

# APF News



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## From The President



Dear APF Members and Friends,

This year the American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel has been extremely productive. We have worked hard to make APF all that it should be and we have made great strides.

I have just returned from Israel with some members of the APF Executive Committee, where we met with top Israeli healthcare leaders, the APF Israeli Advisory Committee, the APF Israeli Fellowship Committee, and Dr. Avi Israeli, the new Director General of the Ministry of Health. We were impressed with the differences APF has made on the quality of life for so many Israelis. We were told of the vital importance attached to many of our APF projects. Past recipients of APF fellowships told us that APF fellows are held in the highest esteem within the Israeli medical community. Feelings of pride, respect and gratitude were continually at play while we visited and spoke to those who benefited from APF's programming. APF has helped many people, yet so much more needs to be accomplished.

APF accomplishments this year include:

- Our **Fellowship Program** provided supplemental grants to 41 young Israeli physician in US and Canadian hospitals for post-residency training. We have also initiated 10 new Specialty Fellowships in Diabetic Foot, Emergency Traumatology, Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, Internal Medicine, Nephrology/Urology, Ophthalmology, Pediatrics, Plastic Reconstructive, and Women's Health.
- The **Emergency Medical Volunteer Program** has sent physicians and nurses to Israel this year to train in Israeli hospitals. These EMV volunteers will provide the necessary manpower to civilian hospitals in Israel if doctors and healthcare professions are called up by the IDF in a time of emergency.
- Our new **Medical Student Program** is in the process of reaching out to a nationwide membership. These young people are APF's future.
- Four Israeli nurses were accepted for short-term specialized training in leading medical centers in North America. This was accomplished through the help of the **Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund**.

Since 1950, APF has been committed to supporting the advancement of healthcare in Israel. Your membership and contributions will help make this dream into a reality!

Kel Cohen, M.D.  
President

## Emergency Medical Volunteer Orientation Program

**A**PF's Emergency Medical Volunteer Registry provides Israel with American healthcare workers during times of crisis. In conjunction with the Israel Defense Force (IDF) Medical Corps, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and the Emergency Preparedness Branch, APF volunteers can now participate in a dynamic weeklong training session leading to certification by the Israeli Health Ministry. Upon completion, volunteers will be placed in a personnel registry that will be activated during times of crisis.



**left to right** — 1st row: Gabriel Szego, MD, Ellen Szego, MD, Arnold Rotter, MD, A. Berger, Eric Shapiro MD, Steve Barer, MD  
— 2nd row: Mitch Barer, MD, Nancy Simpson, RN, Susan Schwartz, RN, Eric K, Page Salinger, MD  
— 3rd row: Bettina Filegal, MD, Mike Sugarman, MD, Robert Gluck, MD, Victor Barden, MD

In October 2003 I had the opportunity to participate in an APF/EMV orientation course. Shortly before arriving in Israel, a terrorist attack had claimed the life of my colleague, Dr. David Applebaum, Director of the Emergency Department at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, and his daughter, Nava. Because we were scheduled to train at Shaare Zedek Hospital by the end of the week, this recent tragedy overshadowed all topics of conversation. Arriving in Tel Aviv, I met fellow APF volunteers. It felt good to stand with colleagues who shared a common goal, and feelings of tension and anxiety began to abate. We were united in our commitment to help the people of Israel.

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# The American Physicians Fellowship For Medicine In Israel Is Proud To Welcome Its 2003 - 2004 Fellows

**A**PF 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 fellowships through our members' generosity. With additional support from the Harry and Bella Wexner Senior Fellow for Medical Education and Research of the Legacy Heritage Fund, this year APF was able to grant supplemental fellowships to forty-one of Israel's brightest and best physicians.

Upon their return to Israel, our APF fellows play important roles in medicine and health care. From the results of a survey completed last year, we have learned that many are department heads and division directors in their respective specialties. In addition, at least three APF fellows are now hospital directors. APF fellows also populate the four medical schools in Israel as faculty, professors, associate deans, and deans. Plans are now being formulated to reach even more of our former fellows by establishing an APF Alumni Association in Israel.

