

A photograph of Prof. Aharon Palmon, Dean of the Faculty, sitting at his desk in an office. He is wearing a white shirt and a dark tie, and has a grey beard. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. His hands are on a computer keyboard. In the background, there are framed certificates and a window with blinds.

A New Beginning: Prof. Aharon Palmon, Dean of the Faculty

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Dear Reader,

Our Faculty has a new Dean – Prof. Aharon Palmon, who began his tenure on October 1. You can read about the man and his scientific achievements in the opening pages. His plate is already full, not only due to the first months of a new academic year but chiefly because of the conflict between our school and the Hadassah management. Dr. Yael Huri, Chairperson of the Dentists' Committee, presents a detailed update on the subject.

You will also find a number of pages devoted to the Faculty's 60th Anniversary celebrations, which took place last July. One of the events was a large scientific convention hosting approximately 1,200 participants, including over a hundred overseas guests and lecturers adding a very international flavor. Another landmark event that week was the Fifth Annual Convention of the Walter D. Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education.

A few days before the celebrations in Israel, Alpha Omega ran their European Convention in Zurich. The Israeli delegation was only second in size to the local group. In addition to a rich scientific program, the organizers made sure there was an enjoyable social program, including a full day hike and plenty of partying.

Another refreshing event under the AO banner was the October exchange trip, when a group of young dentists from the AGPP course in Jerusalem spent a week in London with their local AO hosts. You will get a taste of England from the accompanying pictures.

Apart from all the other feathers in his cap, Prof. Walter D. Cohen is also an accomplished historian. Here he tells us about three individuals who had a huge global influence on dentistry.

And of course, for dessert, we offer you some Words of the Wise and some personal reflections – just Between You and Me – on the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Happy reading,

Noah Stern,
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עזרו למטופלים שלכם לשמור על השתלים ועל בריאות החניכיים



במה שונה הסילונית ממכשירי oral irrigation אחרים?

מכשיר הסילונית נראה במבט ראשון כמו כל מכשיר אחר של oral irrigation אבל במבט שני הוא שונה ממה שנראה לעין. הסילונית היא פרי עבודה מתמידה וקשה של ד"ר בני כהן, במשך יותר מ-17 שנה. במשך השנים הוא שינה את הסילון, ובכל שינוי בדק אצל הפציינטים את התוצאה וכך הגיע לסילון היעיל ביותר לתחזוקת השתלים ולריפוי כיסי חניכיים. במה שונה הסילונית ממכשירי oral irrigation אחרים? חשוב לדעת! שבסילונית לכל פיה ופיה געשה חור וכיפוף ידני, כדי לשלוט לחלוטין על איכות הסילון. ובנוסף לזה הן נבדקות אחת אחת כדי לוודא שהסילון היוצא מהן ממלא את הדרישות הקפדניות לתוצאה מקסימלית. אין עוד חברה בעולם כולל ווטר פיק שיכלה להתגאות באיכות כזאת. בכל החברות הפיה יוצאת ישר מפס היצור לאריזה, בשונה מהסילונית שכל פיה נבדקת בדיקות קפדניות. ופיה שלא עומדת במבחן נגרסת וממוחזרת. הסילון של הסילונית הוא היחיד שמסוגל לפתוח את הסולקוס והכיסים, ולרוקן אותם. הסילונית היא המכשיר היחיד שניתן להוסיף לו ג'ל אנטיספטי הנדבק לרקמות בתוך הסולקוס והכיסים, שקוטל את החיידקים ומוביל לבריאות החניכיים בצורה המהירה ביותר. (בקרוב תצא לשוק קפסולת ג'ל מיוחדת שתכנס בתוך פיית הסילונית)

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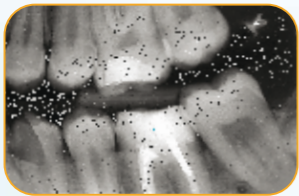


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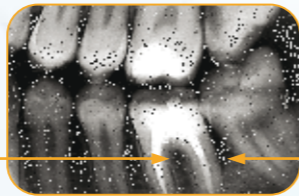


