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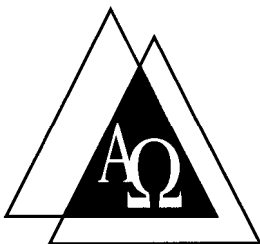
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ALPHA OMEGA

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GOOD NEWS AT TAUSDM: SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN – PROFESSOR ELI TO SUCCEED HAIM TAL AS HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thanks to the tireless efforts of many people, Tel Aviv University has announced that the School of Dental Medicine will resume full operations in the Fall, admitting a first year class,

and continuing with present classes. Professor Ilana Eli a long time senior faculty member has been elected as Head of the School, succeeding Professor Haim Tal, whose term will expire

in October. Haim has worked literally around the clock to “save the School”. He has promised invaluable support to Ilana.

IT HAS JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT THE TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY'S GOLDSCHLEGER SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE FOUNDED BY ALPHA OMEGA WILL OPEN THIS FALL ACCEPTING STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST AND FOURTH YEAR. THIS MEANS THAT THE DENTAL SCHOOL WHOSE CONTINUED EXISTENCE WAS IN JEOPARDY WILL REMAIN OPEN AND WILL REGAIN THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT IT ONCE HELD AS A TEACHING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTION IN THE FIELD OF DENTISTRY.

THIS GIANT STEP IN THE PROPER DIRECTION IS A RESULT OF A CONCERTED AND TIRELESS EFFORT BY ALPHA OMEGA/TAUSDM DENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, MANY OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE TAU BOARD OF GOVERNORS. THEY INCLUDE ANDRE AMIACH, MERVYN DRUIAN, STAN BERGMAN, STEVE KESS, HOWARD PRANIKOFF, GERALD NIZNICK, HAROLD PREISKEL, ELISHA BEN-ZUR, NORMAN MOHL, LEO SREEBNY, AVI CHESNER, RALPH ROTHSTEIN, BEN WILLIAMOWSKY. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS LED BY HEAD OF THE SCHOOL, PROFESSOR HAIM TAL. WE WILL LIKEWISE BE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO TAU PRESIDENT YOSSI KLAFTER, TO YOSSI MEKORI (DEAN OF THE SACKLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE) AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS OF THE UNIVERSITY, WORKING CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONTROL OF FUNDING FOR EDUCATION.

ALSO TO BE APPLAUDED IS THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SUGGEST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE DENTAL SCHOOL TO SURVIVE...AND THRIVE. ALPHA OMEGA WAS STRONGLY REPRESENTED BY DEAN ADAM STABHOLZ OF THE HADASSAH SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE FOUNDED BY ALPHA OMEGA AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY AND FORMER DEAN, PROFESSOR ARIYEH STEYER.



Dental Advisory Board Meeting

THE ONUS IS NOW ON US (ALPHA OMEGA) TO SUPPORT ITS DELAYED CAMPAIGN, THE FUTURE IS NOW! WE MUST NOT LET THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PASS THROUGH OUR HANDS.



Ben, President Klafter, Haim & Howard

PROF. ILANA ELI, DMD

The Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine Tel-Aviv University
Founded by Alpha Omega



Prof. Ilana Eli graduated in 1976 from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, and has been member of the faculty at the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine since 1978. Prof. Eli holds a post graduate license in Oral Rehabilitation (Prosthodontics) and a degree of full Professor at the Department of Oral Rehabilitation at the TAU School of Dental Medicine.

Prof. Eli specializes in the field of behavioral sciences in dentistry and of chronic and acute pain in dental care. She published over 100 scientific papers and is the author of a leading textbook on the subject -“Oral Psychophysiology: Stress, Pain and Behavior in Dental Care” published by CRC Scientific Press, Inc.

Since 2008, Prof Eli serves as Associate Editor of the prestigious Journal of Orofacial Pain.

