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Dear Reader,

True to tradition, the final issue of the year is in English so that you, our overseas friends, can read a little of what has been going in the faculty and of the important events of 2012.

Most recently we have expanded the entrance to the Dental School, the Gateway, named after "the teacher’s teacher," Morton Amsterdam, of Philadelphia. In the next few pages you can read about the uniqueness and greatness of the man who taught 18 members of our current teaching staff!

In the Faculty News section, we present you with an overview of some of the main events of the past year. One of the most significant was the dedication of the bronze Tree of Peace sculpture at Temple Dental School. This symbolizes the fact that this school too is part of the ever-growing international dental alliance.

You can also read the personal account of two of our pediatric dentists who volunteered for a humanitarian mission to Asia aboard a US Navy floating hospital. Similarly, we report on Prof. Stabholz receiving Alpha Omega’s prestigious Achievement Award and the honor awarded to Prof. Michael Glick, one of our graduates and currently Dean of the Dental Faculty at Buffalo University.

In the AO News section, we tell the story of a junior student who went on a revealing study tour of the US and senior students’ visits to AO members’ practices in Jerusalem.

Prof. Kaye and Dr. Shoshana Cohen will no doubt bring a smile to your face in the History section and the issue ends with our regular columns, including a rather moving anecdote from yours truly.

Enjoy!
Noah Stern, Editor
Prof. Morton Amsterdam – a master clinician, teacher, mentor and author for over 55 years – has had a monumental impact on dental education. His influence has shaped over 600 graduate students and thousands of undergraduate students from around the world, including 18 members of the current faculty of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, who studied with him between 1969 and 1983.

He has received honorary doctorates from universities in the US, Sweden and Romania as well as the Alpha Omega Achievement Medal.

In appreciation of Dr. Amsterdam’s invaluable contribution to dental education worldwide and his support and friendship with our school of dental medicine, we launched the “The Dr. Morton Amsterdam Gateway to Dental Education” Campaign to complete and beautify the entrance to the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, creating a lasting tribute to a legendary figure in our profession.

The Hebrew University’s Morton Amsterdam Professorship in Periodontal Prosthesis was the first of its kind to be endowed in the world. In addition, the Morton Amsterdam Deanship at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine was the first endowed Deanship in Dentistry.

The dedication of the new Morton Amsterdam Gateway in Jerusalem is a fitting tribute to a distinguished colleague in celebration of his 91st birthday.
Prof. Yaakov Ehrlich

"I was Prof. Amsterdam's Student in the 60s!"

I first met Morton Amsterdam at the end of 1967, when I enrolled in the specialization program at Penn.

At that time, the Penn Dental School boasted some of the leading teachers and clinicians in the field and it was considered a great honor to be able to study there.

Prof. Amsterdam (together with Walter Cohen), served as the Head of the Perio-prosthesis program, which trained students in both Periodontics and Oral Rehabilitation. The program stressed the important role of periodontal treatment in the success of oral rehabilitation treatment and the value of correct rehabilitation in treating periodontal disease. Today, of course, these things are taken for granted.

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The Start of a Wonderful Relationship

Prof. David Kochavi

The first time Dr. Amsterdam taught me in the Mayers Clinic – specializing in Periodontics and Perio-prosthesis – is deeply engraved in my memory. I was treating a patient who needed posterior reconstruction and I couldn’t decide whether to reconstruct the relatively easy cross bite using aggressive tooth grinding or to just grind a little and leave the intermaxillary relations in situ. I chose the latter.

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He Did Not Force Us to Think Like Him

Prof. Avinoam Yaffe

Prof. Morton Amsterdam was my teacher at Penn (1977-1980). He not only taught us Dentistry but was a fine role model for life. He treated his students with warmth and father-like concern and his generosity knew no bounds. For example, if a seminar dragged on into the middle of the night he would make sure we had refreshments. He never imposed his way of thinking on his students. If someone had a particular idea he would say, "I don't think it will work but go ahead and try it". You could always try something new under his guidance and supervision and he would never coerce in any way. That is a measure of his greatness as a teacher and a human being.

I once had a case of a full oral rehabilitation (Class III), at the end of which I discovered I had a non-working contact. I suggested removing the disturbance with fossa fill using the CI procedure and filling it in with gold foil. Morton offered me the use of his private office equipped with all the necessary materials.

