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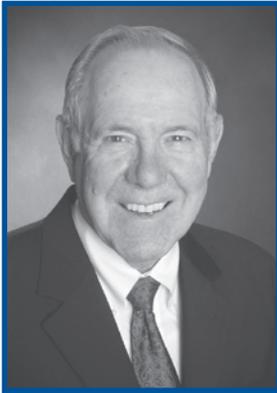
APF News

A Newsletter of the
American Physicians Fellowship
for Medicine in Israel



APF's 60th Year

From the President



This has been a very eventful year for the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel. I would like to summarize some of our important activities:

1. Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Courses

There were 31 participants on the November 2009 Course sponsored by the APF, the Ministry of Health (MOH), and the Israeli Defense Forces Medical Corps (IDF). The dates have been set for the 2010 Courses and they are May 8-13 and November 6-11, 2010. Participants in these Courses will learn about Israel's experiences and how it manages disaster issues, and will actually participate in hands-on training sessions. As many of you know, several North American medical institutions are in the process of developing disaster preparedness programs. Participants in the APF Course will be able to share their learned knowledge and experiences and be leaders in the development of

such strategies. The excellence of these Courses has attracted and trained not only healthcare professionals such as doctors and nurses, but also police officers, firefighters, and disaster planners from all over North America. There will also be an opportunity for participants in the Courses to extend their visits to Israel by visiting Jerusalem, Eilat, Petra, and other sites.

2. Emergency Medical Volunteer (EMV) Registry

The APF maintains an active Registry of individuals who have indicated their willingness to go to Israel in times of emergencies. While there are currently over 400 healthcare professionals on the Registry, only 150 have complete, up-to-date files. It will be important for all individuals who have been listed on the Registry to check and periodically update their files. While we all hope that our volunteers are never needed, and there will be peace in the region, the Ministry of Health continues to inform us that we need to augment the number of volunteers willing to serve in Israel and to have their files updated accordingly.

3. Fellowship Program

The American Physicians Fellowship granted 50 awards to young Israel physicians participating in fellowship programs in North America. Ten of these awards were sponsored jointly by the Israel Medical Association (IMA) and APF. Additionally, APF was privileged to grant the Claire and Emanuel G. Rosenblatt Oncology Award, the Dr. Edward H.

Kass Research Award for a young Israeli physician scientist performing research in Israel, as well as other designated grants from our donors.

4. APF and IMA Collaboration

The American Physicians Fellowship and the Israel Medical Association/ USA Branch have sponsored a joint message of cooperation. This has come about because of the recognition of the necessity for both organizations to be working together to support Israel in this time of great need and in view of their common goals. The full statement can be read on APF's website: www.apfmed.org

5. APF Chapters

I am pleased to announce that formal APF Chapters have been set up in Detroit and Toronto. Dr. Jeffrey DeVries is the APF Board Representative from the Detroit Chapter and Dr. Anne Matlow is the APF Representative from the Toronto Chapter. Meetings were held in both of these cities within the past year and several members, APF fellows and their mentors attended these functions.

6. Student Programs

This past summer APF Board Member Dr. Allen Menkin lead a group of enthusiastic medical, dental and nursing students on a Taglit/birthright Israel/APF student tour. This niche program, created especially for APF, allows these students to learn about medicine in Israel – they visited the Ministry of Health and the IDF Medical Corps headquarters, spent time at the

Messer Simulation Center at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center, and met with Israeli medical students..... Just a few of their experiences in Israel!

While conditions in Israel are currently quiet, largely following the three-week military exercise in Gaza, all of us have a foreboding sense that future urgencies and emergencies will likely occur not only in northern Israel, but also in the areas adjacent to Gaza, and the West Bank. It is not generally appreciated that the APF serves a vital function; we have made grants available to the IDF Medical Corps and Ministry of Health where they are surely needed. In the last five years we have made 24 such grants. One only has to go to Israel and visit the sites we have visited to be impressed that the mission of APF has never been more important. We vitally need your support, and even in this time of fiscal uncertainty in our country, it is critically important that our colleagues and friends continue to support these very important programs.



Norton J. Greenberger, M.D.
President, APF

Our Organization in Action

- 60 Years Ago** 1950, APF begins its mission to build bridges between Israeli and North American medicine.
- 50 Years Ago** 1960, Happy Birthday! APF celebrates its 10th anniversary with a dinner in Miami Beach, FL. and honors Israel Consul Moshe Leshem.
- 40 Years Ago** 1970, Happy Birthday! APF celebrates its 20th anniversary in Chicago. The Hon. Shaul Ramati, Consul General of Israel for the mid-west U.S.A., was the main speaker.
- 30 Years Ago** 1980, Happy Birthday! APF celebrate its 30th anniversary at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, Israel. Dr. Manuel M. Glazier, one of APF's founders, was the main speaker.
- 20 Years Ago** 1990, Happy Birthday! APF celebrate its 40th anniversary in Boston, MA with a dinner honoring the Hon. Moshe Arad, Israel's Ambassador to U.S.A.
- 10 Years Ago** 2000, Happy Birthday! APF celebrate its 50th anniversary with Gala Events in Boston and New York, honoring distinguished physicians in each city.
- 2010** 2010, Happy Birthday! APF celebrate its 60th anniversary. Look for the details.

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Local Chapters Essentials

Organization of local chapters throughout the United States and Canada is vital to the growth of APF. A Chapter of APF in your area will stimulate the enrollment of new members and will afford members an opportunity to meet exciting colleagues from Israel, hear about Israeli medicine, and join in social events.

We shall be pleased to offer suggestions on methods and techniques for the formation of a Chapter in your community. Please contact Carol Ghatan at the APF Office.

Carol L. Ghatan, Editor
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APF Chapters

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel has supported the development of local APF chapters in Toronto, Canada, the Detroit, MI area, and the Westchester, NY area.