HAITIAN RELIEF CONTINUES – ALPHA OMEGA FUNDS DENTAL CARE

The Foundation is pleased to report that its donation to the Oral Health of Haiti Coalition has helped the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) satisfy its “wish list” of supplies, chairs and units that help to deliver care to the displaced people living in resettlement areas around Port-au-Prince. The labor and overhead for the mobile chairs have been donated, but the raw materials need to be purchased. Dr. Christina Lafontant, Coalition leader in Haiti will be in charge of monitoring supplies at the clinics and the Dental School. The experience in

rebuilding Haiti has revealed the need for detailed guidelines for coordinating a disaster relief effort to restore oral health services. This well directed program will result in the publishing a PAHO brochure entitled “Post-disaster Needs Assessment Guidelines for Oral Health Services”. Alpha Omega’s contribution to the needs assessment that was conducted in Haiti will be mentioned in the brochure. *THERE IS STILL A GREAT NEED TO SUPPORT THE REBUILDING EFFORT, AND ALL ALPHA*

OMEGANS ARE URGED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATION’S HAITIAN RELIEF FUND!



WALK THE WALK & TALK THE TALK – DENTISTRY FOR ALL IN GUATEMALA

The following is a condensed report of a news item that recently appeared in the *Messenger Post* in Farmington, NY: “Last week, Joshua Souweine {ed. Note: ‘our Josh Souweine’}, a practicing dentist in Farmington, made his second trip to the impoverished Central American Country. He got involved with “Dentistry For All” through two of his best friends, Brad Krusky, a pediatric dentist from Calgary, and Shane Fisher, a pediatric dentist from Chicago {ed. Note: ‘our Brad Krusky and Shane Fisher’}. All three are members of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity and the Alpha Omega Foundation, US...the philanthropic arm of the Fraternity. Josh, Brad, Shane, and a support group of auxiliary personal (some 300 strong) have treated over 12,000 patients in the small mountain town of Comitancillo performing over 30,000 procedures!”

This year, Alpha Omega’s Guatemala team wrapped up its work in Comitancillo and said ‘goodbye’ to a part of the largest-ever contingent of volunteers who served this needy community. Brad Krusky has supplied the Foundation with a most complete narrative of the work of the AO team and other volunteers in Comi helping to establish a more sustainable dental care system. Many worked there for periods of up to six months! The volunteer group has also treated children in inner Guatemala City as well as in shanty towns on its outskirts.



and treatment rendered; many of the accounts were personal and moving. Interaction with patients as well as caregivers and professionals is detailed in most compelling and readable narrative.

The Foundation invites anyone who wishes to read Brad’s moving story of oral healthcare in Guatemala to do so via an e-mail message to the Foundation... The accompanying photos help to tell only part of this wonderful story.



Opening New Clinic

Brad Krusky, the organization’s Executive Director, wrote a beautifully scripted accounting of the experiences of the team of volunteers that made “Dentistry for All” exactly that...in Guatemala. It covers the journey through the country to remote and needy areas



Shane Fisher & Patient



The New Clinic

VIVA L'FRANCE — SUPPORT FOR TAUSDM REMAINS STRONG

Andre Amiach has continued his mission to support dentistry, arriving in Tel Aviv in May where he attended the TAU Board of Governor's conference and the Dental Advisory Board of the School of Dental Medicine. There was an impressive ceremony at the Reesa and Gerald Niznick Dental Clinic where Andre presented several checks from the Paris, Lyon, and.....AO chapters, dedicating full operatories in the recently opened facility. There was also

a presentation made of a fantastic amount of Dental Supplies and Instruments fro the ACTEON Dental Supply House of France. The value of the gift is more than \$75,000 USD!



Alain & Andre

Following the unveiling of the

plaques at the entry to the various operatories, Andre presented a lecture at which TAU President Yossi Klafter, representatives of the Paris and Lyon Chapters, and officials of ACTEON were introduced.



President Klafter Speaks

President Klafter addressed the body, discussing the difficulties that the Dental School had faced in recent years, and

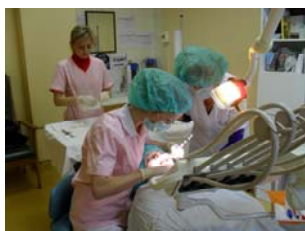


Haim, Sydney & Andre

plans for its 'revival'. We were encouraged.

JHI-AO CONNECTION REMAINS STRONG — MARC ROTHMAN VISITS RIGA

For a number of years, the Alpha Omega Foundation has enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with the Jewish Healthcare International (JHI). This organization, with headquarters in Atlanta, GA, has been at the forefront of supplying medical and dental healthcare to people in Eastern Europe, particularly in the States of the former Soviet Union. Recently they have expanded their mission by offering aid to the Ethiopian immigrants in Israel. The connection to AO is obvious as we (the Foundation) have been supportive, through our grants program, of the JHI projects and programs as concerns Oral Care. Former PIP's Sidney Tourial and Ben Williamowsky as well as Larry Selinger and Marc Rothman have served on their Board of Directors.