That's just who he was – all giving, support and love.

In the Presence of a Giant

Prof. Noah Stern

Morton Amsterdam visited Israel and the Dental School in 1966. The late Prof. Michman introduced me to him and told him I was due to go to Boston University for graduate studies the following year. As we shook hands, he invited me to spend a week at Penn and be his guest at the annual 5-day course he ran with D. Walter Cohen. And indeed, in 1966, I asked for special dispensation from my graduate program at BU to go spend a week in Philadelphia.

However, a few days in the presence of Amsterdam and Cohen was too short to soak up the aura and knowledge of these two 20th century dental giants. Eight years later, I came to Philadelphia on sabbatical to spend time with Morton Amsterdam. I spent hours upon hours in his Perio-Prosthesis seminars and two days a week by his side in his private practice.

I learned how to look at a patient, how to examine and interpret signs and symptoms and how to understand and categorize oral problems. All of which remains with me to this day. Not a day goes by without me using some of the knowledge I gleaned from Morton Amsterdam, the ultimate teacher, over those 12 months in 1977-78.
The Origin of the Hadassah Name and Motto

Segula, an Israeli historical journal published by the Makor Rishon group, recently published an article by Sara Jo Ben Zvi about the Hadassah organization’s name and motto.

In “Henrietta is Hadassah,” she writes, “One hundred years ago, in February 1912, the women of the Daughters of Zion (Bnot Zion) organization met in Temple Emanuel in New York. An innocent study group, Henrietta Szold coaxed them towards practical Zionist activity. They began meeting close to Purim and decided to call the group Hadassah, Queen Esther’s Hebrew name.”

In 1913, the organization already had its own motto – “My People Recovered” – inspired by the verse, “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is the health of the daughter of my people not recovered?” (Jeremiah 8:22). For an interpretation of the verse, see Words of the Wise on page 23.

Hadassah Presents Medal in Argentina

Prof. Aharon Palmon presented the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine’s Medal to the Dean of the School of Dentistry at Argentina’s Rosario University, at the opening ceremony of the Dentists’ Science Convention in Argentina. The ceremony was part of the school’s 53rd anniversary celebrations, in the presence of the Rector of the University and the Mayor of Rosario (one and a half million residents). More than 3,000 dentists participated in the convention and Prof. Palmon was one of many renowned lecturers in attendance from all over the world.

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AO’s Highest Honor to Adam Stabholz

At the opening ceremony of Alpha Omega’s International Convention, the Chair of the Selection Committee for AO’s highest Award of Excellence was asked to submit a report on the personality chosen to receive the prize at the next convention. The Chair, Lionel Greenberg, elected to deliver the report in teaser form, revealing clues as to the identity of the recipient and gradually disclosing more and more details about the esteemed personality.

It did not take long for the audience to identify the mystery man as Prof. Adam Stabholz, Dean of the Dental School in Jerusalem, who will receive the prestigious honor at the next AO International Convention in Arizona.

A Boundless Passion for Dentistry and Teaching

Dr. Kobi Stern

I was a first-year resident at Penn when a new patient came to see me. In her hand she held her lower molar, which had just fallen out. As a fresh Perio resident, I was intrigued by this case and wondered what could have caused just that tooth to lose so much bone and exfoliate.

At the end of the day, after a long seminar, I approached Dr. Amsterdam, anxious to show him the case and get his input. I asked with typical Israeli chutzpah if he had ever seen anything like it.

“What are your plans for this evening?” he replied.

“Well…” I hesitated for a second.

“Good”, he said with determination. “Let’s go to my house and I’ll show you some of my cases”.

When we arrived, he took me upstairs to his attic without delay. Later on in my residency this would become a second seminar room, where, in keeping with a long tradition at Penn, we met with Dr. Amsterdam every Thursday after school. I’ll never forget my first look at that room! On the shelves were thousands of slide trays, too many awards and trophies to count and every conceivable dentistry textbook specially dedicated by their authors to Dr. Amsterdam.

Going right to the trays he needed, he loaded them onto two projectors at the back of the room, as a screen slid down from the ceiling. Then, with his trademark enthusiasm, he showed me case after case after case demonstrating the same incident I had showed him. This is where he taught me about tapered root anatomy and their risk of rapid attachment loss, and mobility in a periodontal susceptible patient.