If you live in one of these areas and would like to participate in their upcoming events, please call the APF office at 617-232-5382 or e-mail info@apfmed.org

Toronto, Canada

On August 5, 2009, Dr. Norton J. Greenberger, APF's President, had the opportunity to meet over 50 guests including APF Fellows, their spouses, and their mentors during a "Meet and Greet" at the home of APF Board Member Dr. Anne Matlow in Toronto. The evening was a great success for all, as evidenced by Dr. Iris Freed's note:

*Hello
I would like to thank you for the warm welcome by
APF President Dr. Greenberger and Dr. Matlow on August 5.
Such a welcome helps in easing the first
difficult weeks in a new place.

Thank You
Iris Fried*

Detroit, MI

The Detroit Chapter, which was initiated in 2005 by Drs. Robert Kelman and Elie Basse, had a meeting at the Jewish Community Center in April 2009. Dr. Amir Blumenfeld (previous Chief of IDF Trauma Division and Coordinator of APF's Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Courses in Israel) and Ms. Gila Hyams (Trauma Coordinator/Surgical Nurse at Rambam Hospital in Haifa) spoke about caring for patients while under attack by Scud missiles).

Plans are in process for a meeting in 2010.

Westchester, NY

Trying for new momentum, plans in the works!

Tucson, AZ

A new chapter is in the works, please be in touch with the APF office for further details.

APF Calendar

2009

November 1st

APF Board Meeting – Boston, MA

November 7th – 12th

APF Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel in conjunction with the Israel Ministry of Health and the IDF Medical Corps

November 15th

Fellowship and Research Application Process Begins.

2010

January 11th – 14th

The First Israeli International Conference on Preparedness & Response to Emergencies and Disasters (www.ipred.co.il), Tel Aviv

March/April

APF Board Meeting

May 8th – 13th

APF Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel in conjunction with the Israel Ministry of Health and the IDF Medical Corps

June

5th Annual

Taglit/birthright – APF Israel Student Tour

October/November

APF Board Meeting

November 6th – 17th

APF Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel in conjunction with the Israel Ministry of Health and the IDF Medical Corps

In Memoriam

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel sadly mourns the loss of the members listed below. Their contributions to society and this organization will be missed and not forgotten.

Henry Abrams, M.D.
Philadelphia, PA

Morris Claman, M.D.
Beverly Hills, CA

Sidney Davidow, M.D.
Naples, FL

Harold Farfel, M.D.
Baltimore, MD

Julius Gottlieb, D.P.M.
Darnestown, MD

Nathaniel Gould, M.D.
Birmingham, AL

Albert Kurland, M.D.
Baltimore, MD

Herbert Rubinstein, M.D.
Oak Park, IL

Frederick Saunders, M.D.
White Plains, NY

Robert Schwartz, M.D.
Boston, MA

Albert Sloane, M.D.
Chestnut Hill, MA

Phillip Spiegel, M.D.
Englewood, FL

Naomi Uri, M.D.
Minneapolis, MN

Max Wachsman, M.D.
Beechhurst, NY

Jack Wool, M.D.
Montgomery, AL

Herschel Zackheim, M.D.
Helena, MT

Dr. Ido Amit Recipient of the Claire and Emanuel G. Rosenblatt Fellowship Award



Dr. Amit is a post doctoral fellow at the Broad Institute, a program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University. Dr. Amit, in cooperation with his colleagues, has developed methods to decipher the regulatory networks that control dynamic and specific gene expression responses in mammalian cells in both malignant and primary cells, with a goal of supporting the developed of future therapeutic drugs for cancer.

He hopes to bring back to Israel approaches and methodologies that can facilitate collaborations between clinicians and researchers to improve drug discovery and further treatments.

During his fellowship Dr. Amit is accompanied by his wife and their two sons.

APF Grants Annual Dr. Edward H. Kass Research Award



Raya Leibowitz-Amit, M.D., Ph.D. is the recipient of APF's Dr. Edward H. Kass Research Award. This annual award is granted to support the biomedical research of a promising young physician in Israel. The grant was established in memory of Edward H. Kass, M.D., a distinguished Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and past President of the APF (1986-1990). APF is grateful to Mrs. Amalie Kass, whose generosity and support has made the endowment for the Dr. Edward H. Kass Award possible.

Dr. Leibowitz-Amit received both her Ph.D. and M.D. degrees from the Sackler Faculty of Medicine at Tel Aviv University. Presently she is part of the Department of Oncology at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, and combines both experimental bench work research and clinical duties as a physician. Her grant will be used to further her research proposal: *Profiling the Expression Patterns of miRNAs in Malignant Melanoma – Implications for Diagnosis, Prognosis and Therapeutics*.

It is written about Dr. Leibowitz-Amit that in the future she “will stand out as one of the leading physicians and researchers in Israel.” The APF is proud that it could facilitate this grant for her research.

Solomon Hirsh Nurses Reunion Held in Tel Aviv

On February 24, 2009 a Hirsh Nurses Reunion was held at The Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer in Tel Aviv. Dr. Richard Hirsh visited Israel to participate in this very special occasion.

In 1988, Dr. Hirsh established the Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund at the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel in memory of his father.

The Fund sponsors Israeli nurses for short-term specialized training at leading medical centers in North America. Over sixty nurses have received grants. Many of them came to the Reunion to meet Dr. Hirsh and tell him how very important their training was for their careers, for their patients, and for the hospitals with which they are associated.



Dr. Richard Hirsh (center) and Mrs. Ofra Neuman, former APF Hirsh Nurse Representative (left), surrounded by some previous Hirsh nurses.

Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund Recipients for 2009

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel is pleased that it could facilitate Solomon Hirsh Nursing grants for four nurses in 2009. Nurses have the opportunity to learn the most up-to-date techniques and to expand their knowledge and clinical expertise.

This year's nurses join a unique group of over 60 nurses who have been sponsored since the founding of this program more than 20 years ago.

This year's awardees include:



Orly Agmon – is an Infection Control Nurse at Wolfson Medical Center in Holon. She is also a consultant to the Israeli Office of Standards and Regulations Committee for Antiseptics, and has

assisted in the investigation and management of infection outbreaks in outpatient clinics conducted by the Public Health Office in Tel Aviv. During the summer she participated in a short-term study program to learn the most recent developments in the field of Hospital Infection Control at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, NY.



