

2022 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



As I'm ending my term as APF President, it's amazing to see how fast those three years have gone by. We've had to cancel multiple events, trips, emergency-preparedness courses and the like due to the pandemic. Despite everything, APF continues to thrive!

Highlights of APF's Impact:

- Providing Fellowship grants for Israeli physicians to study at the finest institutions in the U.S. and Canada and return to Israel as experts in their fields. APF has been responsible for more than **1,500 Fellowship grants over the past 70 years.**
- Maintaining the **Emergency Medical Volunteer Program (EMV)** with the Israel Ministry of Health, which sends medical professionals to Israel to respond to catastrophic events. **Current roster is 300 volunteers and counting...**
- Funding **mass casualty trauma training** and other advanced studies for Israeli nurses. More than **200 nurses have been trained** in the past 30 years.
- Conducting the annual **Emergency and Disaster Management Course** in Israel. APF has **hosted 25 delegations** to date with two more scheduled for 2023.
- Bringing **Israeli experts and leaders to the U.S.** for interactive meetings and seminars. This is the result of our long-standing professional collaboration with the IDF Medical Corps.

It has been an honor and a privilege to hold this position for the past three years, and I am grateful to the Board for their encouragement and to the members and donors for their generosity. I must personally thank Amir Goldshtein, our Executive Director, for his constant support, determination and weathering the Covid storm!

Sincerely,

Nancy E. Schmidt RN, BSN
President of the APF

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I would like to introduce our next President, **Richard G. Schmidt, MD, MBA.**

Dr. Schmidt is an Orthopedic Oncology Surgeon in the Philadelphia area. He maintains a full-time practice in Orthopedic Surgery which began in 1986. He has held several leadership positions including, President of the Pennsylvania Orthopedic Society, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery Lankenau Medical Center, and President of the Medical Staff Main Line Health. Dr. Schmidt is honored to be our first non-Jewish physician to assume this role. He is deeply committed to the well-being of Israel and its people and will bring his passion for medicine and love for Israel to his leadership position as President of the APF. Stay tuned!

APF MEMBERS' IMPACT IN ISRAEL AND THE U.S.

A COURSE IN EMERGENCY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



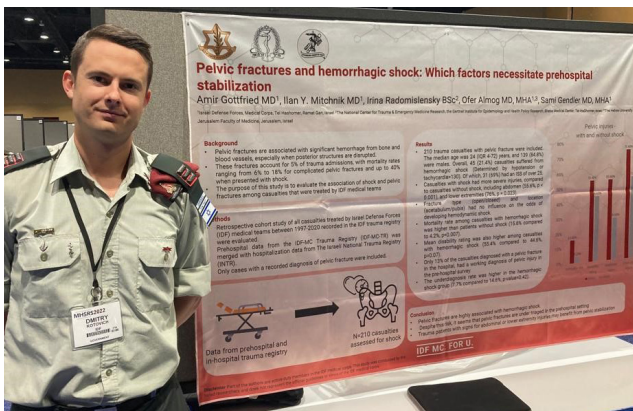
The 22nd annual Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Course in Israel offers reason for celebration. After two and a half years of COVID-19-related cancellations, this delegation is back. Under the auspices of Israel's Ministry of Health and the Israel Defense Forces, attendees toured the country, visited several medical institutions, attended information-packed lectures and participated in hands-on drills at the Wingate Institute and the Israel Center for Medical Simulation. During the course's 20 years of existence, over 400 healthcare professionals from North America and beyond have participated in this very important training while visiting Israel. Thanks to APF, Israel's vast knowledge in emergency preparedness is joining North American mainstream medicine.

2022 SOLOMON HIRSH MEMORIAL ISRAELI NURSES EDUCATION FUND

In September, APF funded the Nursing Licensure Examinations Department team in the Nursing Division of the Israeli Ministry of Health, a study tour to the nursing school at the University of Pennsylvania and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) organization in Chicago. "Todah Rabah" to Dr. Richard N. Hirsh and his family for their sustained support in the advancement of nursing education and leadership in Israel.



IDF DOCTORS' SPECIAL APF GRANTS



This year, APF provided three IDF doctors with funding to attend the Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS) held in Kissimmee, FL, in September. During the event, the IDF officers presented more than 10 posters along with presentations about PTSD and TCPA resuscitation in trauma and other subjects. The longstanding collaboration between APF and the IDF Medical Corps has helped to improve and continue to deliver state-of-the-art care to members of the IDF.

ANYONE WHO SAVES A LIFE IS AS

APF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

APF IMPROVES ISRAEL'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

APF Fellowship grants enable Israeli Fellows to live in North America, advance their skills and form bonds with colleagues that will serve them throughout their careers. Since last year, we have sent 30 doctors to more than 15 medical centers in cities throughout the U.S. and Canada. They have gained training in cancer genetics, multi-organ transplantation, infectious disease, heart failure, oncology, orthopedic surgery, pediatrics, neurosurgery, advanced leukemia and other fields. When they finish, they will bring their new knowledge back to their home hospitals in Beer Sheva, Tel-Aviv, Petah Tikva, Jerusalem, Haifa and elsewhere. These talented, intelligent and ambitious doctors want the best possible healthcare for their country and go to great lengths to acquire the knowledge and to achieve their goals. Doctor by doctor, Fellowship by Fellowship, APF's decades of experience continue to have a huge positive impact on Israel's healthcare system. We encourage you to take a moment and read about our current Israeli Fellows and their journeys, on APF's website.



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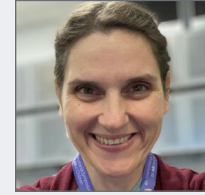
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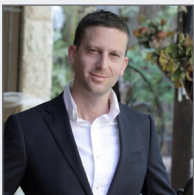
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May 3-12, 2023

APF's Third Podiatry Scientific Missions in Israel

November 4-9, 2023*

APF's Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
Course in Israel

*After Shabbat

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