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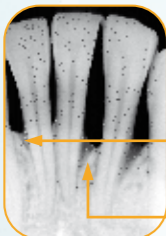
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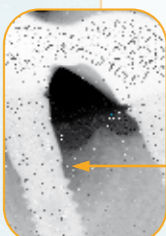
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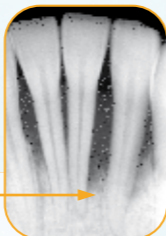
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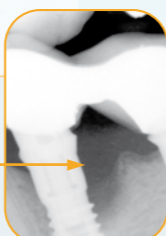
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Faculty News



Prof. Aharon Palmon Elected Dean of the Faculty

On May 28, 2013, the Dental Faculty Council unanimously (with one abstention) elected Prof. Aharon Palmon to serve as the next Dean of the Faculty. He succeeds Prof. Adam Stabholz who has served as Dean for the past eight years. Attending the festive session were the Rector of the University, Prof. Asher Cohen, Deputy Director of the Hadassah Medical Center, Dr. Gaby Polak, outgoing Dean, Prof. Adam Stabholz, Deputy Dean, Mr. Rami Barnett and senior members of the Faculty Council. Prof. Palmon began his tenure on October 1, 2013.



Outgoing Dean, Adam Stabholz, with the new Dean, Aharon Palmon

Prof. Aharon Palmon

Prof. Palmon was born in Petach Tikva (1960). He is married to Sarit and they have three children – two daughters and a son. Sarit is also a Jerusalem alumnus and an Oral Rehabilitation specialist.

He completed his doctoral studies in 1988 in Jerusalem, receiving the Rector's Prize along the way. He then achieved a doctorate in Cell Biology in 1991 and in 1993 joined the teaching faculty after his post-doctorate

studies at the Weizmann Institute.

Prof. Palmon recently won the Milken Prize for Innovation in Teaching. Over the years, he has served as head of the department responsible for Masters students, Director of the Dental Sciences Institute with responsibility for the alumnus study program, Head of the Research Committee and more. He also established and led the Unit for Teaching and Study for the entire Hebrew University.

He has published over 60 research papers, won numerous research grants and serves as the co-editor of the international journal, Oral Diseases.

In recent years, Prof. Palmon spearheaded a process leading to an increase in the number of students in the Dental Faculty, upgraded the teaching programs and implemented changes so that the teaching is now much more appreciated. These changes were adopted by the university management and are now being applied throughout the other faculties as well.

The Financial Crisis

What's it All About?

Dr Yael Huri

In 1994, as a sixth year student in the dental school here in Jerusalem, I took part in a student demonstration against budgetary cutbacks and the threat of closing down the school. Almost 20 years later, I found myself as Chairperson of the Faculty's Dentists' Committee fighting a legal battle against Hadassah in an attempt to halt the wave of layoffs and the renewed threat of closure. I had come full circle...

We were suddenly informed that Hadassah had sent preliminary letters to 104 (approximately 30 teaching posts) of the 164 dentists in the Faculty as part of a series of general cutbacks. They also announced they would no longer accept new Masters students. This was to be a prelude to stopping all specialization activities in our school.

Following this bombshell, the Dean and the Dentists' Committee went to war to protect our home. To that end, we hired one of the best employment law firms and submitted a request to the Employment Court to cancel the layoff order.

The legal battle lasted about a month, during which we conducted negotiations with Hadassah and the Hebrew University in order to rescind the decree. Thankfully, the judge realized the need to involve the university in the conflict. Although Hadassah actually employs the teaching staff it is the university that is responsible for the academic side of the clinical teaching.

Our Faculty operates on the basis of a joint agreement between the Hebrew University and Hadassah in which the two institutions bear the economic burden of teaching. The university is responsible for the pre-clinical years and Hadassah for the clinical ones. A government higher education committee allocates funds to the university for six years of teaching and the latter transfers some of this money to Hadassah. Since the signing of the agreement there have been a number of allocation and eligibility changes. This meant that sufficient funds were not transferred between the two institutions and that is the root of the conflict.