Ruthy Balaban – is the Deputy Director of Nursing at Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer. During the month of June she visited Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City, focusing

on their Magnet Recognition Program, and understanding the process and implementation of the components of this program. She feels that the broad range of approaches and activities which she encountered and learned can be applied in her home institution.



Batya Miller – is a Pediatric Rehabilitation Nurse and Urology Nurse at ALYN Hospital in Jerusalem. During August she spent 3 weeks visiting the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, learning

about American nursing care in general, and more specifically, rehabilitation nursing. She writes: "I am very grateful for this wonderful opportunity and I hope to provide helpful insights to the nurses here (in Israel) on how to better the nursing field".



Dafna Levian – an ICU and Gastro Clinic Nurse from Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem visited the Toronto Western Hospital in Canada. In Israel she works in an intensive care unit

treating critically ill patients, often sedated and ventilated. While at Toronto Western Hospital she participated in an observership focusing on pain in complex and intensive care patients, exposing her to new and different treatment guidelines and expertise.

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Dear Dr. Greenberger,

I was very thrilled with your letter announcing the six scholarships to our young physicians.

We make every effort to support the training of our young physicians and your grants enable several of them to train at leading institutions in the US and bring back to Israel new modalities and technologies in medicine.

Thank you for continuing this very important mission which provides support to medical practice in Israel.

We look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

AM the best,

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FIRST APFC RESIDENT PHYSICIAN ARRIVES HERE

The American Physicians Fellowship Committee has brought to this country a young physician from Israel who will spend a year of study and research as Resident in Dermatology at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, it is announced by Dr. Morton J. Robbins, national president. American "know-how" is the objective. Dr. Chaim Cohen of Jerusalem, Assistant to Dean A. Dostrovsky, Professor of Dermatology, was selected by the Israel Medical Association for this residency.

ROGOFF FOUNDATION GRANTS TO APFC

Three additional Fellowships for residencies and post-graduate work in American hospitals have been made available to the APFC through an allocation of a fund in the amount of \$3000 for the 1952 season. Announcement has been made by Professor Julius M. Rogoff, national APFC honorary president, in behalf of the Rogoff Foundation, of which he is president.

The Supreme Medical Council of the Israel Medical Association has been notified to proceed immediately to select three candidates. Necessary arrangements and preparations in this country will be made by the APFC for the Israeli physicians upon notification by the Israel Medical Association of their choice.

In announcing this grant by the Rogoff Foundation, (founded for the advancement of medical research) Professor Rogoff has emphasized that "it is my conviction that the Jewish physicians in this country through the APFC can make a signal contribution towards elevating the medical standards of our practicing colleagues in Israel."

The Rogoff Foundation is making available a fund of \$1000 to be awarded to an Israeli physician or a Senior medical student in Israel, for the best essay written on the subject of "Public Health Problems in Israel."

The Essay Contest deadline has been set for March 31, 1952. Judges from the Israel Medical Association will make their selection, which in turn will be ratified and approved by the Rogoff Foundation.

This is the first residency made available to the APFC by an American hospital for an Israeli physician. Dr. Cohen left Israel on December 13. He stopped in Athens, Greece, to visit his parents, whom he had not seen since the days of the German Occupation during World War II.



Dr. Chaim Cohen of Jerusalem (center) welcomed at New York pier by Dr. Solomon Ginsburg (left) and Dr. Harry Cohen (right), both of whom are APFC Executive Committee members.

Following a joyous reunion, he arrived in New York City on the S.S. Independence on January 4, and has already taken up his post under the new Chief of the Department, Dr. Benjamin Levine, a member of the APFC. The physician responsible for initiating this residency is Dr. Benjamin P. Persky of Cleveland. Dr. Persky attended the first APFC meeting in

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APF Fellows for 2009 – 2010

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel provides much needed financial assistance to young Israeli physicians receiving post-doctoral fellowship specialty training in North America. Since its founding, the APF has provided over 1,200 Israeli physicians with fellowship support, assisting, in the past, many of the current leaders of Israeli medicine. This year fifty of Israel's brightest and best are receiving grants.



Benny Almog – an attending physician in the IVF Unit of Tel Aviv Medical Center is a fellow in the Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Program at McGill University's Reproductive Health Center in

the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Canada. Dr. Almog hopes to learn, to develop and to improve his clinical and research abilities for his patients in Israel, including preserving fertility for young women undergoing chemotherapy. Dr. Almog is joined by his wife and their three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Gil Amarilyo – a pediatrician from Dana Children's Hospital, Tel Aviv Medical Center, and Kupat Holim Leumit in Bnei-Brak is a fellow in the Department of Pediatric Rheumatology at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital in Los

Angeles, California. During this fellowship, Dr. Amarilyo hopes to encounter considerable clinical experience, as well as participate in research in the emerging field of gene-therapy treatment. He plans to return to Israel and establish a functional and innovative Pediatric Rheumatology Department at Dana Children's Hospital. Dr. Amarilyo is accompanied by his wife and their three young children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.

"The help of your organization makes it possible for me to concentrate on getting the most out of my fellowship in North America"

Shlomi Codish, M.D. 2005-2006 Fellow



Michal Amir – an obstetrician/gynecologist from HaEmek Medical Center in Afula is a fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Monash Medical Center in Melbourne, Australia. During her fellowship she

hopes to develop her endoscopic/laparoscopic surgical skills, methods and techniques, and return to Israel being able to make a greater contribution to her home hospital and the communities and patients it serves. She is accompanied by her husband and their three daughters.