Volunteers

Through the years the JHI programs have been enhanced by volunteers in the Medical and Dental Community who have travelled at their own expense to the areas where care is needed. The care is either 'hands-on' or in the interest of setting up programs for proper treatment. Our Marc Rothman, a well respected oral surgeon, (Vice Chair of the US Alpha Omega Foundation) recently travelled on a JHI mission to Riga, Latvia. A condensed accounting of his work is detailed in this following article:

"Riga is the Capitol of Latvia, a Baltic country situated between Lithuania and Estonia. It has a history of occupation by Poles, Swedes, Germans and Russians. It has dealt through the ages with unimaginable horror, tragedy, and sorrow, yet continues to promote moral and ethical morals. Marc first went on a medical mission to Riga in 2008, and has recently returned from another, where he has helped to develop the dental center at the Birkur Holim Jewish Center. {ed.note: Active in the dental center is a Latvian AO member, Leonid Barron}. In spite of the suppres-

sion of the would-be doctors to gain admission to medical and dental schools, they have become well trained experts in a variety of fields, from the founding of the Hospital in 1924 to the present.



Lecture by Medical Director Roger Brick

Working with Stuart Fischman and Dov Sheldon Sydney (both AO members), Marc worked on developing a center of excellence...training dentists to implement new systems of treatment planning, infection control, pathology recognition, implantology, occlusal concepts, endodontic, periodontic, and advanced oral surgery procedures. Since 1992, after the hospital was returned to the Jewish Community by the Riga City Council, Bikur Holim has provided over 40,000 medical treatment and 80,000 dental visits! Hospital improvements

have been made with the help of sponsors and benefactors from abroad, including many Alpha Omegans and the Alpha Omega Foundation. To Marc, we say Kol Hakovod! It is but another example of Alpha Omega's commitment to GOHI."

{Any Alpha Omega member who wishes to become part of the great experience, at the same time promoting the mission of the Foundation, is encouraged to contact Marc Rothman or the Alpha Omega Foundation. Some of Marc's photos of his recent trip appear with this article.}



Bikur Holim Hospital, Riga

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN SAM BLUM



I am pleased to report that communication between the Fraternity and the Foundation is continuing at a high level. Much appreciation is extended to Alpha Omega International President Charlene Berkman who has helped to foster this relationship. I invite you to read her message published in the Newsletter. With

outstanding help from our Foundation Office, several projects have been initiated this year. Our Haiti Emergency Relief Fund efforts resulted in significant contributions to the special Haiti Oral Health Care, directed by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) following the devastating earthquake earlier this year. The Foundation continues to raise funds as our contribution has helped to rebuild the Haitian Dental School

levelled by the disaster. I likewise invite you to read the PAHO report in this Newsletter edition.

Of special note is the improvement and strengthening of our Tribute Card Program and the ongoing plans for our fundraising activities at the Alpha Omega Convention in San Diego. Marshal Bob Simon has been particularly helpful, and I also wish to take this opportunity to thank Richard Brody, spouse of President Berkman, who has been

outstanding in helping us to plan the Foundation Gala and the Foundation Auction.

I am hopeful that by the time this issue goes to press there will be good news regarding the efforts to revive, resuscitate, and refurbish the Tel Aviv University School of Dental Medicine. Ralph Rothstein and Ben Williamowsky are to be applauded for their leadership roles in bringing desired plans to fruition.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CHARLENE BERKMAN



It is essential for both Alpha Omega International Fraternity, and for the Alpha Omega Foundation, to coexist in a synergistic manner. As International President for 2010, I have made sure that Foundation Chairman Sam Blum has been included in all phone calls and other communications and activities of the Board of Directors of the Fraternity. We are attempting to assist

the Foundation, with all their efforts for their Fundraising Events at the upcoming International Convention in San Diego, in December.

The three essentials of the Fraternity- Professionalism; Fraternalism; and Judaic values- are what makes AO unique. The Foundation is an ideal vehicle for the principles of "tzedaka" and "tikun olam." President-Elect Michael Tenenbaum is coordinating a "GOHI Day" for Dec 25th at the Convention, where the community service aspect of both the

Fraternity and Foundation will be evident and visible.