After marathon discussions over the High Holydays period, student demonstrations and media



Dr. Yael Huri (standing) and lawyers representing the dentists



Some of the school dentists at the summary meeting

interviews, we reached a temporary agreement. The number of layoffs would be reduced to 14 (2.5 teaching posts) and the number of teaching posts would remain on 57 so as not to damage the students' clinical studies. We were able to reach this compromise due to the willingness of the dental faculty to forego 2.25% of their salary, which will become a donation to Hadassah.

However, this is not the end of the story. We have received new notifications of further layoffs and more cutbacks from the Director-General. If these materialize, it is not clear at all whether the school will be able to function as it should.

Over the next year, Hadassah and the university have committed to discuss the agreement in an attempt to find a long-term solution that will settle the financial issues once and for all.

I am hopeful that the current state of uncertainty will soon pass and that Hadassah will once again be a financially stable institution so that we can continue all the wonderful work in the school whether teaching, clinical practice or research.



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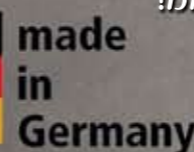
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The Students' Battle

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After hearing of the conflict between Hadassah and our school, we were concerned that our studies would be affected. We decided to act on a number of different levels:

1. Social Media – We opened a battle group on Facebook in which we described the essence of the problem and the impending danger to the students. Apart from raising awareness, we also attracted 3,000 likes.
2. Letters – We sent letters to every relevant public figure, from the former Student Union leader MK to the Ministries of Health and Education and even to the State

Comptroller and the President of Israel. These letters gained us access to a large number of Knesset members and senior civil servants and also led to an emergency meeting of the Knesset's Education Committee.

3. Demonstrations – We arranged demonstrations outside the courthouse in which the discussions were taking place between Hadassah and the Dentists' Committee, outside Hadassah's Director-General's office and at the office of the University President, Prof. Menachem Ben Sasson, on Mount Scopus.

4. PR – Much effort was invested in cultivating relationships with the various media representatives, the fruits of which were seen in articles on leading websites, a cover story in a weekend national newspaper and some prime time TV appearances.
- All of our activities were coordinated with the Graduate students and the Dentists' Committee. The cumulative effect has seemingly made an impact on the situation. Staff dismissals were minimal and the current academic year is running smoothly so far. We are hopeful that any future obstacles will also be removed to the satisfaction of all concerned.



A student holds a mock degree certificate: Doctor of Nothing



60th Anniversary Celebrations

On July 11, 2013, in the International Conference Center in Jerusalem (Binyanei HaUma), the Dental School held its Gala Event for the 60th Anniversary celebrations. Never have there been so many dentists under one roof!

Apart from the 1,200 alumni and their partners – many coming specially from overseas – there were also 24 international lecturers who participated in the scientific program. The Faculty hired two convention management companies (Dan Tzahor, specializing in special events) and Ofakim (specializing in large scale registration and administration).