Moaz Amiran – an ophthalmologist at HaEmek Medical Center in Afula is a fellow in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of Toronto and Toronto Western Hospital in Canada where he is partaking in advanced

training in the sub-specialty of cornea and external eye diseases. Additionally, he is learning and participating in eye banking technology. Dr. Amiran is joined by his wife and their two children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Yoram Amsalem – a cardiologist from the Leviev Heart Center at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a fellow in the Department of Interventional Cardiology at the Lenox Hill Heart

and Vascular Institute in New York City, New

York. He hopes, during his first year, to gain high level capabilities in the various modalities of coronary intervention; while during his second year to focus on carotid and peripheral interventions. He is accompanied by his wife, also a physician, and their three children. Dr. Amsalem is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



David Aranovich – a physician in the Surgery Department of Rabin Medical Center, Beilinson Hospital, in Petach Tikva is doing a multi-organ Abdominal Organ Transplantation Fellowship at the University of Maryland Medical

Center in Baltimore, Maryland. His hope is to specialize in liver, kidney and pancreas transplantation, as well as living donor procurement techniques. Upon Dr. Aranovich's return to Israel, he plans to use his knowledge to combine clinical transplantation with oncological hepatopancreatobiliary surgery. He is accompanied by his wife and son. Dr. Aranovich is the recipient of APF's Szekely Award.



Shadi Badan – an urologist at the Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa is a fellow in the URobotics Lab at the Brady Urological Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He is trying to help find solutions for improving ablation treatments of kidney tumors by use of robotic systems. Also, he is designing and executing research, and analyzing the results, with hopes of promoting his experiences in this field in Israel. He is accompanied by his wife and young daughter. Dr. Badan is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.

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"The awards provided by the APF have helped to advance the knowledge and clinical practice of the medical community in Israel for half a century"

Dallit Mannheim, M.D. 2005-2006 Fellow



Miklos Bala – a surgeon from Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem is a Surgical Critical Care fellow in the Shock Trauma Center of the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Bala hopes to become a specialist in the clinical management

of critically ill patients, in teaching surgical critical care, in critical care research, and in the administration of a surgical critical care unit. He is accompanied by his wife, also a physician, and their two children. Dr. Bala is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Iddo Ben-Dov – a nephrologist from Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem is a research fellow in the Laboratory of RNA Molecular Biology at Rockefeller University in New York City, New York. He is focusing on the

identification of actions of micro-ribonucleic acids in physiologic and pathophysiologic states of human and rodent parathyroids. Dr. Ben-Dov is accompanied by his wife, an architect, and their three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Yanai Ben-Gal – a cardiothoracic surgeon at the Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv is a fellow in the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Interventional Cardiology at Columbia University Medical Center in New York

City, New York. During his two-year fellowship, he hopes to improve his skills in trans-catheter aortic valve replacement and in minimally invasive surgical cardiac procedures. His wife and their two young children accompany Dr. Ben-Gal. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical

Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Oren Ben Lulu – an orthopedic surgeon from HaEmek Medical Center in Afula is a fellow at in the Division of Orthopedic Surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. His goals for this fellowship are to gain expertise in lower extremity reconstruction. He is specifically interested in dealing with revision hip and knee arthroplasty, a problem that he feels is likely to increase in Israel as the longevity of the prosthesis is limited to around 15 years. Dr. Ben Lulu is joined by his wife and their three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Olga Brook – a diagnostic radiologist from Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa is a fellow in the Diagnostic Radiology Department, Abdominal Imaging Division, of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. She has three goals for this fellowship: to deepen her knowledge in the field of abdominal radiology, involving a variety of modalities; to use these learned skills with the advanced equipment that is available at BIDMC; and to enrich her research experience – ultimately enabling her to apply all of these at her hospital in Israel. Dr. Brook is joined by her husband and their two children. She is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Hila Elinav – a physician in the Department of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is a research fellow studying HIV at Yale University School of

Medicine in New Haven Connecticut. Upon Dr. Elinav's return to Israel, she hopes to establish an independent HIV research lab and to continue her physician-scientist career. Her husband, also a physician, and their three children accompany her. She is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Iris Fried – a senior physician in the Pediatric Hemato-Oncology Department of Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is a fellow in the Neuro-Oncology Unit at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. She hopes that she will be able to translate her experiences at Sick-Kids, both clinical and research, into improved care for her patients in Israel. She is accompanied by her husband, also a physician, and their five children. Dr. Fried is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ehud Gnessin – an urologist at Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva is a clinical and research fellow in the Department of Urology at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is interested in endourology, specifically surgical procedures for treating stone disease. Dr. Gnessin is joined by his wife and their four year old twins. He is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Vladimir Goldman – an orthopedic surgeon from Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is a fellow in the Department of Pediatric Orthopedics at The Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, New York. He hopes to gain experience in sev-

eral areas of pediatric orthopedics, including limb lengthening, deformities corrections, and treatment of hip and foot problems. Dr. Goldman is joined by his wife, a registered nurse, and their two young children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Tiberiu Hershcovici – an internal medicine physician and gastroenterologist from Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is a fellow in the Department of Gastroenterology at Southern Arizona VA

Health Care System in Tucson, Arizona. He is pursuing several research projects in the field of neurogastroenterology, particularly disorders of the upper gastrointestinal tract. Dr. Hershcovici is accompanied by his wife, also a physician, and their three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Netanel Horowitz – a physician in the Department of Hematology at Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa is a post-doctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Hematology and Oncology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is studying the relationship between haemostatic system components and tumor biology, with hopes that it will have clinical application in the future for the treatment of cancer and its complications. During the first year of his three year fellowship he worked on two projects focusing on the role of haemostatic-innate immune system interactions in tumor biology. Ultimately, he

"The valuable interest of APF and their dedication will help me promote cooperation between Israel and North America and achieve excellence in my future work"

Miguel Stein, M.D. 2005-2006 Fellow

anticipates that there will be new found cooperation between his Israeli hospital's research group and the research team he is working with in Cincinnati. Dr. Horowitz is joined by his wife, a chemist, and their four children. He is the recipient of the Dr. Alvin Hoffman Award.