Visiting his house that night, and seeing first-hand his boundless dedication and passion for documentation and teaching, made a great impact on me. It was a one-of-a-kind experience I will cherish for very long time.
Third "Tree of Peace" Installed at Temple University

On May 4th, 2012, a "Tree of Peace" statue was unveiled at the entrance to the School of Dentistry at Temple University in Philadelphia. The "Tree of Peace" is an imposing bronze sculpture symbolizing cooperation in dental education and research. The goal of this cooperation is to promote understanding, friendship and peace between different peoples and nations.

The first step towards creating cooperation in dental medicine was the founding of the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education. The Center’s activities have produced fruitful collaboration between the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and the Al Quds University School of Dentistry. Building on their success, the Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders was established a year ago, uniting 23 dental schools and over 40 international companies. They all signed a cooperation charter to build bridges through dentistry in areas of national and political strife.

The first "Tree of Peace" was dedicated in December 2007, at the entrance to the School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem during Alpha Omega International’s centennial celebrations. At the same event, the new Bella and Harry Wexler floors were also inaugurated. In May 2011, the second "Tree of Peace" was installed at the entrance to the School of Dental Medicine in Arizona.

The new tree was donated by Dr. Allen L. Finkelstein in honor of his children and grandchildren. A long-time friend of the School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem and a senior member of the Alpha Omega International Fraternity, Dr. Finkelstein is a graduate of the School of Dentistry at Temple University and it was he who secured the funding for the first statue in Jerusalem, in honor of his parents. The unveiling ceremony was magnificent, including speeches from the President of Temple University, Professor Richard Englert, the Dean of the Temple School of Dentistry, Professor Ismail Amid, the Dean of the Jerusalem School of Dentistry, Professor Adam Stabholz, the Vice-President of Al Quds and past Dean of their School of Dentistry, Professor Musa Bajali, and the sculptor Hedva Ser, who was born in Israel and has recently been working in France, where she was cited as one of UNESCO’s “Artists for Peace”.

The sculpture integrates three main motifs. On the left is the Hebrew letter “Shin,” the first letter of the Hebrew and Arabic words for peace. On the right side are the wings of a dove outstretched in flight, bringing the message of peace to the world. The trunk is based on the Hebrew word for life, symbolizing cooperation in preserving and extending life. The sculpture's design is based on the Hebrew letter “Shin,” the first letter of the Hebrew word for life, symbolizing cooperation in preserving and extending life.

The first "Tree of Peace" was installed in front of the School of Dentistry, Temple University, in 2007. The new tree was donated by Dr. Allen L. Finkelstein in honor of his children and grandchildren. The unveiling ceremony was held on May 4th, 2012, and was attended by numerous dignitaries, including the President of Temple University, the Dean of the School of Dentistry, and the sculptor of the "Tree of Peace" statue.

Dr. Dudu Polak

The triennial EuroPerio Conference was founded by the European Federation of Periodontology in 1994. This year they met in Vienna.

Prof. Gerot Wimmer, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, delivered a very emotional and surprising opening talk, especially for the Israeli delegation. He spoke about the influence of the Holocaust on the development of science in Europe, particularly in Austria. He explained how the Austrian academia suffered from an enormous brain drain as numerous Jewish scientists fled the country, mostly for America. The excellent conference focused primarily on oral preservation and how to cope with aesthetic damage and gum recession. Both topics revolved around preserving natural teeth rather than resorting to implants.

There was a notable gathering of Hadassah graduates at the conference. Prof. Mozes Goldstein was elected President of the European Federation of Periodontology. Prof. Lior Shapira gave one of the central presentations on advanced gum disease prevention. Dr. Tali Shkartsy also gave a talk and Drs. Shlomo Via, Ron Bechor, Itamar Markovitz and Keren Anebi each made poster presentations. In addition to the professional content, we were also able to savor the beauty, culture and cuisine of Vienna. Kudos to the apple strudel!
The USNS Mercy, the US Navy’s lead hospital ship, sails every two years to Asia to conduct civilian and medical assignments in countries plagued by natural disasters. In 2012 the destinations were the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam and Cambodia. The floating hospital, with 1,200 beds – the fifth largest of its kind in the world – is equipped with the very latest technology and houses a number of specialist departments – ophthalmology, pediatrics, dermatology, plastic surgery, orthopedics, gastroenterology and dentistry. There are also 12 operating rooms, X-ray machines, ultrasound, advanced labs, a pharmacy and the wherewithal to supply hundreds of blood units if necessary. The ship’s crew includes vets, engineers, architects and – last summer, for the first time – two representatives from Israel!

