

## Reflecting on Yom Hashoah

### Millie Selinger's Story: A Journey of Resilience



Millie Selinger, the wife of Larry Selinger, previous Chair of the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation, is known for her book *Hidden in the Open*, in which she recounts the story of her and her family's survival and resilience during and after the Holocaust.

Born in Poland in 1938, Millie was just a year old when the Nazis invaded. To survive, her mother adopted Ukrainian identities for the family, changing their names and living as Christians with the help of a priest. They hid in plain sight, even hanging swastikas in their home while secretly aiding the underground resistance. Nearly 40 of Millie's relatives were killed in Nazi death camps.

After the war, the family made their way to Germany and eventually arrived in New York City in 1948. Despite the trauma, Millie learned English by fifth grade and found strength within her Jewish community. Today, she lives in Florida and continues to share her powerful story of survival and hope.

The Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation remains committed to supporting Holocaust survivors through the Alpha Omega–Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program, which offers comprehensive dental care to survivors living in poverty across North America. To learn more about the Holocaust Survivors program, [click here](#).

## Highlights of Global Impact

### A Night at the Alpha Omega Germany Gala



Drs. Bernie Kahn, Eldad Helft & Sharonit Sahar Helft

On March 28, 2025, Alpha Omega Germany hosted a gala at Wolkenburg in Cologne during the 41st International Dental Show (IDS). Members, families, and international guests gathered for an evening of celebration.

Highlights of the evening were by remarks from Dr. Eldad Helft, International President of Alpha Omega, who spoke about the global impact of Alpha Omega's work and praised the German chapter's contributions.



Dr. Steven Spitz & Dr. Marc Rothman

In addition, Dr. Marc Rothman, Chairman of the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation, emphasized the importance of international collaboration and spoke about the Holocaust Survivor Care Program, a partnership with Henry Schein, supporting Holocaust survivors around the world.

The evening reflected Alpha Omega's enduring global mission of service and connection.

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case reviews in the *Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry*, a highly respected, peer-reviewed dental publication indexed in PubMed.

When Alpha Omega discontinued its own journal due to cost, *Compendium* honored the Journal's founding editors, Dr. D. Walter Cohen and his father, Dr. Abram Cohen, by providing a dedicated section for AO member contributions. While this tradition continues, our presence in the journal has diminished in recent years.

We invite all interested AO members to join us in contributing to this effort. Let's work together to bring Alpha Omega's voice—and excellence—back to the pages of *Compendium*.

To learn how you can publish your research, please reply directly to this [email](#).

## Renewing Minds – Restoring Hope

### Supporting the Mental Well-Being of Our Israeli Dental Community

We invite you to join the **International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations** in establishing a dedicated fund for The Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University-Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine. Both institutions are struggling to provide essential psychological services for their faculty and students.

As Jewish dentists, we have a profound responsibility to stand with our Israeli colleagues. We implore you to take action and support our fellow Alpha Omegans in need.

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## Mazal Tov Moments



**Mazal tov** to **Peter J. Klein** on being named to the Forbes 2025 America's Top Wealth Advisors and Best-In-State Wealth Advisors lists!

Peter is not only a valued board member of the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation, but also serves as our trusted financial advisor and a generous supporter through the Claire Friedlander Foundation.

We are proud to celebrate this well-earned recognition of his professional excellence and philanthropic spirit.

**Mazal Tov** to **Michael Tenenbaum** on his nomination as National President of Tel Aviv University Canada!

Michael has made lasting contributions to the Alpha Omega International Dental Society as the Past Chairman of the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada. He was instrumental in the campaign for the Rothstein-Williamowsky Post Graduate Clinic at Tel Aviv University Dental School—an initiative proudly funded by Alpha Omega. His extraordinary efforts were recognized with a commemorative stone pillar at the entrance to Tel Aviv University's School of Dental Medicine.

Mazal Tov Michael - we look forward to seeing the continued impact of your visionary leadership.





Happy 100th Anniversary to the Alpha Omega Detroit Alumni Chapter!

The chapter will celebrate its centennial anniversary at a special dinner on May 7th. To register for the dinner, please [click here](#).

For 100 years, the Detroit Alumni Chapter has been a beacon of leadership, philanthropy, and commitment to the core values of Alpha Omega. As part of the evening, Detroit chapter members Michael Shapiro and Jamie Feldman will present their joint photography exhibit, *From Heaven to Earth*, a stunning collection celebrating astronomy and nature. Their artistry not only brings smiles to faces but also enriches the cultural landscape, highlighting the profound connection between art and science.

Here's to the generations who built this legacy—and to the future you will continue to shape together.

*A portion of all art sales will benefit the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation.*

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A **Mazel Tov** to **PIP Marvin Sonne** on being installed—for the second time—as President of the Francis B. Vedder Crown & Bridge Prosthodontic Society for 2025!

Yasher Koach on this well-deserved honor!



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**Mazel Tov** to Fraters **Sharon Brown and Michael Pollowitz** on the birth of grandson **Benjamin Samuel Pollowitz** on April 17th to proud parents Ashley and Andrew Pollowitz

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**Mazel Tov** to **Wendy and Frater Steven Kaufman** on the birth of grandson **Caleb Joseph Harvey** on April 10th to proud parents Lisa and Andrew Harvey

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**Mazel Tov** to **Bruce Braverman** on his 80th birthday! To honor his 80th, Bruce ran an impressive 8.0 miles with a fantastic group of friends from The Villages Running Club, proving that age is just a number when you've got heart and hustle.