Yuval Karmon – a neurologist from Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba is a fellow at SUNY Buffalo's Department of Neurosurgery in Buffalo, New York. He is interested in the management of stroke patients, especially neuro-radiologic interventions, a

service not yet available at his hospital in Israel. He would also like to have a dedicated CVA unit established. Dr. Karmon's wife, a dentist, joins him. He is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Meirav Kedmi – an hematologist at Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is a research fellow in the Hematology Department of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City, NY. She is participating in a research

project in the Lymphoma Unit, and hopes this fellowship will help her gain expertise in both basic research and in clinical applications of the methodologies. She is joined by her husband and their three children. Dr. Kedmi is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Yuval Konstantino – a cardiologist from Beilinson Hospital, Rabin Medical Center in Tel Aviv is a fellow at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts in the Department of Cardiology, with specific focus

on cardiac electrophysiology. His goals for this fellowship are to become an expert in the diag-

nosis and treatment of arrhythmias, including device implantation and catheter ablation of arrhythmias. Dr. Kostantino's wife, an architect, and two young children accompany him. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Maya Koren-Michowitz

– a hematologist at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a fellow in the Hematology/Oncology Lab at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. She hopes that upon her return to Israel, in addition

to her clinical practice, she can have her own lab to continue the research in which she has been involved. Additionally, she looks forward to future collaboration between the two labs. She is accompanied by her husband, also a fellow at UCLA Medical Center, and their two children. Dr. Koren-Michowitz is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Guennadi Kouniavsky

– a senior physician in the Department of Surgical Oncology at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a research fellow in the Department of Surgery, Endocrine Surgery Section, at Johns Hopkins Medical

Center in Baltimore, Maryland. On his return to Israel he plans to implement the model of Johns Hopkins, with its quantity and diversity of cases. Dr. Kouniavsky's wife is a radiologist and they have three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.

"Both my clinical and research experience will be of great help to me and my Medical Center in Israel. I hope to continue to collaborate with the great people I worked with for many years to come"

Michael Jonas, M.D. 2003-2004 Fellow



Raffi Lev-Tzion – a pediatrician from Soroka University Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition at Washington University School of Medicine and St. Louis Children's Hospital in St.

Louis, Missouri. The clinical portion of his fellowship offers Dr. Lev-Tzion the opportunity to train in all aspects of diagnostic and interventional GI endoscopy, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of other pediatric gastroenterology diseases. Additionally, he looks forward to participating in celiac disease research and in the human microbiome project. He is joined by his wife, an attorney, and their two young children. Dr. Lev-Tzion is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ronit Machtinger

– a senior physician in the IVF and Infertility Unit of the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a fellow in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology,

at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Upon her return to Israel she hopes to establish an oocytes research program in the laboratories of the IVF Unit of her hospital. Dr. Machtinger is joined by her husband, a pharmacist, and their two children. She has been awarded APF's Len Gottlieb Award for APF Fellows studying in Boston.



Dror Marchaim

– an infectious disease physician from Asaf Harofeh Medical Center in Zerifin is an epidemiology fellow at Detroit Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan. His specific topic of research, during his first year, is

the emergence of carbapenem resistance in *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB). He hopes, with the knowledge and skills gained during the

fellowship, that he will be able to conduct research and design infection control programs to help healthcare practices in the Israeli medical community. Dr. Marchaim is accompanied by his wife and their two young children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Assaf Monselise – a dermatologist at the Clalit Health Services (Tel-Nordau Polyclinic) is a fellow in the Department of Dermatology and Skin Science at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. He

hopes to acquire basic research and clinical skills necessary for the treatment of hair and scalp diseases such as Alopecia. Dr. Monselise is accompanied by his wife and their two young sons.



David Orion – a neurologist in the Stroke Unit at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a fellow in the Department of Neurosurgery at SUNY Buffalo in Buffalo, New York. He hopes to have further training in all aspects of neuro-interven-

tion, and to promote interventional treatment in acute stroke cases. His wife, a pharmacist, and their three young children accompany him. Dr. Orion is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ziv Paz – an internal medicine physician at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a fellow in the Division of Rheumatology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. During his first year, he will be par-

ticipating in research which applies molecular and whole animal approaches to the study of

the interaction of complement and coagulation pathways during injury. Dr. Paz is accompanied by his wife and their three young children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



David Planer – a cardiologist from Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is clinical fellow in the Department of Cardiology, Center for Interventional Vascular Therapy, at Columbia University Medical

Center in New York City, New York. He hopes to gain experience in performing complex vascular interventional procedures in the coronary arteries and peripheral arteries, and in structural heart diseases. Dr. Planer is joined by his wife and their three children. He is the recipient of the APF's Dr. Paul Liebman Award for Vascular Surgery.



Russell Pokroy – an ophthalmologist specializing in vitreoretinal issues at Hillel Yaffe Medical Center in Hadera is pursuing a retinal fellowship in the Department of Ophthalmology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He hopes to bring

the latest retinal surgery techniques back to Israel, where retinal diseases are fairly common. His wife, a teacher, and their seven children accompany him. Dr. Pokroy is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Shay Porat – an obstetrician/gynecologist from Hadassah Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem is a fellow in Maternal-Fetal Medicine (MFM) at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. His goal is to learn to per-

form high quality ultrasound examinations and use these as an adjunct to invasive fetal testing or treatment. Additionally, he will be involved

in both basic and clinical research. Dr. Porat is joined by his wife and their three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ayelet Priel – an ophthalmologist at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer is a fellow in ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgery in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of California in San Diego, California.

She hopes that the large volume of patients and well known specialists under whom she is working will afford her the experience in training for orbital surgery and other diseases of the eye. Dr. Priel is joined by her husband and their three children. She is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.

"I am very fortunate that there are people out there that support me in making my dreams come true. Thank you very much for your compassion. Your generosity truly makes a difference."

Marat Khaikin, M.D. 2005-2006 Fellow



Tamir Pritsch – an orthopedic surgeon from Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv is a fellow in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota where he is specializing in hand surgery. While at the Mayo Clinic he hopes

to have the opportunity to learn from world renowned surgeons, to be actively involved in cutting edge procedures, and to improve his clinical and surgical skills. Dr. Pritsch is accompanied by his wife, an attorney, and their two young children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ehud Rosenbloom – a pediatric emergency medicine physician from Assaf Harofeh Medical Center in Zerifin is a fellow in the Department of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada.