We must thank Profs. Stabholz and Shapira for the idea and the opportunity and Dr. Silverstein from the US who was able to fulfill his dream – placing the first Israeli dentists on this very special mission.

Evelyn: “One of the most powerful experiences of my professional life was being a pediatric dentist on the humanitarian mission. First night on the ship, bunk beds – can’t even sit up straight – and there I am, Grandma Evelyn, climbing up and feeling very uncomfortable. One night was enough for us to ask for a change of room and thankfully they moved us to the officers’ quarters. Still not 5-star accommodation but certainly acceptable.

The professional work took place not only on the ship but also in isolated villages – in rundown houses with dirty walls and in classrooms which had been turned into makeshift dental clinics.

Dr. Evelyn Mambar
and Dr. Hadas Katz-Sagi

I encountered people with zero awareness of oral health. Both on board and in the villages the approach was the same – when the children arrived for treatment or operations, I sat the parents and children together on the floor and proclaimed the pediatric dentist’s mantra:

- Only one candy a day
- Brush your teeth twice a day
- Drink mostly water

The interpreters transmitted both my words and my passion although I can’t say for sure whether I actually made a difference. However, if even one mother is now changing her family’s habits, it was definitely worth the effort.”

Hadas: “Working with such a multidisciplinary and multicultural team added so much depth and meaning to the treatment. Being part of something so big has its pros and cons. The most obvious disadvantage is the fact you have to work to very strict rules and regulations because it’s such a huge and complex system. A consequence of that is you don’t always catch the small details or find the time to treat the person who needs treatment. On the flip side, so many resources – money, professional knowhow and astonishing goodwill – are reaching these far flung areas that have never witnessed or experienced quality western medicine, at least not to the extent and with the professionalism we could offer them.

Perhaps the highlight for me was the case of a 3-year-old girl suffering from a cleft palate, a hearing defect and severe plaque. There she lay, in the operating theater on the deck of a ship, receiving treatment from an Asian-American plastic surgeon, an American ENT specialist, an Australian nurse, a Dutch anesthetist, an Israeli pediatric dentist, with Cambodian dental students looking on…

The results – better quality of life, healthy hearing and a cheeky smile – were immediate, heartwarming and unforgettable!”
Dr. Kobi Stern delivered this year’s Marci and Arnold Weisgold Lecture – “Periodontal Therapy in the Titanium Era.”

After graduating from Hadassah in 2002, Dr. Stern completed his specialization in Periodontology at the University of Pennsylvania, staying on for an extra year to learn more about implants. He then took more specialization exams and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. The Georgia Health Center offered him a position and he was quickly chosen to direct the specialization program in which he had recently been a student. There he received two prestigious teaching awards.

Dr. Stern gave a fascinating 90-minute talk (in fluent English) to an audience of 150 students, teachers and specialists. He told the story of a complex periodontal reconstruction using the patient’s original teeth, without recourse to implants. He stressed the idea that in the long run it is better – and more economical – to treat periodontal problems using the patient’s natural teeth even though implants may take less time. To very warm applause, Dr. Stern was presented with a modest gift and a certificate of appreciation.

Later in the day we heard a lecture about implants from Prof. Regina Mericske-Stern, a guest lecturer at the specialization program for Oral Rehabilitation at Hadassah. Prof. Mericske-Stern is the Director of the Oral Rehabilitation program in the School for Dental Medicine in Bern, Switzerland and spoke on “Implants – Between Technology and Biology.”

The third lecture was given by an old friend, Prof. Edwin Rosenberg of New York University and a veteran teacher at the University of Pennsylvania. He spoke about “30 Years of Implant Dentistry”, sharing the benefits of his vast experience in the field.

Dr. Arie Shifman – of the class of ’62 – passed away on Monday, September 24, 2012. For over 30 years, Dr. Shifman served in the IDF’s Dental Center at Tel Hashomer Hospital, where he reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was the center’s Commanding Officer and Director of the Prosthetics Department, where he set up and developed the Graduate program that still exists today. He was one of the few experts in the field of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation.