The stronger the AO Fraternity is, the stronger the Foundation becomes. I have made 2010's emphasis, "The Year of the Member," and urge all of us to help grow and strengthen our Fraternity. We are enhancing our Membership Benefits and improving communication. My goal is to get members to know how important they are to the Fraternity, and to realize how essential the Fraternity should be to them.

I look forward to a large attendance at the San Diego Convention, which by helping the Fraternity, will also enhance the Foundation's fund-raising opportunities for their events. Please join me in attending the outstanding evening functions and golf outing. I urge all fraters to attend, as well as urging everyone they know to also attend. We have a spectacular fun filled week planned with CE, family orientated activities, value-packed tours, and many fraternal activities at the convention!

IRVING "BUD" ROTHSTEIN HONORED BY DC DENTAL SOCIETY

At a special ceremony in June, Bud Rothstein was named the recipient of the DC Dental Society's prestigious "Humanitarian of the Year Award". Bud is the older brother of AO honorary member, Ralph Rothstein, and a long time member of Alpha Omega, having joined as a student member at University of Pennsylvania Dental School from which he graduated in 1941! He served in the Army (Pacific theater) and was awarded a bronze star for bravery on the island of Okinawa. He is the recipient of many awards from his peers, and has held many

positions during his stellar career as a practicing dentist in Washington. He is a Fellow of both the American and the International College of Dentists, as well as the Academy of General Dentists, chairing many positions in those organizations. Bud is a Past President of the Washington Alumni Chapter of AO, and has served on the Pro-bono dental panel of the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. At age 92, he still volunteers as a member of the Dental Board at the Home. The Clinic was founded and equipped by Bud and Ralph's Dad, Robert Rothstein,

likewise an honorary member of AO, and an honorary member of the DC Dental Society as is Ralph. For more than 35 years he treated patients, pro-bono, from the "N Street Village", together with his dental Hygienist. The clinic, which he helped open in 1998 in the Wellness Center of the Village, has treated homeless women who have been rehabilitated at the Center. There have been over 8000 hours of service under Bud (and his Hygienist's) direction. After his retirement, he still participated actively in the direction of dental care.

Picture this!: At the awards ceremony, Bud (age 92) was seated with Sidney Greenspan (93), Clem Alpert (98)...all members of Alpha Omega! KOL HAKOVOD, BUD!



Allan Singer, Bud & Clem Alpert

GIVE and RECEIVE: The Alpha Omega Foundation Gift Annuity Program

Here's some good news – Americans are living longer. The older you are now, the greater the chance that you will live beyond the life expectancy of just a few years ago. For example, if you reach the age of 70, you will now live, on average, to age 86.

Receiving good medical care is one likely factor contributing to this good news.

Other factors include advances during the past century such as cleaner water, the discovery of antibiotics to fight infections, fortifying food to combat dietary deficiencies, safer roads and vehicles, and better health

strategies. All of these play a part in longer and healthier lives.

With a longer life span come concerns that you may outlive your resources. For that reason, many Alpha Omegas and friends of Alpha Omegas are realizing the benefits of an Alpha Omega Foundation Charitable Gift Annuity.

Quite simply, lifetime payments through the Alpha Omega foundation Charitable Gift Annuity will provide an income stream for as long as you or your spouse is alive – for more years than you

may have previously expected. Plus you will also be entitled to a substantial charitable gift annuity.

Charitable Gift Annuities offer payments based on your age. Most fraters have chosen to defer their annuity payments until retirement and even beyond – the older you are, the higher the payment. The best scenario is to invest in a Charitable Gift Annuity now, take advantage of a substantial charitable deduction this year and receive annuity payments when YOU choose to have them start with ADDITIONAL charitable deductions.

For information on a Charitable Gift Annuity specifically for you, fill out the attached postcard questionnaire on the last page of this newsletter and return the questionnaire to our office: Alpha Omega Foundation, 50 West Edmonston Drive, Suite 404, Rockville, MD, 20852. You can also email me the information on the form to: "glenbrook24@verizon.net".

I will be happy to prepare a confidential, personalized proposal for a Charitable Gift Annuity for you.