**Abuelaish Izzeldin** – An obstetrician-gynecologist from Soroka Hospital in Beer-Sheba is a fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston, Massachusetts. He lives in the Gaza Strip and is the first candidate to complete training through the Soroka Medical Center of the Negev's Fellowship Program for Palestinian physicians.



**Gabriel Amir** – A pediatric cardiologist from the Sheba Medical Center/Tel HaShomer is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in pediatric cardiac surgery at the Stanford School of Medicine in Palo Alto, California. Married, with 3 children, he hopes to gain vast surgical experience in the operating room, and in pre-operative evaluation of patients.



**Ohad Avny** – A family practitioner from Beit Hakerem Clinic (Kupat Cholim Clalit) in Jerusalem, is a fellow at Baycrest Geriatrics Medical Center in Toronto, Canada. Married, with 3 children, he hopes to improve his knowledge and skills in geriatrics, as he mainly treats geriatric patients in Israel.



**Hany Bahouth** – A surgeon at the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in surgical intensive care and trauma at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. After completion of his training, Dr. Bahouth will become a senior surgeon in trauma surgery at Rambam.



**Maskit Bar-Meir** – A pediatric gastroenterologist at Sha'are Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in pediatric infectious diseases at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois. She hopes to gain a rich clinical experience and participate in a wide range of research opportunities.



**Yuval Bdolach** – An obstetric, gynecological, and IVF specialist at Hadassah Medical Center, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem, is a fellow in angiogenesis of reproduction at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts. This fellowship was created to provide an opportunity for an outstanding young Israeli researcher to advance his academic career in a setting that will help not only Dr. Bdolach, but also his department at Hadassah Medical Center.



**Yael Ben Arie-Weintrob** – An ophthalmologist from the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in ophthalmology in the field of eye pathology at the Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, Massachusetts. She notes that as there is no medical expert in this field in the north of Israel.



**Daniel Chemtob** – The Director of the TB and AIDS programs for the Ministry of Health in Jerusalem, married with 3 children, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in Epidemiology and Public Health at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland. His PhD will focus on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) in order to extend the scope covered by his department.



**Mark Friedberg** – A pediatric cardiologist from the Rambam Medical Center in Haifa, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in pediatric cardiology at the Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, California. He is trying to broaden his knowledge in different techniques in the cardiology field, particularly MRI.



**David Goitein** – A surgeon at Hadassah - Ein Kerem in Jerusalem is a fellow in minimally invasive surgery at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Married with 3 children, he will take part in a combined research/clinical fellowship.



**Sorel Goland** – A cardiologist at the Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in heart failure and clinical trials in the Cardiology Department at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. Her fellowship will help her gain experience with cardiac transplantation, surgical and device therapy for heart failure, and the role of echocardiography.



**Israel Gotsman** – A cardiologist at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem is a fellow in cardiovascular research at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He hopes his field of research will enable him to acquire a profound understanding of the mechanisms involved in this disease.



**Ophir Handzel** – A head and neck surgery specialist at the Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot, is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in ENT and cochlear implants at the Mass Eye and Ear Infirmary in Boston, Massachusetts. He is taking part in a project involving histopathology of the temporal bone in patients who have undergone cochlear implantation.



**Alexander Izakson** – An ICU pediatrician at the Sieff Government Hospital, in Safed, is a fellow in pediatric critical care at the University of Calgary, in Calgary, Canada. Sieff Hospital is in the north of Israel and is in the process of developing a Pediatric ICU department. Dr. Izakson's training will have a major affect on the hospital's future ability to care for pediatric patients.



**Haneen Jabaly-Habibi** – An ophthalmologist at HaEmek Medical Center in Afula, is a fellow in neuro-ophthalmology at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida. Married with 2 children, Dr. Jabaly-Habibi intends to return to the Galilee area, which lacks a fully qualified neuro-ophthalmologist.