From 1992-2003, he was one of the founders of and teachers in the Oral Rehabilitation specialization program at Tel Aviv University. He also served three times as Chairperson of the Dental Association’s Scientific Council’s Oral Rehabilitation Professional Committee and was Chairperson of the Oral Rehabilitation Examiners Committee and the Scientific Council’s Appeals Committee.

Dr. Shifman had an encyclopedic knowledge of most aspects of clinical dentistry but he was a very humble and modest individual. He published about 50 papers in leading journals and in 2005 became an honorary member of the Oral Rehabilitation Association. In 2006 he was awarded the Dental Association’s Achievements Award. May his memory be a blessing.

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Professor Stella Chaushu and Dr. Miri Haisraeli-Shalish

On March 1, 2012, the Department of Orthodontics opened an international specialization program, the first of its kind at Hadassah. After months of intensive planning, details were publicized and the program was given global exposure. Dozens of applications were received and the acceptance process was both grueling and competitive.

Finally, seven Israelis and five foreign doctors (from Greece, Bulgaria, Poland, and Romania) were accepted. At the opening ceremony, Dr. Birnbaum, Deputy Managing Director of Hadassah, welcomed and congratulated the participants, as did Dean Adam Stabholz and Prof. Stella Chaushu, Head of the Department.

The program, run by Dr. Miri Haisraeli-Shalish, includes teaching transition into English, adapting computerized medical records systems into English and preparing dental practices for absorbing large numbers of specialization students.

This groundbreaking program will continue to build the Dental School’s reputation. Like any specialization program, the main goal is to bring professionals to the highest clinical, research and ethical levels. This is only possible thanks to the joint efforts of all members of the department.

Visiting Nobel Biocare Production Plants

On August 13, 2012, eight of the instructors taking part in the NBUPP teaching program for undergraduate students at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, went to visit the Nobel Biocare production plants in Stockholm and Karlskoga. The visit was meticulously organized and the group was escorted by Dr. Ralf Rauch, Nobel Biocare’s NBUPP representative in Europe and the Middle East.

The group was met at each plant by the plant manager and received a guided tour of the production floor. Each question was answered in great detail. We were very impressed by the quality control in both plants and the automatic production line with human intervention only in supervision, maintenance, and quality control.
Hadassah’s final year dental students could not have asked for a better way to finish their academic chapter. Following their final exam, the Oral B team welcomed them to a graduation event, introducing them to Oral B’s professional philosophy of “Continuing the Care that Starts in Your Chair.”

The brand new dentists enjoyed a delicious brunch and champagne toast, receiving heartfelt blessings from the Oral B team and from Prof. Doron Steinberg, head of the Biomed graduate program. Dr. Doron Weiss gave an inspiring lecture about Oral B’s mission and real-life preventive dentistry. The students witnessed a hand-on Power Oral Care demonstration and received special gifts in honor of the occasion.

Both students and faculty were very enthusiastic about the event and expressed interest in further cooperation and mutual activities.
We are pleased to announce that the AO Israel site is now up and running. The site contains a section on the history of AO in general and in Israel in particular. There are also pages for each of the three branches in Israel and announcements about future events.

In advance of Sicher Day, we have uploaded the stories of Gottlieb and Sicher, who in the previous century laid some significant foundations for the development of modern dentistry.

Just click on www.alphaomega.org.il and you’re in!

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On Friday, May 11, Alpha Omega members from Haifa, together with members from Tel Aviv, set out to explore Nazareth. We were shown around by a wonderful local tour guide. Her mother tongue is Arabic yet she described the places we visited in exquisitely polished Hebrew.

We started out in a plaza in the center of the city known as “the battleground” because of clashes between local Moslems and Christians. Our next stop was the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, in which we learned how to identify different denominations through a variety of symbols.

To sum up, the trip was very enjoyable and the guide was wonderful, an excellent teacher. A day very well spent.

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“Welcome to Tel Aviv,” rang out loud and clear over the loudspeaker. My excitement rose as I stepped firmly onto the hot Israeli tarmac. I knew this would be a trip to remember. Vika, a vivacious Year 5 dental student, greeted me with open arms and I immediately felt at home.

My name is Brooke and I am entering my fifth year of Dentistry at the University of Birmingham, UK. As Student Secretary of our Alpha Omega, I learned of the Dental Faculty at Hadassah, and after reading an article about an American student who completed an externship at the Department of Oral Medicine, I set my sights on a summer project in the same department.

