGENCY MEDICAL VOLUNTEER REGISTRY (EMV Program)** is the official organization designated by the State of Israel to be called upon in the event of a national emergency in Israel. APF shall provide all the necessary manpower to civilian hospitals when doctors and healthcare professionals are called up by the IDF.

4. **HIRSH NURSING FUND** sponsors Israeli nurses for short periods of intensive specialty training in leading North American medical centers. Nurses have the opportunity to learn the most up-to-date techniques. Over fifty nurses have been sponsored since this program was initiated in 1988.

5. **MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION** assists students in fostering ties with the Israeli medical community early in their medical careers. This newly formed group has been organized to allow them to develop contacts with senior APF member physicians, to network with students at other schools and medical institutions, and to raise awareness regarding Israel as the leading medical center in the Middle East.

6. **MEDICAL RESEARCH AWARDS** have been given to young Israeli researchers since 1990. APF’s Edward H. Kass Fund has sponsored an annual competitive biomedical research award for new and cutting edge research to an outstanding young Israeli physician. APF’s Isaac Knoll Fund has also granted awards for medical research.

7. APF depends on the support of contributions from its own fundraising and from friends of APF through the United States and Canada.

8. The **KLITZBERG ONCOLOGY FUND FOR CANCER WORK AND RESEARCH** has been created to enable Israeli physicians to spend time at leading medical centers in North America doing cancer related clinical work or to engage in research of the highest caliber.

9. **EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS COURSES** in Israel, in conjunction with the IDF Medical Corps and the Israeli Ministry of Health, are offered twice a year by APF for physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals. APF members receive a discounted cost.

10. APF is the only national organization in North America for Jewish physicians and healthcare professionals.

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APF Grants Annual Dr. Edward H. Kass Research Award for 2006 - 2007

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel is please to announce this year’s recipient of the **Dr. Edward H. Kass Research Award for Medical Research**. This annual grant is awarded to support the biomedical research of a promising young physician in Israel.

The 2006 — 2007 **Dr. Edward H. Kass Research Award for Medical Research** has been awarded to **Dr. Izhak Kehat** of the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa for his research project "The Role of Basic Leucine Zipper (bZIP) Protein Medicated Transcription in Atrial Hypertrophy and Dilatation".

Dr. Kehat received his M.D. from the Technion — Ruth & Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, and recently received a PhD from the Technion. His PhD thesis was on the "Electromechanical Assessment of Embryonic, Fetal and Adult Cardiomyocyte Cultures: Possible Role in Regeneration of Functional Myocardium."

This grant was established in memory of Edward H. Kass, M.D., a distinguished Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and a former President of the APF (1986-1990). APF is grateful to Mrs. Amalie Kass, whose generosity and support has made the endowment for the Kass Award possible.
Report of Taglit/birthright israel  
Tour June 2006
by Jonathan Wallach — student at NYU Medical School

Thirty eight exuberant medical students from across America (and one exhausted APF Board Member) participated in a very unique tour of Israel. They were accompanied by eight Israeli medical personnel under a special birthright grant designed to encourage peer contact between Americans and Israelis. The 10 day trip was a joint project of Taglit/ birthright israel and the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel.

This was no ordinary trip; it was designed to be the journey of a lifetime. We kayaked on the upper Jordan, toured the Syrian frontier on the Golan, sampled wine in Katzrin, encamped with Bedouin near Dimona, hiked up Masada for sunrise, and splashed through Ein Gedi, the Dead Sea, the Mediterranean, the Hula Valley and Hezekiah’s tunnel in the City of David. We celebrated Shabbat, played football, hiked through Neve Tsdeak and old Jaffa, partied in Tel Aviv (and Jerusalem) and stopped on Ben Yehudah Street. We also prayed and sang at the Kotel, viewed the magnificent Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital, cried with our Israeli companions at the graves of their fallen comrades on Mt. Herzl, and cried some more at Yad Vashem. And that was just the beginning.

We learned about the politics of the Middle East from commentator Neal Lazarus, and the complicity of German physicians in the Shoah from Dr. Tessa Chelouche, an Israeli family practitioner. We debated Palestinian rights with our Israeli friends in a mock Knesset session. At Hadassah Ein Kerem and Assaf HaRofeh Hospitals we learned how Israel deals with chemical attacks, medical injuries, and the psychiatric trauma of the recent intifada. We learned about military life and medicine, and cutting edge of Israeli battlefield and rescue techniques at an Army Base and an Air Force Base. We finished the trip with a visit to the Messer Simulation Center at Tel Hashomer.

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Emergency Medical Volunteer Program

The recent war has again defined the importance of the Emergency Medical Volunteer Program. The Government did not declare a State of Emergency but interviews conducted by the APF Emergency Mission Team immediately following the war revealed a common conclusion. A State of Emergency should have been declared, and if the hostilities continued another week, marked medical manpower deficiencies would occur throughout the country.

Another lesson drawn from the war is the need for a more flexible EMV Program that can respond to Israel’s medical needs in times of a conflict that is greater than ongoing terror bombing, but less than conventional war. Plans are underway to better meet this need.

The EMV Registry has been transferred to a program that is internet accessible to the EMV Chairman as well as Board Members. The success of this new call up capabilities was clearly demonstrated this summer by the success of a call up drill coordinated with the Ministry of Health. During this “earthquake scenario” over a hundred volunteer contacts were made and availability confirmed within 48 hours.

The EMV Registry now numbers nearly 400 and is constantly being added to and updated. New volunteers are always welcomed.

The unfortunate reality is that the EMV Program is more important today than it has been since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Paul R. Liebman, MD, FACS
Chairman, Emergency Medical Volunteer Program

APF Attends APHA Annual Meeting

by Charles Kurtzer, D.P.M., FACFAS

The APF participated in the 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Public Health Association in Boston, MA on November 4—8, 2006. The focus of the meeting was “Public Health and Human Rights”. The event, which drew 11,500 attendees from across the United States and world, featured hundreds of scientific and educational sessions, including roundtables, poster sessions and panel discussions on the latest public health issues.

The meeting was held at the new Boston Convention and Exposition Center at the Boston Harbor waterfront. There were 675 booths of information, including state of the art products and services geared toward public health professionals. The APF maintained a booth providing information on the organization with an emphasis on the Fellowship Programs and the Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Courses. Over 150 visitors to the booth received membership packets in response to their inquiries about programs of the APF.

Visitors to the booth included physicians, podiatrists, public health executives, nurses, and students. Membership enticements were offered for on-site membership registration. Printed materials supplemented the new APF CD/DVD which highlights the APF Emergency Disaster and Preparedness Course.

Dr. Charles Kurtzer, APF Board of Trustees member, Carol Ghatan, APF’s Associate Director, and Sarah Rosenfeld-Mahoney, APF’s Program Coordinator maintained the booth throughout the meeting.
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