**Michael Jonas** – A cardiologist at the Sheba Medical Center/Tel HaShomer is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in the catheterization lab and invasive cardiology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He feels that his fellowship in Boston will be the foundation for his future as an interventional cardiologist in Israel.



**Amal Khoury** – An orthopedic surgeon at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem is a fellow in orthopedic surgery and trauma at the Sunnybrook and Women's College in Toronto, Canada. The experience he will be gaining will benefit Hadassah's Ein Kerem facility, which is a Level 1 trauma center. Over the last three years, he has become an integral member of the orthopedic trauma team, receiving casualties with unusual injuries from bomb explosions



**Amir Kimia** – An emergency room physician at the Schneider's Children Hospital in Petach Tikvah is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in emergency medicine and medical informatics at the Children's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Both programs are not currently available for training in Israel despite their great importance and need. He also will work on a biosurveillance project. He is married with 4 children.



**Mordechai Kligman** – An orthopedic surgeon at the Carmel Medical Center in Haifa is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in the biometrics lab at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, NY, specifically studying different techniques in joint replacement.



**Daniel Kurnick** – A clinical pharmacologist at the Sheba Medical Center Tel HaShomer in Tel Aviv is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in pharmacogenetics and study of drug transporters at the Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. After successful completion of his US training Dr. Kurnick will return to a senior staff position in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology



**Oren Lapid** – A plastic surgeon from the Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in pediatric plastic surgery at the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Married with 3 children, he hopes to gain knowledge and expertise in the treatment and management of congenital malformations, which present in the population of the Negev.



**Ruth Lapid-Gortzak** – A ophthalmologist from the Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in ophthalmology, studying cornea and special external diseases at the Toronto Western Hospital in Toronto, Canada. She is married to Dr. Oren Lapid and they have 3 children.



**Ron Lavy** – A surgeon at Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center in Zerifin is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in surgical oncology at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois. His goal is to gain knowledge and experience in a field that is just evolving in Israel - surgical treatment to oncology patients.



**Dan Leibovici** – A urologist at Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center in Zerifin is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in uro-gyn oncology at MD Anderson in Houston, Texas. He is married with 2 children. He hopes his fellowship training will upgrade his capabilities in urological oncology.



**David Leshem** – A plastic surgeon at Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv, is a fellow in plastic surgery, studying cranio-facial plastic surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children in Montreal, Canada. He had been asked by the head of Microsurgery Unit in his hospital in Tel Aviv to undertake this task.



**Eli Lev** – A cardiologist at the Rabin Medical Center in Petach Tikvah is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in interventional cardiology at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. He is 38, married with 2 children. He hopes to acquire new knowledge through training and clinical experience in the field of interventional cardiology.



**Idit Liberty** – An internist at the Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva, is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in diabetic research at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California. She is married with 4 children and living in a small town (Yerucham) in the Negev. Her research is focused on insulin resistance.



**Shay Menascu** – A pediatrician at the Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in pediatric neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. He is married with two children. He intends to specialize in the fields of epilepsy and neuromuscular diseases, which represent the largest group of diseases encounter in his clinics.



**Yael Paldi** – A family medical specialist in the Clalit Health Services in Bet Shemesh and a teacher at the Department of Family Medicine at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem is a fellow in medical education and statistics at the University of Washington (AAFMI) in Seattle, Washington. She was selected for this fellowship as part of a program to promote family medicine and family physician training in Israel.



**Ronen Perez** – An ENT and head and neck surgery specialist at Sha'are Zedek in Jerusalem is a fellow in neurology and skull based surgery at the Sunnybrook and Women's College in Toronto, Canada. He is married with 2 children.



**Eran Pras** – an ophthalmologist at the Sapir Medical Center in Kfar Saba is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in ocular genetics at the National Eye Institute (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. There is no formal training in genetic ophthalmology in Israel in this rapidly evolving field. He hopes that his training will fill a need, and in the long run will benefit patients and colleagues alike.