Hours upon hours were spent planning every single detail of the

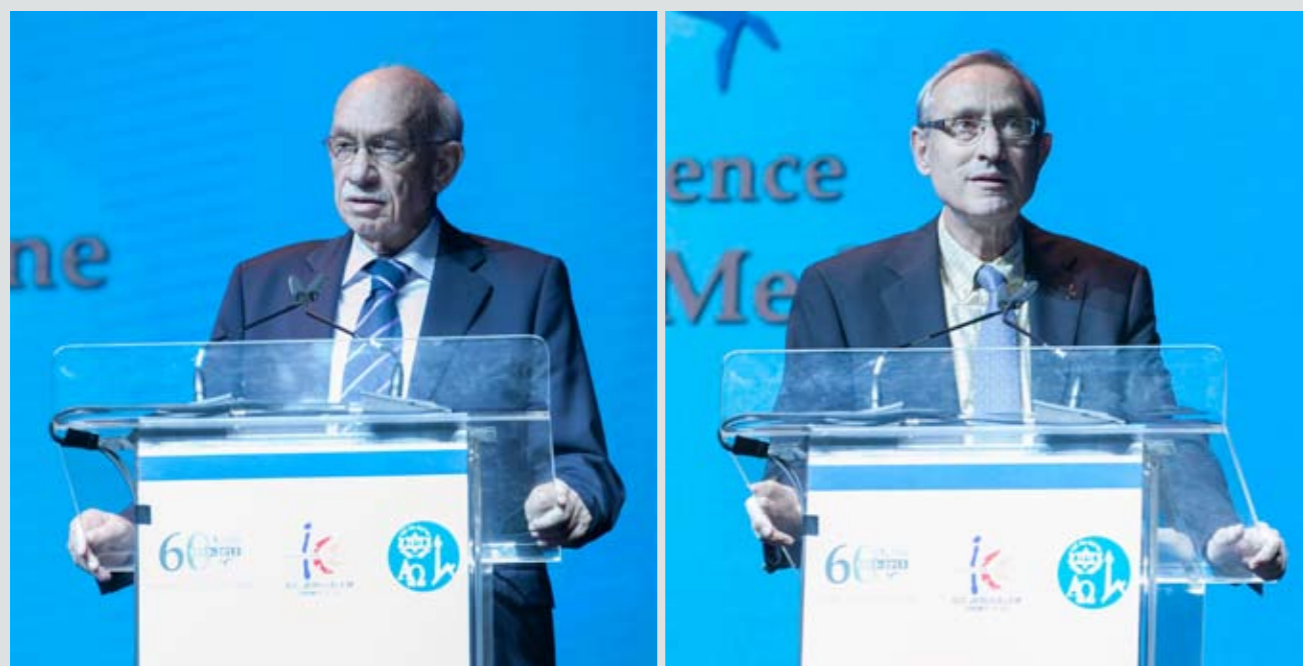
two-day convention, especially the Gala Evening designed to close the celebrations. The Chairperson, Prof. Doron Aframian, worked tirelessly and the Dean, Prof. Adam Stabholz, was also closely involved in the finest of details, orchestrating the Gala Evening, the Scientific Conference and the Fifth Convention of the Middle East Center that took place the day before the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Another logistic challenge was accommodating and feeding all of guests but the staff of the Dean's office, led by the experienced Mrs. Judith Rudolph, were in complete command of the situation.

We had prepared two films to mark the Diamond Anniversary. For the first, "Milestones," Prof.

Noah Stern had gathered historical and photographic material covering 60 years of history. This was shown for the first time at the Gala Evening. The second film focused on the founding and activities of the Walter D. Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education. This movie was prepared by the Dean, Prof. Adam Stabholz, and shown to the audience at the festive meeting of the Middle East Center's Advisory Committee. The films were professionally produced by Serge Goldstein and Dental Master.

We can happily say that the celebrations passed with great success and the organizers and participants were very satisfied with all events.



Hadassah Director-General, Dr. Avigdor Kaplan (left) and University President, Menachem Ben-Sasson, welcome guests to the Gala Evening at Binyanei HaUma



Snippets from the Roof

Noah Stern

The opening reception of the 60th Anniversary celebrations took place in the Roof Top restaurant on the roof of the Mamilla Hotel. All our overseas guests and senior faculty were invited. We Israelis had instructions to mingle among the guests to make them feel at home.

Here are some of the gems I gleaned from these conversations:

D. Walter Cohen: "This is my 50th visit to Israel."

Allen Finkelstein (veteran AO member): "Always feels great to be here."

Arnie Weissgold (Professor, teacher at Penn): "In my first year of specialization, I sat in on Morty Amsterdam and Walter Cohen's course and I didn't understand a word."

David Garber (international lecturer): "Are you sure the technicians in there are good enough to deal with any problems?"

Harold Priskal (Professor, well known clinician, London): "My son is an oral maxillofacial surgeon. His implants are fantastic."

Heidi Webber (secretary of International AO): "I must go to the Western Wall. Some AO members gave me some money to put in the charity box there."

Michael Glick (Jerusalem alumnus, now Dean of Buffalo and Editor-in-Chief of JADA): "I am always working on the journal. Even here in the hotel."

Suzy Laor (enamel technician from Jerusalem now living in Switzerland): "Last Saturday night I noticed that all the Israelis had already gone back to Israel (after the Zurich Convention). I felt lonely so I said to Mark, 'Let's go to Jerusalem to take part in the 60th Anniversary celebrations.'"