For the last year, I have been planning the method of my questionnaire-based comparison study about the value of Clinical Photography in Oral Medicine; with Dr. Czerninski (Hadassah) and Mr. Hamburger (University of Birmingham). I spent several weeks at Hadassah entering and analyzing the results I collected. I thought that was all I would be doing during my stay but oh, how wrong I was!

My relatively short visit was packed full of observation at the Oral Diseases and Orafacial Pain clinics, in addition to observing dental procedures under general anesthetic. I was fortunate enough to see Sialography and CT scanners in use and attended absorbing seminars and meetings.

I spent many of my lunchtimes with fifth-year students, Vika and Polina, and explored Jerusalem’s night life with Rotem, Shira, Adi and Hadas. It was intriguing to get to know them and to discover the similarities and differences between our courses of study and lives as students! I also spent time with a fourth-year student, Shira, going shopping and to a movie, which was great fun. The students’ hospitality was outstanding and really made my trip.

It was a highly successful few weeks. I made some great friends and feel privileged to have met the incredible Oral Medicine team. They were very accommodating and kind. I am still writing the study, which we hope to publish soon. There are a number of very interesting findings. I hope to return to the school soon and will continue to spread the word about my excellent time at Hadassah.

My Jerusalem Journey

By Brooke Zaidman

AO Students Visit Private Practices

Rotem Rosenblatt

A forgotten project was recently brought back to life when Year 6 students in the Alpha Omega program visited the private practices of AO doctors. The visits took place while the doctors were actually treating patients.

Every participating student spends three hours a week in one of the clinics. The host doctors explain the procedures as they perform them. The students are given a chance not only to see clinical work but to gain exposure to the organizational side of a private practice. This is radically different to a public clinic such as the Hadassah School, with which the students are more familiar.

What were the students’ reactions to the visits? Student A: ‘It was fascinating. The doctor asked questions and explained what he was going to do before, during and after the treatment. He was extremely friendly, pleasant to be with and very welcoming. By the way, I don’t know if the students from last year’s group know this, but the pictures from the meeting and your thank you note are framed and proudly displayed on the wall in his waiting room, alongside his professional degrees and licenses. I think you made a good impression.’

Student B: ‘A very modern and impressive clinic. The doctor himself was also extremely forthcoming about answering all my questions.’

Student C: ‘The doctor made me feel at home and even tried to include me in the decision-making process during the treatments. You could tell he loves to teach and he’s good at it. I highly recommend spending time with him.’

Student D: ‘She was very patient in explaining things to me and the atmosphere was positive throughout. Is there any way to register for other private practices as well?’

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Meet the Experts, Alpha Omega Style

Rotem Rosenblatt & Victoria Yaffa

March 26, 2012. A first-of-its-kind meeting at Hadassah Ein Kerem. For those who were there, we hope this synopsis brings back pleasant memories. For those who weren’t, keep reading.

The purpose of the meeting was to give fifth and sixth year dental students a glimpse of real life beyond the faculty wall.

With that in mind, we set up meetings between top specialists from a variety of different fields and some very excited students.

No one knew exactly what to expect, and perhaps that was part of the magic. The evening began with a fascinating talk about wine (accompanied by refreshments), by the chief vintner of the Agur Winery. So much the wiser – and our hearts a little lighter, as it says, ‘wine makes the heart happy’ – we began the main event of the evening, the encounters between students and specialists.

We split up into groups so that each doctor addressed five students. The plan was for each group to formally introduce themselves but the conversation flowed naturally and the whole room was abuzz with dialogue and outbursts of laughter. Although the time for each group was limited, it was difficult to cut short the discussion. Even an unplanned power outage didn’t slow it down. After a couple of minutes in that romantic environment, we moved over to the auditorium and the conversation continued with even greater fervor.

Sicher Day 2012

Dr. Eldad Hefft

This year’s annual Alpha Omega Sicher Convention, which took place on August 30, was a great success. Conventions about implants have been very common in recent years, especially those dealing with the surgical aspects and relationships with adjacent tissue, but this year’s event focused solely on implant rehabilitation systems.

