

Honoring Alpha Omega Leaders



Alpha Omega Fraternity and American Friends of Tel Aviv University mourned the passing of their dear friend **Ralph B. Rothstein**, of blessed memory, on December 19, 2010. He was a valued member of the University's International Board

of Governors and of the American Friends Board of Directors; and even though he wasn't a dental professional, Mr. Rothstein was an honorary member of Alpha Omega, following in the footsteps of his father, Robert J. Rothstein.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Mr. Ralph Rothstein know about his commitment to Tel Aviv University and the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine, which is demonstrated by both The Bette and Ralph Rothstein Fund for Restorative Dentistry and his tireless work on the School's behalf. He and his trusted philanthropic partner Dr. Ben A. Williamowsky helped found the school, energized alumni and raised millions of dollars in pursuit of their goal — to make it one of the best teaching, research and clinical dental institutions in the world. In appreciation, the University conferred an honorary fellowship on Mr. Rothstein in 1987.

Mr. Rothstein was president of Dent Rite Enterprises, and for 30 years before that headed the family firm, Rothstein Dental Laboratories, Inc., which was started by his father in 1906. After his retirement in 1978, the younger Mr. Rothstein worked full time on philanthropic causes primarily for the benefit of Israel and dentistry. Also, on behalf of his family, he built and equipped dental facilities at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington and the National Children's Center, then known as the Jewish Foundation for Retarded Children.

Mr. Rothstein was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School and a frequent lecturer at Howard University and various professional events. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Washington Jewish Community Foundation, a Life Member of American Friends of Magen David Adom and served on the Board of Adas Israel Congregation and the dental committees of United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds.

Mr. Rothstein is survived by his wife Bette, their children, Robin and Robert Berman, Randy and Sheri Rothstein, Audrey Rothstein and Frank Lipson and Russell and Susan Rothstein, as well as 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Upon retiring from the Bethesda, Maryland-based dental practice he founded – Williamowsky, Taff, Levine & Dunn DDS PA –

Dr. Ben A. Williamowsky turned his attention full-time to the Mid-Atlantic Office of American Friends of Tel Aviv University and the Alpha Omega Foundation, the

philanthropic arm of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity. He is a current member of the Tel Aviv University Board of Governors and the American Friends Board of Directors; and a past international president of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity and a past chairman and current Board member of the Alpha Omega Foundation.

Dr. Williamowsky earned his DDS from the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1948. He is a former long-time member of the dental school's Board of Visitors and a current member of the Maryland University Educational Foundation, The Terrapin Lettermans Club and its Heritage Society. Dr. Williamowsky received the Dental School's "Alumnus of the Year Award" in 2003.

He has been honored with the Washington, DC Jewish Social Agency's Prisker Award for Community Service, the Hadassah Myrtle Wreath Award, the Jewish National Fund Man of the Year Award and the Maimonides Award from the Israel Bonds Committee of Greater Washington.

With his trusted philanthropic partner and lifelong friend, Ralph Rothstein Z"L, as well as Sonny Lefcoe Z"L, Dr. Williamowsky helped to found the Tel Aviv University Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine – energizing alumni and raising millions of dollars in service of their shared goal to make the School one of the best teaching, research and clinical institutions in the world. In appreciation, Tel Aviv University conferred an honorary fellowship on Dr. Williamowsky in 1999.

Dr. Williamowsky continues to work tirelessly on behalf of the university and its School of Dental Medicine. He and his wife Minna have three children, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.