



Building Impact Together

Dear Friends,

Today, there are many important causes competing for our attention. Yet the Alpha Omega U.S. Dental Foundation remains steadfast in its mission: to support Jewish dentists and dental students in the United States and Israel.

We believe our professional duty and sacred calling are rooted in the principle of tikkun olam—the moral imperative to heal and repair the world. This is not merely a value we uphold; it is a shared commitment that binds us together in times of darkness and calls us to action in moments of need.

Our charge is clear. Our strength is in our shared responsibility for the Israeli community.

The atrocities of October 7, 2023, inflicted a deep wound on the Jewish people. Among the first responders were members of our own Alpha Omega family—dental professionals, educators, students, and volunteers—who served with courage in emergency rooms, forensic units, and field clinics. Many did so at great personal cost, guided by compassion and duty.

Today, Israeli families continue to live under the persistent threat of violence—from Iranian missile attacks, from Hamas, and from the unrelenting fear triggered by sirens and bomb shelters. Their children are afraid. Their communities are exhausted. And many are quietly battling the invisible wounds of trauma and grief.

We find ourselves once again at a critical juncture. The question before us is simple: how can we, as a Jewish dental organization, make a meaningful impact?

Let us offer two concrete ways:

- **Renewing Minds, Restoring Hope:**

Co-chaired by Laurie Gordon-Shaw and Michael Spektor, this initiative addresses the psychological toll on Israel's dental community. It is a collaborative effort of the International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations—including our U.S. Foundation, the Canadian Foundation, and the AO London Charitable Trust, and partnering with our German and French colleagues—to provide long-term support for emotional and mental health.

- **Rebuilding Kibbutz Be'eri's Dental Clinic:**

With support from the AO U.S. Dental Foundation, the Philadelphia Chapter launched a campaign to rebuild the clinic at Kibbutz Be'eri. Once a place of healing, the clinic became a makeshift triage center on October 7 and was ultimately the site of the

kibbutz's final defense and tragedy. We have just begun and already have made a significant inroad toward our \$300,000 goal.

We invite you to stand with us on this urgent mission. Israel needs us, Israel needs you. Now is the time. Let us bring light to those still surrounded by shadows.

With gratitude and hope



Marc Rothman
Chairman
Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation



Laura Kolton
Executive Director
Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation

Make Healing Possible!



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The International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations has launched a dedicated fund to support urgently needed psychological services at The Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine.

Both institutions are struggling to meet the mental health needs of their students and faculty. As Jewish dentists, we have a profound responsibility to stand with our Israeli colleagues during this critical time.

Your support will help ensure the Israeli dental community will have the resources they need to heal, succeed academically, and thrive in their profession.

Join us—[make your gift today](#) and help renew minds and restore hope.



Rebuild The Dental Clinic

at Kibbutz Be'eri in Memory of Heroes



On October 7th, the dental clinic at Kibbutz Be'eri became a site of extraordinary bravery, where a doctor, a paramedic, and three members of the emergency response team took refuge and mounted a heroic defense that prevented further attacks on the community. All five gave their lives.

In their memory, the Alpha Omega International Dental Society's Philadelphia Chapter, in partnership with the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation, is committed to honoring their sacrifice by helping to rebuild the clinic as part of a state-of-the-art multi-clinic complex that will also provide general medical and pediatric care to the community.

Help the Philadelphia Chapter reach its goal of \$300,000 by hosting a fundraising event at your home, sharing the cause with members of your community, or donating via the link below. For additional information on how you or your chapter can become more involved, please send an email to: foundation@aofus.org. Or, [click here](#) to watch a video and learn more about the program.

Mazal Tov Moments



Mazal Tov to Dr. Stuart Hoffman, President, Alpha Omega San Fernando Valley Alumni Chapter on being honored by the Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC for his 20 years of dedication teaching orthodontics.

Your commitment to education and excellence has made a lasting impact on students and colleagues alike.



Back Row: Josie Russ (far left), Marc Rothman (third from left),
Akiva Chase (fourth from right)
Front Row: Haley Lockstein (second from left)

Mazal Tov to Drs. Akiva Chase, Haley Lockstein, and Josie Russ—AO members who have successfully completed their residency year at the Albert Einstein Medical Center's Department of Dental Medicine!

Mazal Tov to Bernie Kahn on receiving the 2025 Leadership Award at the Florida Dental Convention in Orlando! Bernie's dedication, compassion, and unwavering leadership continue to inspire all of us.



Left to right: Miriam Michelle Gil, Dr. Betti Hertzberg Ressler,
Dr. Allen Ressler, and Dr. Bernie Kahn



AO US Dental Foundation Board members
Dr. Allen Ressler, and Dr. Bernie Kahn

Gratitude in Abundance

Honoring Our Generous Supporters

On behalf of the **Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation**, 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 June 2025

*Renewing Minds, Restoring Hope -
Supporting the mental well-being of the
Israeli dental community*

- Edward and Elaine Epstein
- Alan and Linda Moltz
- Mark Waltzer

In Honor of Marc Rothman

- Ray and Sue Lefton
- Louis Seiden

In Honor of Eric Cantor

Rebuilding Kibbutz Be'eri Dental Clinic

- AO San Fernando Valley Chapter
- Joan Birnbaum
- Joni Marcus
- Bernard Rothman and Toby Meyer
- Bruce Silver Mira Singer

- David Hyman
For Rebuilding Kibbutz Be'eri Dental Clinic

Why support the US Foundation 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](#)

Honoring July 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!](#)

July 1

- Mark Lipkovitz

July 5

- Edwin J. Helitzer

July 6

- Andrew Harris
- Richard L. Lezell

July 7

- Leo Huck

July 8

- Clifford S. Litvak
- Ernest J. Dellheim
- Ronald Kaseff

July 9

- Brett D. Gluck
- David Lieberman
- Edward H. Segal
- Julie Nullman Feinberg

July 10

- Paul T. Richman

July 12

- Jordan L. Pelchowicz
- Leslie R. Davis

July 16

- David A. Foreman

July 18

- Robert K. Slosberg
- Susan G. Rifkin

July 19

- Nancy A. Barnett DDS

July 20

- Allen F. Rubin
- Sharon C. Elman
- Steven M. Lash

July 21

- Benjamin A. Hadar
- Ira L. Eisenstein
- Marvin A. Dash
- Menachem Oren
- Robert Glickman

July 23

- I. Robert Matloff
- Sean Lindsey

July 24

- Seymour I. Glick

July 25

- Roger R. Hitchcock
- Tamzid Mafiz

July 13

- Richard S. Gilman

July 14

- Margaret J. Howard

July 15

- Barry Jacobson
- Dale K. Garber
- Wally W. Kegel

- Cindy Bogdanoff
- Michael Abrams

July 26

- Alan C. Tucker
- Tanya Vaysman

July 29

- David Lubar
- Howard M. Spector
- Irwin Feinberg

July 31

- Lionell N. Greenberg
- Rachel G. Lipsky Bohnen

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