He hopes to be exposed to a wide spectrum of illnesses and traumas in an institution where pediatric emergency medicine has 50,000 visits annually. Dr. Rosenbloom is accompanied by his wife and their two young children. He is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Yair Sadaka – a neurologist from Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in the Division of Neurology at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. Originally trained as an electronic technician, Dr. Sadaka determined that he, and

his research, needed to be in a field that directly touched the lives of people, thus his interest in neurology, and specifically pediatric neurology. Dr. Sadaka is accompanied by his wife, a nurse, and their four children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ilan Segal – a pediatrician from Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in the NICU Department of British Columbia's Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital in Vancouver, Canada. He hopes to return to the Negev area, served by So-

roka, with new and improved skills and knowledge, including a research component. Dr. Segal is accompanied by his wife and their two children. He is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Boaz Sheizaf – a gynecologist from Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in the Department of Gynecology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. He is participating in a program of advanced gynecologic

endoscopy; techniques which he hopes to bring back to improve the expertise and spectrum of operations offered in southern Israel. Dr. Sheizaf is joined by his wife and their four children. He is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Haim Shmilovich – a cardiologist from Sourasky, Tel Aviv Medical Center is a fellow in the Department of Cardiology Imaging Research at the Save a Heart Program, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California.

During his fellowship he will be learning new modalities and innovative technologies in cardiac imaging (both CT and MRI). Dr. Shmilovich is accompanied by his wife and their two young daughters. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Bezalel Sivan – an urologist from Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva is a fellow in the Department of Pediatric Urology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. His goal during this fellowship is to acquire the knowledge and skills

needed to diagnose, operate, and follow-up with children who have basic and complex urological problems. Dr. Sivan is joined by his wife

"I believe this professional experience will serve as a basis for further research upon my return to Israel and improve patient care"

Ronen Jaffe, M.D. 2005-2006 Fellow

and their three children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ethan Soudry – an otolaryngologist from Rabin Medical Center in Petach Tikva is a fellow in the Division of Head and Neck Cancer Research, Department of Otolaryngology, at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. He feels

that a combined practice, dealing with both basic research and clinical proficiency is invaluable, and will allow him to achieve his goals of educating and teaching younger otolaryngologists. Dr. Soudry is accompanied by his wife, also a physician, and their two young children. He is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.



Yoel Toledano – an endocrinologist from Hillel Yaffe Medical Center in Hadera is a fellow in the Division of Endocrinology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. During this fellowship he hopes to focus on pituitary tumorigenesis, and upon

return to Israel, establish a Pituitary Clinic at his hospital. Dr. Toledano is joined by his wife and their two children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Ziv Vaknin – an obstetrician-gynecologist from Assaf Harofe Medical Center in Zerifin is a clinical fellow in the Gynecological Oncology Training Program at McGill University's Faculty of Medicine in Montreal, Canada.

During the first year of his fellowship program he participated in surgeries and procedures, including the use of the Da Vinci S Robotic

System. His specific goals for the three year fellowship include improvement and expansion of his surgical skills in this field, as well as new experiences in other treatment modalities. His wife, a physiotherapist, and their two children accompany Dr. Vaknin. He is the recipient of the Dr. Alvin Hoffman Award.



Mattitiah Waterman --- a gastroenterologist from Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa is a fellow studying inflammatory bowel disease in the Division of Gastroenterology at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. He hopes that the fellowship

program will provide him with significant research and clinical experience in these areas which he can then use to treat his patients at Rambam. Dr. Waterman is accompanied by his wife, also a physician, and their two young children. He is the recipient of a Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellowship for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund.



Danielle Vicus -- an obstetrician-gynecologist from the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer is a Fellow in the Gynecology Oncology Division of the University of Toronto in Canada. During the first year of her fellowship one of her

research projects included evaluating the effect of tamoxifen and the risk of developing ovarian cancer in BRCA1 mutation carrier. She is now beginning two clinical years during which she hopes to learn new procedures, including the most recent surgical techniques, which can be shared with her colleagues in Israel and be beneficial to her patients there. Her husband and their two children accompany Dr. Vicus. She is the recipient of the Dr. Alvin Hoffman Award.

"I can only offer my sincere thanks to the APF for helping me experience this time abroad. This learning experience will surely help me with future work here in Israel. I can only encourage the APF to continue with this mission, and thank all the donors – this truly is money well spent."

*Dr. Eyal Leibovitz, APF Fellow 2006-2007
Wofison Medical Center*



Asnat Walfisch – an obstetrician-gynecologist in charge of the High Risk Pregnancy Unit of Hillel-Yaffe Medical Center in Hadera is a fellow in the Obstetrical Department, Maternal Fetal Medicine Division, at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto, Canada.

She plans to expand three fields of knowledge most important to her --- her clinical skills, her academic and teaching skills, and her clinical research. Dr. Walfisch is accompanied by her husband, also a physician, and their three children. She is the recipient of a joint American Physicians Fellowship/Israel Medical Association Fellowship grant.

* The fellows pictured above represent the recipients of APF fellowship grants who have arrived in North America to begin their programs as of November 1, 2009.

"On behalf of all the fellows who are trying to overcome difficulties to achieve their dreams, I would like to thank you again for all you have done for me"

Dr. Miklos Bala, APF Fellow 2009-2010



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8 June 2009

Carol L. Ghatan

Associate director

American Physicians Fellowship For Medicine in Israel

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Dear Carol,

It is an honor as well as a great pleasure to acknowledge the support of the APF to the success of the clinical year of my fellowship in the US. The financial support together with the feeling that my professional training is important to the APF as well makes a lot of difference.

I am now approaching the end of the first year in a two years fellowship program. This year was dedicated to clinical training, while in the next year I intend to focus on basic research. Working with the leading shoulder surgeons at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio I feel I gained both theoretical and practical skills in treating various conditions of the shoulder in a way that is not possible in Israel. As a referral center, the Cleveland Clinic treats the most complicated and difficult conditions, many times revisions of prior surgeries. The exposure to these interesting cases guided by the staff (headed by Dr. Iannotti and Dr. Brems) was enriching, and it is my strong belief that I will be able to practice most (if not all) of what I have seen and learned here when I go back to Israel, next summer.