**Eli Rosenbaum** – an oncologist at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in urological oncology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married with 5 children. His goals are to learn more about this field and to participate in research, which he plans to continue upon his return to Israel.



**Oleg Safir** – an orthopedic surgeon at the Sapir Medical Center in Kfar Saba is a fellow in orthopedic surgery and lower extremity reconstruction at the Mt. Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Safir was born in Ukraine and made aliyah to Israel in 1990. He is married with 2 children.



**Igal Savion** – a maxillofacial prosthetics surgeon at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem is a fellow in maxillofacial prosthetics at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana. He is married (to a nurse) and a father of 3. He hopes to gain experience with the treatment modalities and prosthetic approaches and materials.



**Nir Seider** – an ophthalmologist at Rambam Medical Center in Haifa is a fellow in oculoplastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville, Virginia. He is married with 3 children. He has been serving in the Israeli Navy as a Naval Deputy Surgeon General, and completed medical school in the academic reserve plan for the Israeli army.



**Michal Shani** – A family medical specialist in the Clalit Health Services in Rehovot is a Bella and Harry Wexner fellow in medical education and statistics at the University of Washington (AAFMI) in Seattle, Washington. The family medicine department is a fairly new department in Israel and the head of the department hopes Dr. Shani that will help lead their activities in the future.



**Ilan Shelef** – A radiologist the Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva is a fellow in neuroradiology at the University of Toronto in Toronto, Canada. He hopes to further enhance his knowledge and extend his expertise. He is married with 3 children.



**Mordehay Vatury** – a cardiologist at the Rabin Medical Center (Beilinson Campus) in Tel Aviv is a fellow in echo cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. During this fellowship Dr. Vatury will be engaged in research of valvular diseases using modern methods of imaging such as 3D echocardiography and MRI.



**Vicktoriya Vishnevskia-Dai** – an ophthalmologist at Assaf Harofeh Medical Center in Zerifin is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in ocular oncology at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was born in Ukraine and made an aliyah when she was 7. Her intention is to establish and lead, upon her return, an Oncology Center at Asaf Harofeh.



**Moshe Wald** – a urologist at the Bnai Zion Medical Center in Haifa is a fellow in andrology at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois. He hopes this fellowship will enable him to develop an Andrology Service at his institute.



**Chaim Yosefy** – a cardiologist at the Barzilai Medical Center in Ashkelon is a Bella and Harry Wexner Fellow in echo cardiology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He is married with 3 children. On his return, Dr. Yosefy will fill the missing link in the field of echocardiography in the northern Negev region.



## Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund

This year, the **American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel**, with the help of the Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund, has been privileged to sponsor four Israeli nurses for short-term specialized training in leading medical centers in North America. The Solomon Hirsh Memorial Nurse Education Fund was established in 1988, at APF, through the generosity of Board of Trustee member Dr. Richard Hirsh in memory of his father. Since 1988, forty-five nurses have participated in this program.



**Adi Goffman, R.N.**, is a nurse in the children's surgery department at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. She is also studying for a B.A. degree in Management of Health Systems at Emek Israel College. Ms. Goffman participated during early summer in a Bowel Management Workshop in the Department of Pediatric Surgery at Schneider Children's Hospital in New York.



**Orly Ashkenazy, R.N.**, is an Assistant Head Nurse in the Burn Unit at the Sheba Medical Center. She has an M.A. degree in Epidemiology from Tel Aviv University, and has taken a postgraduate course in Intensive Care Medicine. The Sheba Medical Center Burn Unit is a national referral center for burn injuries. Most of their patients are soldiers and civilians injured in terrorist attacks, many needing long term hospitalization. Through the Hirsh Fund, she spent a month in the Burn Trauma Center at West Pennsylvania Hospital.

**Ulrica Barkan, R.N.**, is a senior nurse in the field of Stroke Rehabilitation at Lowenstein Hospital Rehabilitation Center in Raanana. During late summer, she participated in a one-month fellowship at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Ms. Barkan's educational studies in stroke rehabilitation included experience in general rehabilitation approaches, care plans for swallowing disorders, aphasia, apraxias, neglect, functional disabilities, incontinence due to neurological bladder conditions as well as documentation and discharging preparation.