Six different companies presented their rehabilitative platforms for the various implants and the day ended with a lively discussion chaired by Dr. Barry Marshak.
Visitors to the Dental School in its Early Years

Prof. Edith Kaye

Throughout the early years of the Dental School (1957-1964), there was a constant flow of visitors from Europe and the USA.

Among them was Dr. Cliff Ballard, Head of Orthodontics from the Eastman Institute in London, who was very prominent in the field at the time. He also had a hobby – bird watching.

One day I accompanied him to an appointment with Ino Sciaky. His office was at the Bible Society, adjacent to the Medical School, where the City Hall compound is today. We waited in an adjacent room, with windows looking over what was then no-man’s land in East Jerusalem. It was spring or early summer, with windows looking over what was then no-man’s land. The weather was still warm and balmy and one afternoon he asked me to take a picture. But he needed a butterfly net. As I could not find one, I had to make one. I found a broomstick, attached some plastic netting to a big wire loop, affixed it to the upper end of the broomstick and out we went to catch butterflies. He actually caught quite a few and took them back to Chicago.

Indeed, I went and built a device for taking pictures of models’ front, lateral right and lateral left in one shot with two mounted mirrors at right angles. I went to a chemistry lab, asked for two test tube holders and mounted the whole thing. The following day I attached the test tube holders to the outside of the window frame at an angle so that the owl’s nest was reflected in the mirrors and our guest was able to take his precious picture!

In mid-October, 1959, the unforgettable Dr. Harry Sicher from Chicago came for a month to give a series of lectures. He was a delightful individual, with the renowned humor of the Viennese. He too had a hobby – butterflies. The weather was still warm and balmy and one afternoon he asked me to take him out to catch butterflies for his collection. But he needed a butterfly net. As I could not find one, I had to make one. I found a broomstick, attached some plastic netting to a big wire loop, affixed it to the upper end of the broomstick and out we went to catch butterflies. He actually caught quite a few and took them back to Chicago.

On December 27, 1957, I arrived in Israel as a 26-year-old dentist, newly qualified at the Royal Dental Hospital, London. RDH was a center for research and the teaching of advanced dentistry. My Zionist aspirations, encouraged by talks from Prof. Hallon and Yishar Smilansky, brought me to Israel along with like-minded members of my aliyah group.

Among my teachers at RDH, I was encouraged by Prof. H.M. Pickard, Emeritus Professor of Conservative Dentistry, University of London. He was an outstanding teacher who knew how to support and encourage his students to achieve the highest professional level.

When I arrived in Israel, I applied for a position at the Hadassah Dental School and Prof. Michman hired me as his assistant. Each morning I taught Conservative Dentistry to the students in Bet Brit Strauss, with a dispensation to teach in English. Having already served in the Army, most of the senior students were older than me, and didn’t always take me as seriously as they should have. In time I took over the Restorative Dentistry course, which included cavity preparation and the use of restorative materials.

In those early years, outstanding foreign professors came for short periods of time or spent their sabbaticals teaching us all, staff and students alike.

Another outstanding teacher was Prof. Maury Masler. He instilled in us the realization that we were responsible for the education of Israel’s future dental surgeons. He taught us how to teach, how to organize our teaching materials, lectures, seminars, laboratory courses and how to help our students prepare for their clinical work. In addition, he taught our students how to approach, examine and prepare a treatment plan for their patients and showed the staff how to prepare examinations that would test the students’ understanding in theoretical, practical and clinical subjects. He expected a lot from us and demonstrated how he himself prepared for his lectures and seminars. He was a true educator and will fondly be remembered.

Dr. George E. Miller and Dorothy McGuire gave a course on teaching and learning in medical school. This greatly improved my capabilities as a teacher.

I am still convinced that in order to be a good teacher, it is not enough to be a good clinical dentist. One also has to be a psychologist and a continuing student oneself.
Business Card

Nobel Biocare

Nobel Biocare, headquartered in Zurich, is a pioneer in the dental implant industry – including implant systems, high-precision individualized prosthetics, CAD/CAM systems, diagnostics, treatment planning and guided surgery. It all started 60 years ago with planning and guided surgery. The first company, Nobelpharma AB, was founded in 1981 in Gothenburg. In 1996 the name was changed to Nobel Biocare. Today, Nobel has more than 2,400 employees worldwide, three implant production facilities and four CAD/CAM production facilities on different continents.