My medical training started at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. It was there that I was awarded an MSc degree, an MD and later on a PhD. It was there that I took my residency in Orthopaedic Surgery and this is also my destination when I return next year. Interestingly but maybe not surprising, this route is very much similar to the one my father, Dr. Yoram Beyth, took years ago. At the early 70's he spent two years in Houston Texas as a fellow in OB/GYN. He was not supported by an organization such as the APF in those days, and yet the Jewish community and the Jewish physicians did lend a hand and helped when it was needed. Acting as a vice dean and committed to the idea of medical education of Israeli physicians, my father later on established with Dr. L. Gottlieb a bilateral exchange program between the Hadassah-Hebrew-University Medical Center and the Boston University hospital (now Boston Medical Center). That successful program is the direct follower of the exchange program with Mt. Sinai medical Center in New York, established years before with the support of Dr. A. Beller, the dean of medicine at that time in the Hebrew University School of Medicine, who was my grandfather. Being the first neurosurgeon in Israel and the only one in Jerusalem during the war of independence, Dr. Beller wanted to grant young Israeli Physicians with the best education, similar to that he got in the early 40's.

As a third generation of Israeli surgeons trained in the US and serving the population in Israel, I appreciate the huge contribution made by the APF to the training of so many Israeli Physicians for so many years. I know that this training is essential in many fields of medicine these days, and that supporting it actually changes the quality of medical care in Israel, and at the same time tightens the bonds between Jewish physicians from both sides of the Atlantic.

I am grateful for the support provided by the APF and hope to contribute myself to the connections between American and Israeli physicians in the future. Please extend my thanks to the staff and donors of the APF.

Sincerely,



Shaul Beyth MD PhD

APF's Special Grants



ISRAELI TRAUMA AND MASS CASUALTY NURSING COURSE



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Israeli Trauma Mass Casualty Nursing Course

In January 2009, the first Israeli Trauma Mass Casualty Nursing Course ((ITMCNC) was held at Rambam Health Care Campus. Twenty-five participants from 16 hospitals throughout Israel took place in this Course. This Course was an initiative of the APF, which funded it, as well as a second, follow-up Course, a “train the trainers Course,” to teach the participants to become future instructors.

Following the success of the two previous Courses sponsored by APF, a 3rd program was held on September 6th and 7th at Yoseftal Hospital in Eilat. This Course was also held under the auspices of the APF. Twenty-seven nurses participated. from various departments of the hospital, discussing such subjects as: treating the injured patient (physical and mental aspects), preparedness for Mass Casualty Situations, and treating injured patients in mass casualty situations. The Courses included lectures and simulation drills.

The comments of the participants were very positive, and APF thanks Ms. Gila Hyams, RN, the Director of the Teaching Center for Trauma, Emergency and MCS at Rambam Health Care Campus for her efforts in organizing and bringing these Courses to fruition.



APF's Special Grants



Major Elon Glassberg, M.D.



Ltc. Gil Hirschhorn, M.D.

APF's Special Grant – IDF Medical Corps

The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel is pleased that it could facilitate special travel grants for two medical officers, Ltc. Gil Hirschhorn, M.D. and Maj. Elon Glassberg, M.D. of the Israel Defense Forces Medical Corps to attend the Advanced Trauma Combat Casualty Care Conference (ATACCC) that took place in St. Petersburg, Florida during August. Also in attendance was B.G. Nahman Ash, M.D. the IDF's Surgeon General.

This premier scientific Conference addressed the critical advances in trauma medicine and the unique medical needs of combat casualties and improvement of survival.

Additionally, Israeli participation in the ATACCC Conference is considered extremely important in preserving and developing relationships with many representatives from the US armed forces medical personal, as well as from other countries.

Your dollars help to put it all together!

The Emergency Medical Volunteer Registry

The Emergency Medical Volunteer (EMV) Registry represents one of the core components of the APF. The Registry maintains a list of 400 plus medical professionals who are prepared to volunteer their services and expertise in Israel should the need arise. While we all hope and pray that the State of Israel will never need our services in a state of emergency, we maintain the Registry in a state of constant preparedness. To that end, I, as the EMV director, continually review EMV participants' files ensuring that we always have current essential documents. If you receive a notice requesting an up-to-date document, please submit it, so your file remains complete.



I have streamlined and simplified the EMV application and participation process. Inquiries can be made directly to me via e-mail at: d_jstarr@yahoo.com or to the APF office (info@apfmed.org)

Our commitment to preparedness also allows and encourages EMV's to volunteer at Israeli hospitals in peace time. We have placed several volunteers already this year. Arrangements for this program take approximately four months, and we will be happy to assist in the planning. The opportunity to forge long term professional relationships and friendships with our Israeli colleagues during non-emergency times certainly outweighs the seemingly long arrangement process.

Finally, I encourage any current or prospective EMV participant to contact me with any questions or suggestions as I am personally committed to improving the program and making it user friendly.

Wishing you a wonderful 5770!

Don M. Starr, MD
EMV Director
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Emergency and Disaster Training Courses in Israel

2010 Course Dates

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November 6th* - 11th, 2010 *after Shabbat

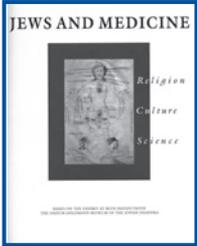
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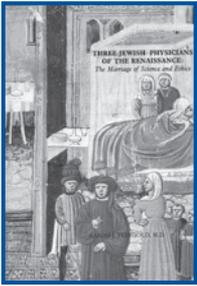
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Please contact the APF Office for more information.

Such acts of tzdakah are much appreciated.

Taglit/birthright - APF Israel Student Tour



Our fourth annual APF/Taglit birthright Medical Student Tour brought 36 North American medical students together with 4 Israeli peers for ten days last June. This is the trip that is regularly described as “amazing,” “magical,” “life changing.” It is the only Taglit trip this year that kept American and Israeli students together for a full ten days, and it is the only dedicated medical student tour in existence.



