From the President

Dear Friends of APF,

This has been a most exciting year for APF. It kicked off in the spring with the Boston visit of Prof. Arnon Afek, Acting Associate Director General of the Israel Ministry of Health. Then, Talia Levanon, Director of Israel Trauma Coalition, headlined an enlightening and well-attended event in Michigan. Another highlight was the “Eastern Seaboard Tour” of Dr. Salman Zarka, Director General of Ziv Medical Center in Tzfat, who gave seven inspiring talks from New York to South Florida. The speakers’ knowledge and energy coupled with the audiences’ enthusiastic reception is proof of our collective commitment to supporting the Israeli healthcare system.

In June we took our next generation of APF supporters—the North American Healthcare Students group—on our annual Medical Birthright trip. Hats off to APF Director Amir Goldshtein and President-Elect Dr. Jeffrey Devries, who organized and led the trip. Thanks to the high demand, we will take a second group of 40 students to Israel this winter.

This November, one of the largest groups will attend our Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel, which trains North American health professionals in Israeli medical protocols so they can step in during times of crisis. It is heart-warming to see so many people from all over the world participate in this important programming.

As we forge ahead into a new year, we look forward to working with other Israel-focused organizations to support our Fellowship program. We plan to get our Fellows out more in their U.S. and Canadian host communities to meet their North American counterparts. We are also planning to bring some of Israel’s top leaders in the emergency and preparedness field to New York.

Thanks to each and every of you for your continued support. Without you, there is no us.

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We at APF would like to express our deepest gratitude to the many generous benefactors who have supported medicine in Israel for more 65 years through our organization. As we make strides to move APF into the future, we look to our dedicated network to help make this possible.

APF would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and for believing in our mission.

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The APF Fellowships program was established in 1951 to help train Israeli physicians in specialty care. Today its awards supplemental grants to gifted Israeli physicians, who are brought to top North American institutions to further their training and conduct research they can’t do at home. When they return, they’re leaders in their fields.

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"Thank you APF for your support in helping me achieve my mission to promote the field of advanced endoscopy in Israel. After my training in the U.S., I will be able to offer Israeli patients a larger selection of treatment opportunities with resultant less morbidity and a better quality of life.” —Dr. Idan Levy

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