Ralph B. Rothstein
Charitable Gift Coordinator

PERSONAL LETTER TO US FOUNDATION — Frater Murray and Barbara Tell It Like It Is Following is a personal letter from Murray Miller & Barbara Regarding their CGA

Dear Ben and Ralph,

Guess what! In my mail today there arrived a nice, unexpected check from the AO Foundation. It was my first Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) dividend. I bought the annuity 7 years ago, and, of course I had 'forgotten' about it since that time. What a nice surprise! The reality of my investment in Alpha Omega was in my hand with a guarantee every three months of a check for the same amount while Barbara and I are still on this earth. The yield we are getting is about 3 times the amount that 'safe' investments are getting today. Barbara and I only wish we had invested more! If possible we will purchase another in the near future.

We strongly urge our fellow Alpha Omega members (especially the younger ones...who can expect an even greater return by deferring dividend payments) to consider this vehicle of investing, particularly in these uncertain and volatile economic times. We are so pleased that we did this. Thank you, Ben and Ralph for creating the opportunity to benefit us and the Foundation as well.

Fraternally,

Murray and Barbara



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ACKNOWLEDGE GOOD NEWS OR EVEN SAD NEWS

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Contact Gail Schupak: schupakdmd@aol.com or the Foundation Office



HADASSAH OPENS ITS ARMS TO ALPHA OMEGA MEMORABILIA

As Alpha Omega has moved its quarters from New York, to Baltimore, to Pennsylvania, to New Jersey, and now to Colorado, it has been fol-



lowed by memorabilia from years gone by. There are exotic records, photographs, plaques, special awards, jewelry, publications, etc. with no place to go. Presently they are being housed in storage facilities. A decision will soon be made on what to keep, what to remain and what to be displayed.

Adam Stabholz to the rescue! Adam, Dean of the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, Founded by Alpha Omega at



Hebrew University, has sug-

gested moving those items to a beautiful area in the newly refurbished Dental School, to be dedicated as "The Museum of History of the Alpha Omega Fraternity". Officers of the Fraternity are now in the process of determining which items should be shipped to Israel. The Hadassah Medical Organization has graciously offered to arrange for shipment of the items. It will be yet another reason to visit the School.

A Twist of Fate for New Alpha Omega Museum - by Dean Adam Stabholz

Life is full of surprises... this is what happened when an interesting twist of fate united Alpha Omegans Sam Wexler, Bernard Spiro z"l, and Mario Ulmansky z"l with our Dental School.

Dr. Sam Wexler from Chicago is a well known dental antique aficionado who has contributed from his private antique collection to several dental schools and museums. And his only contribution outside of the United States is to the dental museum at The Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine which was established in memory of our third dean, Prof. Mario Ulmansky.

I saw one of Sam and Charlotte Wexler's exhibits or 'works of love' while visiting the A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health in Phoenix, and thought what an exceptional addition to our dental school it would be if we had a similar exhibit.

I discovered that the person

behind the exciting exhibit was Dr. Sam Wexler from Chicago, a member of the large Alpha Omega family. Frater Dan Uditsky, Alpha Omega President at the time, from Chicago, helped make the connections which eased the flow of events.

While planning one part of the dental exhibit entitled "The dental office the way it was in 1913", Dr. Wexler looked for photos to personalize the dental office. After combing the Alpha Omega archives, he chose the 1913 Chicago College of Dental Surgery class graduation photo and that of its graduate, Dr. Bernard Spiro. Sam heard of Dr. Spiro, his dedication as a teacher and of his contribution to the welfare of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.



I was amazed at Sam's random choice. Dr. Bernard Spiro was a founder of the dental school and endowed its first chair, The Dr. Bernard Spiro Chair for a Distinguished Visiting Scientist, in 1975. And the dean who orchestrated this procedure was Prof. Mario Ulmansky!

From an article printed by The Hebrew University in 1975: "The Dr. Bernard Spiro Chair for a Distinguished Visiting Scientist in the Faculty of Dental Medicine was inaugurated at the University in July 1975. Dr. Spiro of Chicago, received a scroll citing the Chair's establishment. Present at the ceremony, chaired by University President Harman was former Prime Minister Gold Meir; the Dean of the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Prof. Mario Ulmansky; University Vice-Presidents and many faculty members and friends."

"Prof. Ulmansky, presenting the scroll explained the importance of the Spiro Chair. By enabling the Dental Faculty to invite outstanding professors

to spend their sabbaticals at the University, teaching and guiding research, the Chair would ensure that their expertise would reach all our students and faculty members, not just one or two sent abroad to study. By inviting someone from a different field each year, he said, the University would achieve the greatest benefit from the available resources."