Nobel Biocare supports dental training and education. In 2006, the Nobel Biocare University Partner Program (NBUPP) was established to help selected universities improve education for undergraduates. Prof. Stabholtz and Prof. Yaffe from Hadassah University were among the pioneers who adopted the program and developed a curriculum in which students learn about implant therapy and gain clinical experience treating implant patients.

Nobel Biocare’s contact person for the program is Ralf Rauch (information available at www.nbupp.org). He is a frequent visitor to Hadassah University, where he facilitates the program now extended through 2014.

The program also offers faculty members the opportunity to attend scientific conferences by sponsoring attendance fees and travel costs.

However, the main beneficiaries are the patients. They are treated with one of the best documented and longest-lasting options – dental implants from Nobel Biocare.

Once in a Lifetime

Holocaust Remembrance Day 2012. I had already given three talks to different schools and that night I was scheduled to give my fourth talk, to a group of dentists in Tel Aviv. It was a very emotional time for me.

As I drove through Jerusalem, the memorial siren pierced my thoughts. I stopped the car and observed the two-minute silence. Later in the afternoon I was walking around Yad Vashem, the National Holocaust Memorial, immersed in memories.

Although the sun was shining, the strong winds made me feel uncomfortable. I attended a wreath laying ceremony and even ventured into the Yad Vashem tent to hear people read out the names of their relatives killed during the Holocaust.

But that did not calm me either. Finally, I went into the Holocaust Artifacts Museum. It was very noisy. As usual on Holocaust Day, many schools had come to visit from all over the country.

I walked over to my father’s chess pieces, which he had carved when we were hiding from the Nazis in Povaznik, a godforsaken Slovakian village, in 1944. My sister and I had donated them many years ago.

I almost stumbled over a group of children sitting on the floor listening to their teacher telling them my family’s story.

I just listened, riveted and shivering as I heard her mention my father’s name, Yekutiel, my brother David – who was murdered at Auschwitz – and my own name, Noah, telling how I was taken into hiding by my parents. She explained how Yekutiel carved the chess pieces with a pocket knife, out of soft wood he found in the yard.

The teacher had done her homework. She had studied our story well and her students were entranced.

By this time I was leaning against a wall, shaking all over. The teacher finished and the children began to get up to go to the next exhibit. Suddenly, I heard my own voice.

‘Just a second kids, don’t go. It’s me. Noah. The boy there in the picture. Noah, that’s me.’

“I don’t believe this,” said the teacher.

“I’m also overwhelmed,” I said. “It’s true though. I’m Noah. Kids, your teacher told you a true story. I just want to add a few more details...”

So there I was, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, standing next to my father’s chess pieces, telling my story to a class that had just heard it from their teacher. I was so glad I could tell it.

My body relaxed and I walked away, calmed by an uplifting sense of serenity...

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Words of the Wise

Rabbi Mordechai Dimentman

Rabbi Mordechai Dimentman, MA, is Director of the Institute for Teacher Training at Yeshivat Kerem B’Yavneh and trains rabbis and teachers at the Mesivat Zion Seminary for Teaching and Education.

In 1965, after more than a decade of extensive research, he treated his first patient with dental implants and a fully fixed, screw-retained bridge in the lower jaw. Many successful treatments ensued, meticulously followed up in clinical studies. The breakthrough came 30 years ago at the ‘Toronto Conference’, when many North American universities accepted the Brånemark method.

Another key inventor related to Nobel Biocare is Dr. Mats Andersson, who invented the Procerca CAD/CAM system in 1983. Introduced to the market in 1989, it is now the oldest system in production. Over the years, they introduced a variety of new substances as prosthetic framework materials: alumina, zirconia, titanium and others.

The prophet Jeremiah uses a metaphor to rebuke the Jewish people who have stayed from the path: “Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is the health of the daughter of my people not recovered?” (8:22)

The prophet asks the rhetorical question because there is indeed balm (Torah and commandments) and there are doctors (prophets and wise men) in Gilead. So why do the people continue to sin and suffer when the cure is readily available?

We learn from this that we need two things for wounds to be cured: doctors and medicine.

For 100 years, Hadassah has taken responsibility for the health of the nation, by training the best of doctors, providing medicine and striving to bring about better health for all.

“Hadassah – My People Recovered” is certainly a name that fits the organization, and an organization that fits the name.

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