**Ilanit Dromi, R.N.**, holds a position of Managerial Assistant Head Nurse in the Hematology Department at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer. Her academic background includes a graduate degree in Health System Management and an advanced postgraduate nursing course in Oncology. This past summer, through the Hirsh Fund, she was sent to the International Nurse Visitor Program at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota in order to increase her knowledge in the field of Oncology Nursing.

### Visit Report: Letter from Orly Ashkenazy West Penn Hospital Burn Trauma Center Pittsburgh 16 September – 15 October 2003

*During my visit with West Penn Hospital Burn Trauma Center in Pittsburgh, Sept. 16 through October 15, 2003, I joined the medical and nursing staff in their routine work day. This unit had 16 patient rooms, (6 of them for critical care patients), and extremely high tech equipment. The work methods are similar to those in Israel, although they use some products that I hope to bring to Israel.*

*I was very impressed with their "community program" where they taught children about burns and how to prevent them. In addition they gave lectures to paramedics about burns. This program was very important, and we are thinking about adopting it in our unit in Israel. I also participated in weekly staff meetings, doctor's rounds, surgery procedures (debridement and skin grafting), and clinic treatments. It was interesting to observe that the doctors operate on patients very quickly after the injury, and the patient is then sent home after a few days. This is something that we have difficulty with in Israel because of the scarcity of operating rooms.*

*I took part in the monthly journal club and collected some excellent nursing documents that will be of use to my colleagues here in Israel. I read some interesting literature and obtained important information from the social worker and the physiotherapist. It was a great experience for me to be a visitor in a different country, to exchange ideas with other people, and to see that despite differences, we have many things in common.*

*I want to mention the excellent treatment and attention that I got from the burn unit manager – Dr Harvey Slater and his staff. I also made many friends with the wonderful people I met in Pittsburgh. My experience at the Burn Trauma Center of West Penn Hospital has allowed me to bring new nursing skills back to my hospital in Israel.*

*It was a privilege to be a part of this program and I want to thank all those who worked on making it possible. Most of all, I want to thank Dr. Richard Hirsh for financing this project.*

*Thank you very much,*

*Orly Ashkenazy  
Burn Unit- Sheba Medical Center  
ISRAEL*

## In Memoriam

*The American Physicians Fellowship for Medicine in Israel sadly mourns the loss of the following members. Their contributions to society will be missed but not forgotten.*

**Dr. Robert L. Austin**  
La Mirada, California

**Dr. Jay Jacoby**  
Palm Beach, Florida

**Dr. Milton Bernstein**  
Baltimore, Maryland

**Dr. Morton Leonard**  
El Paso, Texas

**Dr. Milton Cahn**  
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

**Dr. Manuel Rowen**  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

**Dr. Seymour Frank**  
Boynton Beach, Florida

**Dr. Bernard Schmierer**  
Woodbury, New York

Dear Fellow APF Supporters,

I am writing to ask for help. As of 2003, APF's membership now includes a medical student chapter. This dynamic chapter began at NYU Medical School and news has spread to other campuses. As APF members we need to nurture these chapters. They are APF's future!

In conjunction with the IDF Medical Corp, this fledging group is trying to organize a program similar to APF's Emergency Medical Volunteer Orientation Program in Israel. Unfortunately there is no funding for them. At this time, 25 students have expressed an interest in attending this orientation.

We are asking for your generous support of this project. Our children are the future of Israel. Please reach deep into your pockets and support one of the students. APF's estimated total cost for each student is \$1300 (flight, housing, and lectures).

If you are not able to fully support a student, perhaps several of your physician friends would join together. It is important to do everything we can do to help students become committed to APF and its mission. APF's future depends on it.

Please send your check to APF, Attention: Carol, 2001 Beacon Street, Suite 210, Boston, MA 02135 or call Carol with a credit card donation at 617-232-5382.