Praising Bernard Spiro as one who had devoted his life to Israel, the University, and especially the Dental School, Prof. Ulmansky pointed to the highest esteem which he is held by his own community in Chicago which in 1973 gave him the S.Y. Agnon Award. Prof. Ulmansky then read the citation, which states in part: Bernard Spiro, the scion of a family with a centuries-old tradition of Jewish scholarship and communal service, is totally committed to advancing the welfare of his people and the State of Israel.

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AO Museum Continued

His dedicated efforts have been widely recognized both here in Israel and in his own United States of America and he holds a long list of prestigious awards... In the course of time every aspect of our work at the Faculty will show the benefit of the Spiro Chair, as it already bears the imprint of all he has so wholeheartedly helped us within the past.

Accepting the scroll Dr. Spiro

said that of all honors he had received, the most valued were those from institutions of learning. "Great educational institutions build a nation," he stated. He recalled the opening of the University in 1925, and noted with pleasure the presence at this Jubilee Year ceremony of two past Deans of the Dental Faculty, Profs. Lewin-Epstein and Ino Sciaky, with whom he had worked closely

over the years."

Call it serendipity, kismet or



Charlotte Wexler, Adam Stabholz & Sam Wexler

destiny but Sam Wexler reunited these two people after 35 years. They contributed so much in their lifetime to our dental school and continue to do so even now!

The beautiful two part exhibit is located on the second floor of our dental school and is a pleasure for all to see. Make sure you don't miss it on your next visit to Jerusalem.

ALPHA OMEGA'S GLOBAL ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE: The Next Step

Alpha Omega has a long history of dedication to the ideals of high ethical standards and high levels of professionalism. Included in these ideals is recognition that what makes a well rounded professional is a devotion to others through giving back to the world. In response to the wonderful lives we are privileged to lead, a consummate professional donates time and money to causes that improve the world as we know it. Our AO Fraternity has decided to give greater substance to our desire to improve the world by establishing The Global Oral Health Initiative, known informally as GOHI.

GOHI represents all that is good about us. It encompasses our volunteer efforts with "Give kids a smile", with "Tomorrow's Smiles", Dental Volunteers for Israel, Dentistry for Holocaust Survivors, Special Olympics, programs which feed the poor, and organizational efforts for numerous other philanthropic organizations. GOHI is represented by

dental and maxillofacial clinics we have established and support in Guatemala, Latvia, Eritrea, Israel, and of course the United States. GOHI is represented by our commitment to dental research and education, worldwide, with fellowship training for future dental leaders, research at numerous institutions, and founding support and development for the dental schools in Israel. And finally, GOHI encompasses our commitment to using the uplifting nature of dental healthcare as a bridge between differing peoples, promoting peace in the spirit of cooperation and the common shared interest of defeating debilitating disease.

An example of the ultimate proof that improving dental healthcare can unite people behind a common goal is represented by the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education. This center, has for years, brought dentists to Israel, from surrounding Middle Eastern countries, for advanced education. The

relationships which spawned eventually led to friendships between the Deans at Hebrew University and Al Quds University and the eventual establishment of "The Middle East Dental Conference". Four successive conferences have been held since. In 2007, a sculpture was dedicated by Alan Finklestein to represent this historic movement, "The Tree of Peace."

Because there is an inextricable link between our GOHI efforts and the fostering of peaceful relationships, our Fraternity leaders voted, with the blessing of the artist, to adopt the "Tree of Peace" design as Alpha Omega International Fraternity's new brand. The tree is organic, living, and developing. It represents peace, health, and hope. As one studies the tree, one can recognize the Hebrew letter shin, representing the word Shalom (Peace), and a dove sitting on a branch.

This new brand is to become a physical symbol for not only

representing our good work, but also, for rewarding those who donate to our worthy causes. A schedule of levels of giving and corresponding rewards is noted below. It is the Fraternity's goal to have all of its foundations, chapters, and members participate in using this schedule when recognizing its donors. The eventual goal is to have the "Tree of Peace" recognized as synonymous with Alpha Omega and our Global Oral Health Initiative.



Artist Hedva Ser with "Tree of Peace"

Several pieces of Hedva's beautiful creations portraying the "Tree of Peace" will be available for different levels of giving. They include lapel pins, broaches, medallions, and other beauties.

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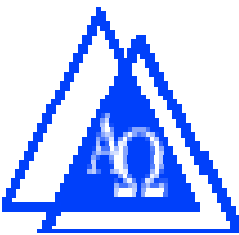
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