Hassam Nuvzari (Professor, born in Iran): "There are at least one million Jews still in Iran today."

Prof. Adam Stabholz: "Have you seen the presentation yet? It's stunning!"

Penina from Ofakim (one of the event organizers): "The AO convention at the end of 2013 has to be at 'Genesis' in the Ramon Crater."



Musical accompaniment



New Dean, Aharon Palmon, welcomes D. Walter Cohen

- ▶ Dean Stabholz with Mr. Zohar Blumenthal, CEO of GC
- ▶ Prof. Avishai Sadan, Deputy Dean at USC and Prof. Michael Glick, Dean of the Dental Faculty at Buffalo, both Jerusalem alumni
- ▼ A Gathering of Faculty Deans



Three department heads: (from left): Profs. Shapira, Chaushu and Palmon



▲ Round table discussion at the convention



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לרפואת שיניים
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▼ VIPs at the entrance to the Faculty building

▼ D. Walter Cohen and his partner at the entrance to the Middle East Center named in his honor



Adam and Ayala Stabholz against the backdrop of a hall full of Faculty alumni



Dr. Izzy Pearl salutes D. Walter Cohen who was Dean of the Faculty during his time there



▲ Guests from Philadelphia at the Morton Amsterdam Hall Dedication Ceremony

▼ The Advisory Committee Executive at the Fifth Middle East Center Convention. From left: Mr. Stanley Bergman, Profs. Adam Stabholz, D. Walter Cohen and Musa Bajali





Fifth Middle East Center Convention

Dr. Yael Huri

On July 10, the Fifth Convention of the Middle East Center was held jointly in the Al-Quds University in East Jerusalem and in our school at Hadassah. The theme of the convention was Building Bridges of Understanding through Dental Medicine.

This year the convention took on a special format, as it was juxtaposed to the 60th Anniversary celebrations. All the Deans and department heads who came for the celebrations also attended this convention.

Furthermore, the start of the convention marked the dedication of a new center for Advanced Studies at Al-Quds. The center is on the second floor of the new Dental School building and was donated by the Henry Schein Company.

The aim of the center is to be a source of knowledge and inspiration for dentists all over the region. International specialists will help direct activities together with staff from both Al-Quds and Hadassah.

After the ceremony, the fourth Tree of Peace sculpture was unveiled at the entrance to the Dental School in Al-Quds. Among the speakers at these moving ceremonies were Dan Shapiro, US Ambassador to Israel and Prof. Sari Nusseibeh, President of Al-Quds University. It was very obvious from them – and from the moving words of Prof. Musa Bajali, Dean of the Faculty at Al-Quds and the other speakers – that this was a historic moment. Relations between the two schools and the activities

of the Middle East Center have moved up a gear and can serve as a fine example of bridges for peace to similar institutions around the world.

In addition to the foreign guests, department heads and teachers from our school also attended. After the ceremonies, participants moved to the lecture room for the scientific part of the event. Al-Quds students welcomed us with flowers and directed us to our reserved seats. The atmosphere was very positive, festive and full of emotion.

Among the lecturers was Prof Ismail Amid, Dean of the Dental Faculty at Temple University, Philadelphia, who delivered a lecture entitled, "The Mission of the Alliance for Oral Health across Borders". Prof Amid greeted the audience in Arabic and read an excerpt from the Koran describing the need to be tolerant of other peoples and to send messages of peace towards strangers because that is the request of a God who created all creatures in His image.

Similarly, he quoted sections of the Old and New Testaments also referring to tolerance and peace between nations.

Among the Deans that honored us with their presence was Prof. Bruce Donoff, Dean of the Dental Faculty at Harvard, who signed a cooperation agreement with the Al-Quds Faculty, similar to the agreement our faculty signed with Harvard at last year's convention.

The Scientific Convention during the 60th Anniversary Celebrations

Prof. Avinoam Yaffe

When the Dean, Adam Stabholz, decided on the 60th Anniversary celebrations, it was clear there was going to be a very well-organized event that would perfectly express and encapsulate 60 years of unprecedented activity.