Every tourist in Israel goes from the Golan and Kinneret to the Negev and Yam Hamelach. Everyone visits the Kotel and Yad Vashem. But not everyone climbs the snake path at Masada for sunrise, studies at the Tomb of The Rambam, plants trees at a bird sanctuary in the heart of Jerusalem, experiences the amazing work of INTRA, (the Israel Handicapped Riders Program,) and hears the blood chilling history of medicine in Nazi Germany from a world renowned expert. Only a handful experience state of the art training at the cutting edge Messer Simulation Center at Tel Hashomer. Almost none take time to become b'not mitzvah in Jerusalem or attend the theater of the deaf and blind in Jaffa. And only a fortunate few return home with lifetime friendships.



Pre-enrollment for the June 2010 tour will begin in November. We expect it to fill very quickly. Potential applicants should contact sarah@apfmed.org. They must be Jewish, under the age of 26 by next May, in training for one of the medical professions, and cannot have previously been to Israel on an organizational tour.

Corporate Membership Program

From its modest beginnings in 1950, the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel (APF) has grown into a vital North American network on behalf of medicine in Israel. For almost six decades APF has provided the linkage for North American healthcare professionals to build medical bridges with their Israeli colleagues.

Corporate members may elect to provide unrestricted support to APF, or choose to direct their support to a designated program such as Fellowships, the Emergency Medical Volunteer Registry, the Student and Resident programs or public awareness.

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APF Exhibits at Annual Scientific Meetings



The Board of Trustees this year voted to support membership initiatives by exhibiting at the annual scientific meetings of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists (NYSSA).

Dr. Charles Kurtzer and Dr. Paul Scherer represented the APF at the Annual Meeting of the APMA in Toronto in August. The Conference drew over 1,000 podiatrists from the US and Canada, and there were several attendees from Israel. During the Conference, participants were exposed to the mission and activities of the APF.

The next targeted meeting was the American College of Emergency Physicians held at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center during the first week of October. This meeting was attended by Carol Ghatan, APF's Associate Director and Sarah Rosenfeld-Mahoney, APF's Program Coordinator. The ACEP Annual Scientific meeting provided exposure to a large number of ER physicians, many of whom expressed interest in the APF, its mission and its programs, especially the Emergency Medical Volunteer Registry for Israel.

Our last exhibit this year will be at the NYSSA meeting in December at the Marriott Marquis in New York City. Dr. Don Starr and Dr. Charles Kurtzer, APF Board Members, will support the exhibit at this meeting.

Members are encouraged to contact the office if their specialty group annual meeting will be held in the Northeast, or if they would like to represent the APF at their annual meeting.

Charles Kurtzer, DPM
Chair: Membership

January 11th – January 14th, 2010
Tel Aviv, Israel



The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel (APF) will be participating in a poster session at the IPRED Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel. This Conference has been recognized as a regional conference of the World Association for Disaster Medicine (WADEM).

The Conference is a joint initiative of the Israeli Ministry of Health and the IDF Home Front Command. These organizations work in close collaboration to assure effective preparedness and response of the health care system to mass casualty events and all other events that may impact the public health.

If you would like more information, please visit their website: www.ipred.co.il

FIRST RESIDENT PHYSICIAN ARRIVES

(Continued from Page 1)

Atlantic City on June 13, 1951, and was so impressed with APFC aims and goals that he offered to make arrangements for this first residency.

A prepaid ticket covering all travel costs was forwarded to Dr. Cohen by the APFC.

Dr. Robbins interviewed several applicants in Israel during the summer of 1951, when he attended the World Zionist Congress. The final selection was left to the Supreme Medical Council of the Israel Medical Association, of which Professor Bernard Zondek is chairman.

The national president envisions a healthy, steady, powerful liaison and contact between the medical profession in America and Israel. Through the APFC and with the residencies made available by American hospitals, young Israeli physicians will be given the opportunity to acquire valuable and useful techniques in the United States, which they will utilize for the benefit of Israel.

Exciting, Colorful Background

Dr. Cohen has an exciting and colorful background and experience. He received his Hebrew and medical education at Athens, Greece. Following his graduation from the Medical University, he interned for two years at the Andreas Syngros University Hospital in Dermatology and Venereal Diseases.

When the Nazis came to Athens in 1944, he was forced to flee for his life. He states that the Germans were responsible for killing over 90 per cent of the Greek-Jewish population. In Salonika alone, out of 56,000 Jews, only 800 were fortunate enough to return. At the time of the Nazi invasion of Greece, the total Jewish population was 80,000. Only 18,000 remain, the rest having been killed in concentration camps in Poland.

Dr. Cohen escaped in a small boat of 1/2 tonnage with twenty other Jews from Greece to Chessmas, near Izmir. The boat was open . . . with no protection. After two days, they reached Turkey. From Turkey, he made his way to Syria . . . and from Syria to Israel. Because he was a refugee, and could not show his medical papers, he worked as an orderly for several months in the Misgave Ladach, in the old city of Jerusalem. When he received his papers, he obtained his post as Assistant in Dermatology, and has been achieving progress in research work in that field since he came to Israel.

The Israeli physician was in the ambulance with Dr. Chaim Yasky and other doctors and nurses when they were ambushed on their way to Mt. Scopus in 1948. He was among the few who were not killed.



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As Israel celebrates its 5th year, APFC takes pride in her emergence as an internationally recognized world class medical center.

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Recently described as "one of Israel's best kept medical secrets," APFC is now reaching out beyond its core American physician



membership, inviting all friends of Israel to help us address Israel's healthcare challenges in ways that benefit the country as a whole.

Working with the Association of Chiefs of Clinics of the Faculty of Medicine in Israel, the IDF Medical Corps, and medical leaders from institutions throughout the country, we are forging a unique partnership between the American and Israeli medical communities and providing financial and technical resources where they can make the most profound impact on the health of the Israeli people.

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