

APF UPDATE

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Dinner Celebration of the Life of Dr. Leonard S. Gottlieb

On March 18, 2007 the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel held a Dinner Celebration of the Life of Dr. Leonard S. Gottlieb at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts. Dr. Gottlieb, a past President of APF, lost his long battle with cancer in December 2006. Dr. Amitai Ziv (past APF Fellow 1996-

1997), Deputy Director of the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer, Israel and founder and Director of MSR - the Israel Center for Medical Simulation was the dinner speaker. Additionally, tributes were made by Dr. Norton Greenberger, APF's President, Dr. Rachel Schor-Bardach, a current APF Fellow who was a close

friend of the Gottlieb Family, and Mr. Andrew Gottlieb, Dr. Gottlieb's son. Attendees included family and friends of Dr. Gottlieb, as well as APF Board Members, and five current APF fellows from the Boston area. A fellowship fund has been established in Dr. Gottlieb's name at APF.



Dr. Amitai Ziv and Dr. Norton Greenberger



The Gottlieb Family



Dr. Rachel Schor-Bardach and husband Assaf

Sudden Passing of Dr. Paul R. Liebman APF Board Member and EMV Program Chair



*Dr. Paul Liebman in
Tiberias, Israel*

Executive Board and Chair of APF's Emergency Medical Volunteer Program. He is survived by his loving

It is with great sadness that APF announces the sudden passing of Dr. Paul R. Liebman.

Dr. Liebman was on the APF

wife, Patricia, and 3 sons, Joseph, Andrew and Benjamin.

Dr. Norton J. Greenberger, APF's President, notes that "Paul Liebman was instrumental in developing the Emergency Medical Volunteer Program of the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel into the viable and very important program it is today. The EMV Program has a Registry of over 400 physicians

and healthcare professionals ready to go to Israel in time of Emergency."

Dr. Liebman also organized a mock drill of APF's EMV Registry in May, 2006 which was highly successful and under Paul's leadership this program has flourished.

Dr. Liebman was vocal and passionate about his support for the State of Israel. During the most recent crisis

in Israel Dr. Liebman was part of a group of APF Board Members who traveled to meet with the IDF Surgeon General, Directors of Northern Hospitals, as well as other high ranking government officials to see if APF could offer help during Israel's time of need.

Dr. Liebman will be deeply missed by this organization; he was an active

and spirited Board Member. His enthusiasm for Israel and life were immeasurable.

At the request of the family, a fund for post-doctoral Israeli Vascular Surgeons participating in fellowship programs in North America has been created at APF. To make a donation, please visit our secure donations page on the APF website (www.apfmed.org).



Dr. Paul Liebman (center) with Drs. Boaz Tadmor, Dan Moskowit, Michael Fogel and Charles Kurtzer

Sudden Loss of Dr. Louis M. Sherwood



Dr. Louis M. Sherwood

The APF Board of Trustee is sad to announce the recent passing of Dr. Louis M. Sherwood, APF President from 1994 -1996.

During his lifetime Dr. Sherwood held many volunteer positions in addition to a long standing career in academia and a 15 year research career with Merck & Co.

As well as being a past President of APF, Dr. Sherwood was a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and of the Board of Endocrinology and Metabolism. He also held leader positions with the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine, and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators. Additionally, he was the recipient of a Special Recognition Award from the Association of Professors of Medicine.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Judy, a son, Arie, and daughter Jennifer, as well as five grandchildren.

Fellowship Highlights

APF provides much-needed financial assistance to young Israeli physicians receiving post-doctoral fellowship specialty training in North America. Since its founding, APF has provided over 1,000 Israeli physicians with fellowship support. This year, 50 of Israel's brightest and best are receiving grants.

Medical Student Division

APF - Taglit/ birthright israel has enrolled medical students and pre-medical students (with a medical school acceptance) for an all expense paid tour of Israel. The trip, scheduled for June 2007, is for 10 days, with 2 days set aside for specific medical events. It will be accompanied by Israeli medical personnel, and will incorporate stops at MSR - the Israel Center for Medical Simulation at Sheba Medical Center, live exercise with a medical battalion of the IDF, an ethics discussion at the Tomb of the Rambam (Maimonides), and much more.

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Dear APF members,

I would like to thank you for your great support. This grant would make our life a little more easily. Our financial resources are very limited so it came to us just in time. This grant allowed me to be more concentrated in medical projects.

We are still in the adjustment phase, trying to understand the new environment. I think that your program is important and critical to Israeli doctors. Most of them come to the fellowships with their families. The budget is very restricted, there is no government of hospital support from Israel and the salary range for the fellowship is very basic. The financial status is one of the major issues that an Israeli doctor takes into consideration when he/she decides on a fellowship abroad. There are some doctors that deny the opportunity due to this reason. We made tremendous efforts to allow this fellowship. I hope to gain knowledge and experience from my fellowship and then return and apply it in Israel.

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The Board of Trustees and staff of the APF sadly mourn the loss and extend our sincerest condolences to the families of Dr. Paul R. Liebman, Dr. Leonard S. Gottlieb and Dr. Louis M. Sherwood.

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