Prof. Stabholz asked me to be the Chairperson of the Scientific Committee and I willingly agreed,

knowing that Adam and the other committee members would be there to help at every stage.

We decided that all the lecturers would be from overseas (not that we have anything against our homegrown talent of course...), prepared a list of well known names and started to put the program together.

1,200 delegates attended the convention and we had three lectures running simultaneously in three different halls. The talks were also broadcast via satellite and we had accomplished sound and lighting technicians in every room who ensured that the whole event ran very smoothly indeed.



Faculty alumni with the ever popular Prof. Edith Kaye



About the Alumni Association

Prof. Doron Atramian

This last year was a very busy one, as we helped to plan the 60th Year celebrations. I was very happy to see more than 1,000 alumni from home and abroad participating in the various events, from the Scientific Convention to the Gala Evening in Binyanei HaUma.

For me, the 60th year was an opportunity to inject some life into the Alumni Association and I thank all the alumni who helped out, especially the class officers who renewed contact with all their former classmates. Their enthusiasm and intensive participation contributed greatly to the success of the 60th Year events.

For your interest, we have posted pictures and film clips to the Faculty's site. Similarly, in the coming year, we are planning more activities and events. We'll be in touch.



So many dentists in one place at the same time!



An entertaining evening of song, dance and music





Israeli folk dancing in Switzerland

AO Convention - Europe 2013

Dr. Moshe Kaplan



The Israelis and the Swiss enjoying each other's company



International AO President, Marcy Schwartzman, with the Swiss President and Marshall

Approximately 140 AO members from all over the world – Switzerland, US, Israel, France, Belgium, Sweden and even Australia – met in Zurich in June this year. The organizers were local AO members, headed by President Mark Margolin and Marshall Robert Levy. The wives of the members also played a significant part by registering the guests and welcoming them at the opening session. Suzy Laor and Nina Zafran, both Hebrew speakers, welcomed the Israeli delegation.

The scientific part of the convention was organized by AO members from the dental schools in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv and the lectures were of very high standard.

Overseas guests stayed at the Ascor Hotel and the festive meals and discussions were held in the Zionist Federation building over the road.

Apart from the scientific section, there was also a day trip to the old city in Lucerne and the nearby Pilatus mountains. We

tried out all the different types of Swiss transport – buses, trains, cable cars, mountain trains of all shapes and sizes and even a boat ride on the beautiful lake.

The last night's Gala evening was accompanied by music and some lively Hora dancing. The Israeli Ambassador to Switzerland was also an honored guest.

The convention was perfectly organized, as is only appropriate to the Swiss, and will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come.

AO London Hosts AGPP Students from Jerusalem

Dr. Leali Haiman

A group of young dentists from Israel, members of the Advanced General Practitioner's Program (AGPP), led by Dr. Michael Perez Davidi and Dr. Yuval Eilat, were invited by the Alpha Omega London Chapter to participate in a week of professional enhancement, in the field of State of the Art Aesthetic Dentistry. We participated in a series of lectures and "hands-on" experiences, designed especially for our group by the energetic Dr. Linda Greenwall and Dr. Mervyn Druian.

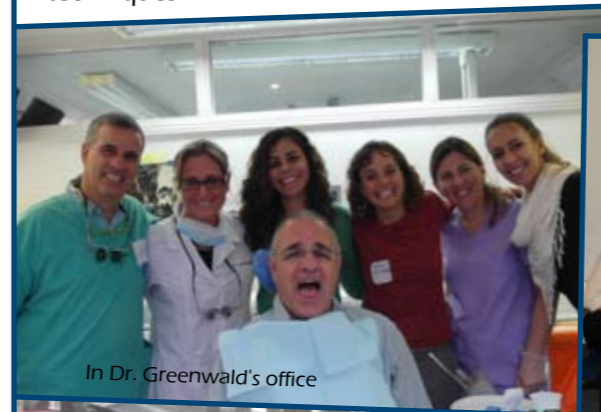
We covered a lot of material – Introduction to Aesthetics and Photography, Tooth Whitening, Veneers made Simple, Relationship Building and Creating Natural Composite Restorations. All the lectures dealt with many aspects of the field that were relatively new to us. But now, after sharing our colleagues' knowledge, we feel much more qualified and confident to eventually apply these techniques.

