



American Healthcare Professionals and Friends for Medicine in Israel

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Dear APF Supporter,

For thousands of years, Jewish New Year marks a time for introspection when we reexamine and scrutinize our past year's deeds. What have I done to bring Tikkun Olam to the world?

In 1952, Dr. Morton J. Robins, an APF Founder and National President wrote - "...I envision a healthy, steady, powerful liaison and contact between the medical profession in America and Israel. Through the APF and with the residencies made available by American hospitals, young Israeli physicians will be given the opportunity to acquire valuable and useful techniques in the United States, which they will utilize for the benefit of Israel."

Dr. Robbins powerful words still guide us every day.

The organization's original project was the Fellowship (then called "Residency") Program. The first Israeli resident physician was Dr. Chaim Cohen of Jerusalem, who left Israel on a boat to New York on December 13, 1952. He stopped in Athens to visit his parents, whom he had not seen for many years since he fled the German occupation in 1944. Dr. Cohen continued to Cleveland and took up his post under the chief of the dermatology department at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Since that promising start, APF has provided some 1,500 Fellows grants – an average of 24 per year – and many of these Israeli physicians have gone on to hold leadership positions within the Israeli healthcare system. They are often the ones called on during wartime and other disasters, both in Israel and abroad to utilize their expertise to prevent injuries, care for casualties and save lives.

During these most difficult times with both conventional and existential threats to the state of Israel from all sides, we the APF and our fellowship partners must maintain a "cutting edge" state of Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure the best outcomes for Israel's population.

Your continued annual support is as crucial now as it was 65 years ago. It is my hope that you will respond to this request favorably and quickly. APF depends on your generous annual contributions, support, and participation in courses and events allowing us to maintain and improve our efforts on behalf of Israel's health system. This year, we ask that you consider doubling your previous gift as we are trying to double the number of Fellowship grants we offer while continuing our activities.

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With your generous gift APF will:

- Provide Fellowship Grants to Israeli physicians to study at the finest institutions in the US and Canada and return to Israel as experts in their field
- Maintain the Emergency Medical Volunteer Program (EMV) with the Israel Ministry of Health, that sends medical professionals to Israel to respond to catastrophic events
- Continue the APF/Birthright Program that brings young aspiring Jewish American medical students to Israel strengthening their bond with Israel
- Provide research grants to advance essential medical research in Israel
- Underwrite intensive trauma mass casualty training for Israeli nurses and provide funding for additional unique advanced nursing studies in the US
- Since 2003, conduct the annual Emergency and Disaster Management Course in Israel
- Bring the finest experts and leaders from Israel to the US for interactive meetings and seminars

We hope that you will continue to support these programs and we look forward to working with you on exciting new plans for the future. May G-d bless you with peace, prosperity and good health for the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Frogel MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "MD" written in a slightly larger, more distinct font at the end.

Michael Frogel, MD
President