He also kicked off this new chapter by racing in "The Running of the Squares," a 5K event that's part of The Villages' race series and the official 5K of The Villages'

Senior Games. In his very first race in the 80–84 age group, Bruce finished 1st out of 15 runners with an incredible time of 26:40—earning him top honors in both the race and a gold medal in the Senior Games.

Bruce, your determination, spirit, and passion for running continue to inspire everyone around you. Here's to many more miles and milestones. Happy 80th!





**Mazal Tov** to AO US Dental Foundation Board Member **Joe Brietman** and his wife **Barbara** on the engagement of their daughter **Lela to Jason McMahon!**

We join your family in celebrating this joyful milestone and wish Lela and Jason a lifetime filled with love, laughter, and meaningful moments together. May their journey ahead be as beautiful and inspiring as the love that brought them to this day.

**Mazal Tov to PIP Marvin and Fran Sonne** on the graduation of their oldest granddaughter, **Ashleigh Brown**, from high school!

Ashleigh, of Peachtree City, GA, is off to begin an exciting new chapter this fall at **Georgia College and State University (GCSU)**. We can't wait to see all the incredible things she will accomplish as she continues to grow and shine.



**Why should you support the tribute program?** The income from the tribute program is essential for funding smaller, yet impactful initiatives. Without this support, we wouldn't be able to respond to the many requests we receive from chapters and partners across the United States and Israel. Every dollar from tributes directly supports these initiatives, empowering us to make a difference where it matters most.

Help make a difference today!

[Send a Tribute](#)

## Gratitude in Abundance

### Honoring Our Generous Supporters

On behalf of the **Alpha Omega Foundation US**, we express our deepest gratitude for the unwavering support and generous gifts.

Thank you, donors!

Below is a list of gifts received by the Foundation for April 2025.

#### General Fund

- Morris Antonelli

#### Renewing Minds, Restoring Hope

- Marcelo Bercovici
- Laura Ruof

#### Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program

- Henry Cares Foundation Schein

#### In Honor of Matthew Zizmor

##### Gold

- AO Boston Alumni Chapter
- Steven and Laurie Spitz

#### In Honor of Sharon Brown & Michael Pollowitz on the birth of grandson

##### Silver

- Sam and Phyllis Blum

#### In Memory Of Muriel Simon - Mother of Frater Fred Simon

##### Silver

- Sam and Phyllis Blum
- Bernice Edelstein and Donald Finerget
- Mark Mazin and Robin Pollack-Mazin

##### Gold

- The Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program

#### In Memory Of Myrna - Sister of Richard Brody wife of (PIP) Charlene Berkman

##### Platinum

- Gail Ellen Schupak and Lloyd Grauman

#### In Memory Of Perry Brickman

##### Gold

- AO Boston Alumni Chapter
- Steven and Laurie Spitz

#### In Memory of Susan Rutman

##### Platinum

- Gail Ellen Schupak and Lloyd Grauman

#### In Memory of Emil Landes

##### Gold

- Bernie Kahn

## Honoring May Birthdays

Celebrate a friend's birthday by sending a card from the foundation supporting our work supporting the needs of Israel and AO US Society Chapters. [Click here!](#)

### May 1

- Robert N. Mann
- Bernard S. Zager

### May 2

- Rachelle L. Shaw

### May 4

- Jay S. Slomovitz
- Lawrence E. Brown

### May 6

- Samuel M. Talmer
- Gregory Gertsen
- David E. Weiss

### May 7

- Paul Landman
- Glen R. Meyer

### May 9

- Robert J. Rosenberg
- Michael Feinberg

### May 10

- Gail Schupak
- Mark J. Perelmutter
- Jordan L. Schweitzer
- John C. Shefferman

### May 11

- Robert G. Nakisher
- R. Bruce Donoff
- Robert G. Nakisher

### May 12

- Benjamin M. Kaseff

### May 13

- Ronald G. Heiber
- Louis Kaufman
- John Kittleson
- Shalom I. Benzaquen

### May 14

- Miles D. Lazerwitz
- William C. Feingold
- Aaron Rose
- Jacob Rubner

### May 15

- Mark A. Padolsky
- Aaron Segal
- Jeffrey S. Genecov

### May 18

- Robert E. Weiss
- Richard L. Marcus
- Jason B. Ingber

### May 20

- Jerrold M. Kirzner
- Karen P. Meyers

### May 21

- Judith Finkelman
- Mitchell S. Milan
- Herschel Berger
- Shira Wald

### May 23

- Deena Zimmerman

### May 24

- Katie Carroll

### May 25

- David H. Kornbluth
- Marc Cohn
- Randall L. Shaw
- Ellen R. Hoffman-Pelz

### May 27

- Judith Goldstein
- Yuval Azulay

### May 28

- David M. Jacobs
- Norman Katzoff

### May 29

- Marc S. Tarnopol
- Brian Gross

### May 30

- Lous Seiden

### May 31

- Bernard N. Rothman
- Jeffrey M. Henkin

Please notify the Foundation about any upcoming events, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, milestones, or a loss. Your communication of these life events helps us foster a supportive and caring environment within our Foundation community.

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