Just as Abraham was known for his generous hospitality, so were our warm and wonderful hosts – Dr. Linda Greenwall, Dr. Rosemary Lawrence, Rabbi Dov and Freda Kaplan, Mrs. Louise Hager and Dr. Harris Sidelsky and their families, who were kind enough to open their homes to us. May we return their kindness when they come to Israel.

Becoming acquainted with these families and their communities added a much more personal and meaningful aspect to our visit, whether it was sitting side by side at an abundant Shabbat table, singing songs, sharing personal stories or hearing ancient tales. We also shared some adventures while exploring the streets of London, admiring its sights and basking in thousands of years of history. We were also extremely honored to be invited to the House of Lords.

Later we met with British dental students and colleagues while taking part in the London AO meeting and seeing Dr. Harris Sidelsky being installed as the new president of the chapter. This marks the end of an era characterized by the fantastic work of Dr. Linda Greenwall.

Finally, we would like to salute our dear mentors and friends, Dr. Michael Perez Davidi and Dr. Yuval Eilat. They rose magnificently to the complex task of organizing an educational, intriguing and challenging study tour, while always sharing the fun moments with us too, whether on tour in London, enjoying the art galleries or soaking up the local pub culture.



In Dr. Greenwall's office



The Israeli students visit the British Dental Association with Dr. Greenwall



Sightseeing in the streets of London



Visiting the House of Lords with Lord Leslie Turnberg (2rd from left)



A Glimpse into the Past by D. Walter Cohen DDS



Henry M. Goldman DMD

Henry Goldman was born in Boston in 1911 and educated at Brown University. He received his DMD from

Harvard in 1935. He worked in Oral Pathology with Kurt Thoma and taught at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He also served as Oral Pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington during World War II.

After the war Henry became Chairman of the Dental Department at Beth Israel and started a graduate program in Periodontics and Oral Pathology in 1948. His first class included Jack Bloom, Gerry Kramer and Walter Cohen.

"Periodontia," his first book, came out in 1950 and five years later his graduate program merged with a Penn program. Students spent one year in Pennsylvania and the second in Boston. Convinced of the enormous value of graduate studies, Henry launched the Graduate School of Dentistry at Boston University, which eventually became the Henry Goldman School of Dentistry and celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.

Dr. Goldman published several hundred articles and over 30 books. He was awarded many honors all over the world, including an honorary degree from Penn in 1978, when he was crowned "the father of modern Periodontics".

He trained thousands of students at DMD and Post-Doctoral levels and also gave a lot of help to the faculty at Tel Aviv University. He passed away in 1990.



Henry Goldman is sitting second from the left, next to his student, Noah Stern. This picture was taken on his visit to our Faculty's 30th Anniversary celebrations.



Isaac Schour

In the 1940s, the Alpha Omega Fraternity awarded its Achievement Medal to Professor Isaac Schour, a distinguished biologist, researcher and later Dean at the University of Illinois College of Dentistry.

Dean Schour became an active member of the fraternity and played a key role in the relationship between Alpha Omega and the new dental school in Jerusalem, founded in 1953. He even served as a mentor for its founding Dean, Professor Ino Sciaky.

Schour was keen to have all Jerusalem faculty members trained at Masters or doctoral level. To that end, he recruited D. Walter Cohen to chair the fraternity's Faculty and Fellowship Exchange

Committee, which was to establish a program for Jerusalem faculty members to receive graduate training at universities in the United States and other countries.

During the 1960s and 1970s, 18 individuals underwent post doctoral training at the University of Pennsylvania and others spent 1-3 years at the University of Kentucky, Tufts and various European institutions.

Dean Schour also arranged for Professor Maury Massler to take a sabbatical in Jerusalem to help faculty with curriculum development and teaching methods. In many respects Isaac Schour was the loving godfather of the Dental School in Jerusalem.