APF thanks you for your support.



Kel Cohen, M.D.

As medical students, opportunities abound in which to invest the precious resource of time. Clubs and associations exist in multiple forms at many schools, with a wide variety of interests. However, when we looked more closely, one thing was missing. Many schools have Jewish student associations that facilitate cultural and spiritual events. They also have professional organizations to facilitate networking, provide professional guidance and exert political influence. However, there were very few, if any, student professional groups with a pro-Israel mission. It only seemed natural for APF to create a medical student section to fill this void.



Justin Friedman, Jeff Berger (senior med resident @ Beth Israel, NYC), Joseph Glaser

Our goal is to increase student interest, understanding and awareness regarding the medical, political, and social needs of Israel by hosting various events throughout the year. The student section will promote the development of contacts with medical students at other schools, as well as with practicing physicians who share common outlooks on these issues. Such networking will allow the most efficient use of resources and spread of information, and let students know there are others who share their pro-Israel views.

Simultaneously, the student section will stimulate APF's future membership and leadership by sparking interest in this area early on in the students' careers. This will ensure a continuum of interest into their post-medical school professional careers. Additionally, by fostering ties with Israel's medical community, members will be presented with further opportunities to network and become involved in overseas endeavors. Fellowship and exchange between the US and Israel will improve medicine in both countries. APF is a potent vehicle in representing all American Physicians—Jews and non-Jews alike—who have a deep interest and commitment to the state of Israel. Thus, we feel that involvement in such a group would be a wise investment of medical student time, both in school and beyond.

Justin C. Friedman  
Joseph E. Glaser

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The first days of the seminar consisted of lectures and training by IDF physicians and experts from the Emergency Preparedness Branch. We were trained in emergency trauma, mass casualty, bio-chemical warfare and decontamination. This was followed by seminars on coordinating resources during a crisis. My most vivid memory revolves around the demonstration presented by the IDF army medics when treating both civilian and warfront casualties.

Following the seminars, our group was embedded into Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Each Emergency Volunteer was matched according to specialty, worked side by side with specific mentors, participated in rounds, and became familiar with the departments.

A closing ceremony was held on Mount Scopus on the final day. Each participant proudly received a certificate stating that each has been registered with the Health Ministry as Emergency Medical Volunteers. APF's Emergency Medical Volunteer Registry has undergone major changes over the past two years, and has evolved into a critical component that assists Israel in times of need.

Abraham Berger, MD FACEP  
*Emergency Medicine Volunteer Program Coordinator*

For further information on the Emergency Medical Volunteer Program, please contact the APF office in Boston at 617-232-5382 or e-mail Carol@apfmed.org

**Save the date:**  
**Orientation Program in Israel May 2 – 9, 2004**

## Medical Conferences Winter 2004 - Spring 2004

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2/29-3/01	<b>Inaugural Conference of the Academic Coalition for Jewish Bioethics</b> Philadelphia, Pa Phone: 215-576-0800 X252	E-mail: <a href="mailto:bioethicscoalition@rrc.edu">bioethicscoalition@rrc.edu</a>
3/21-3/25	<b>3rd Int'l. Conf. Ethics/Education in Medical Schools</b> Eliat Phone: 972-2-6520574	Web Site: <a href="http://www.meetings@isas.co.il">www.meetings@isas.co.il</a>
3/23-3/25	<b>1st Int'l Conf. Psychiatry, Law And Ethics</b> Eliat Phone: 972-2-6520574	Web Site: <a href="http://www.meetings@isas.co.il">www.meetings@isas.co.il</a>
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4/18-4/23	<b>11th Biennial Congress of The European Society for Surgical Oncology</b> Jerusalem Phone: 972-3-5140014	Web Site: <a href="http://www.kenes.com">www.kenes.com</a>
4/19-4/24	<b>World Congress of the Int'l Federation for the Surgery of Obesity</b> Tel Aviv Phone: Phone: 972-3-5140014	Web Site: <a href="http://www.kenes.com">www.kenes.com</a>

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