

2018 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



MESSAGE FROM **THE PRESIDENT**



It has been my honor and privilege to serve the first half of my term as APF president during this year of great success. I am constantly reminded of the impact that APF members and programs can have in shaping the leadership and quality of the healthcare systems in both in Israel and the U.S.

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2018 has been another successful and productive year for APF. My personal favorite highlights include:

Welcoming a new class of fellows to the U.S. These fellows will join more than 1,500 others since 1951 who have gone on to leadership roles in Israel and beyond, thanks to your generous support. As Dr. Kelman announced at our Michigan Chapter Annual Meeting, we are taking this a step further with a new "sponsor a fellow program" designed to help members establish a closer connection with the fellows.

Celebrating the 68 years of partnership between the Ministry of Health, the IDF Medical Corps and APF at an event on the IDC campus in Herzliya. This event served as a reunion for former APF fellows, supporters and friends.



Delivering two new all-terrain ambulances for use in areas that were previously inaccessible by traditional evacuation vehicles. The results of a special APF campaign and the generosity of Rabbi Engel and Anshei Emuna con camp baker gregation in Delray Beach, FL, are a tangible demonstration of the impact that APF members regularly make with their support.

Welcoming Nancy Schmidt, R.N. to our Board of Directors. Nancy is an Orthopedic Oncology Nurse from Bryn Mawr, PA and will be forming a greater-Philadelphia chapter of APF in 2019!

Bringing more than 27 healthcare professionals to take part in our Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel.

The APF delegation received hands-on training at the Wingate Institute and Israel Center for Medical Simulation; visited Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, the Magen David Adom National Dispatch center, the IDF Elite Airborne Search and Rescue Unit, and attended lectures and participated in hospital preparedness drills at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem.



APF MEMBERS' **IMPACT IN ISRAEL AND THE U.S.**



In July, APF member Dr. Jonathan Siegal gave a grand rounds lecture at Assuta Ashdod, a new hospital in the previously underserved area of southern Israel. Dr. Siegal spoke on "Using Mass Data to Drive Emergency Department Performance" to the Hospital's Emergency Medicine staff.

In April, APF sponsored four senior Israeli nurses who came to New York for a two-week observation course at New York-Presbyterian Queens Hospital (NYPQ) that focused on Emergency Medicine for Advanced Practice Practitioners. Dr. Alex Zendel, a surgeon on an APF fellowship in transplant surgery in New York, participated in a small gathering of friends and colleagues hosted by Dr. Frederick and Yaffa Lukash of Great Neck, NY. "Todah Rabah" to Dr. Richard N. Hirsh and his family for their generous support of this program.



In October, the Michigan Chapter held its 8th annual meeting. Dr. Robert Fogelberg, and Dr. Ora Hirsche Psecovitz of Oakland University, and Dr. Jack D. Sobel, Dean of the Wayne State School of Medicine spoke to members and guests about the critical connection between Israel and Michigan in the areas of medicine and beyond.



Our Podiatry Scientific Mission was also held in November. Twenty-five physicians and clinicians from throughout the US and Canada participated in this amazing trip, which included inspiring lectures from Israeli and American speakers. In addition, attendees visited three medical centers, the Golan Heights, Tsfat and Jerusalem; floated in the Dead Sea, toured Masada, visited Yad Vashem and much more. The second year of this program was even more successful than the first and plans are in the works for a third mission in 2020.



In May APF board member David Barone and his wife, Tzilla, hosted an evening with Professor Lior Gepstein from the Rambam Medical Center and the Technion Israel Institute of Technology. In the world of Cardiology, Prof. Gepstein is considered one of the brightest young minds. He is also a recipient of the APF's Edward H. Kass Medical Research award, and his breakthrough research has been published in leading journals.



Summer was highlighted by 40 medical, nursing and other healthcare students taking part in the first of APF's annual 10-day Medical Birthright program. This once in a lifetime experience combines all the highlights of an Israel tour with special opportunity to tour and get a better understanding of Israeli medical facilities, including the Israel Defense Forces Medical Corps training base in Negev.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS **& THANKS**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Past President Dr. Robert Kelman for leaving a legacy of leadership and providing support as an advisor and mentor well beyond his term. I also would like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of Dr. Michael Frogel for being the driving force behind our annual Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel that has benefitted so many physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. Moreover, none of this would be possible without the yeoman's efforts of APF Director Amir Goldshtein, who is the operational backbone of all our programs.

Thank you as well to our Board of Directors, for committing their time, wisdom, experience and finances to help ensure the on-going success of so many APF initiatives.

Finally, we need to recognize the hundreds of APF members and supporters across the U.S. and Canada. APF is, and has always been, a member-driven organization and your Annual Membership and generous support of our special campaigns will be the foundation of all our 2019 activities as we continue to demonstrate our support for the Israeli medical community.

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IMPORTANT **2019 EVENTS**

November 2 - 7, 2019*

APF's Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel *After Shabbat

November 3 - 13, 2019

APF's Digital Health Mission

APF FELLOWSHIP

The APF Fellowship Grants program was established in 1951 to provide supplemental funds to young Israeli physicians coming to North America to learn advanced clinical and research techniques with the goal of bringing those skills back to Israel.

"By awarding me the APF scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on my work. Your generosity has inspired me to learn and develop professionally. I hope one day I will be able to use the skills and the knowledge I get during the fellowship to advance medicine in Israel."

- Dr. Alex Zendel

Thanks to APF grants, these gifted doctors come to the U.S. and Canada and receive advanced training and conduct research that's not available back home. When APF Fellows return, they enrich Israel's reservoir of medical knowledge, and many go on to become leaders in their fields, often as the only doctors with their particular skill set in the country or their geographic area.



2018-2019 FELLOWS

FELLOW SPONSORS

Oren Gordon, M.D.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, MD
Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital,
Jerusalem

Adi Lador, M.D.

Cardiac Electrophysiology
Houston Methodist Hospital
Houston, TX
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Ran Lador, M.D.

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MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, TX
Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center

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Interventional Cardiology
St. Paul's Hospital
Vancouver, Canada
Rabin Medical Center, Petah Tikva

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Pediatric Pulmonology
Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Cincinnati, OH
Carmel Medical Center, Haifa

Tal Sella, M.D.

Breast Oncology
Dana Farber Cancer Institute
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