Standing, from right: Prof. Harry Sicher, Prof. Yosef Weinman and Prof. Maury Massler. Sitting, from right: Prof. Isaac Schour and Prof. Blint Urban



Abram Cohen

My father joined Penn Dental School in 1919 and was President of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Omega in 1922-23. After graduating he went into general practice and became extremely active in the Philadelphia Chapter.

In 1937 he became AO National President at age 36 and began talks with Hadassah about starting a Dental School in what was then still Palestine.

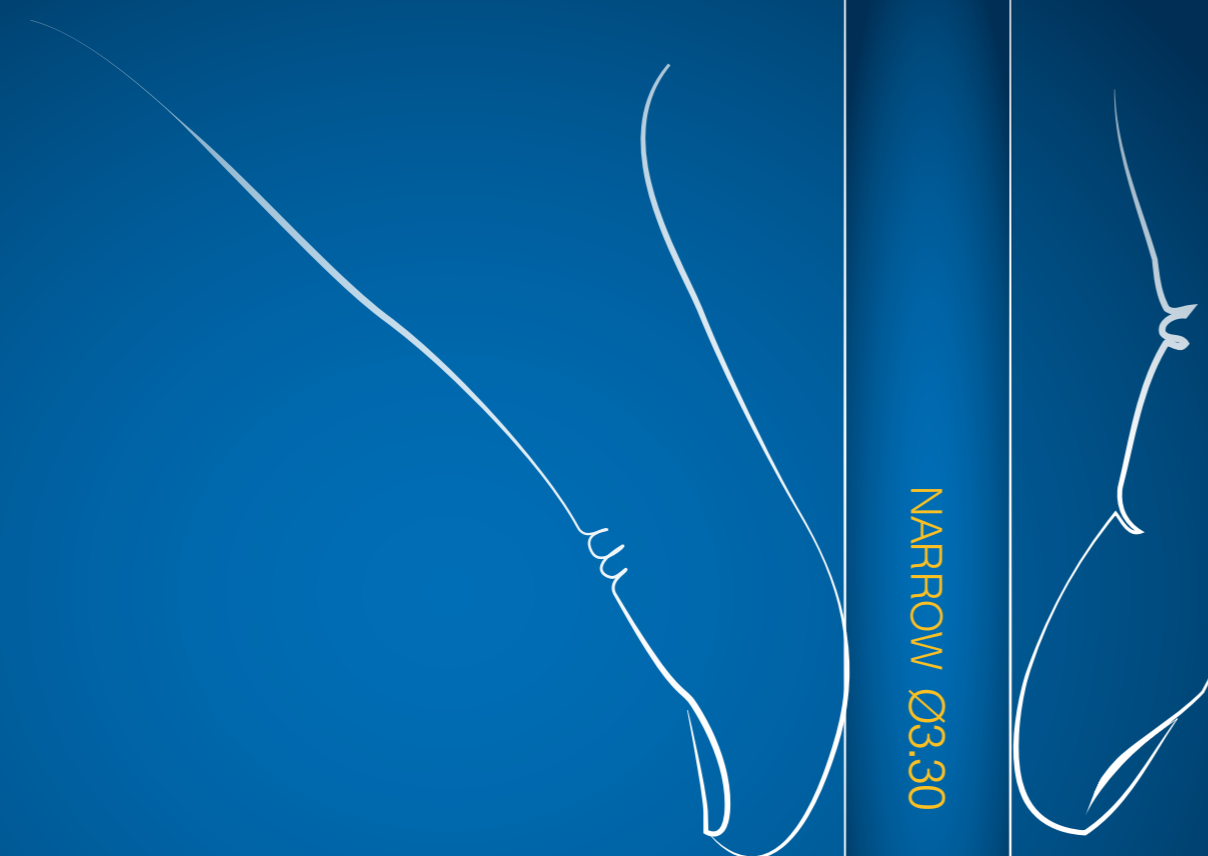
In 1938 he took a summer course at NYU with Dr. Samuel Charles Miller and opened an office as

Philadelphia's first full-time Periodontist. His practice flourished and continues to do so 75 years later. He also became Dental Director for the local school system, instigating a model education program and, as Past President of the Philadelphia County Dental Society, was instrumental in Philadelphia becoming the first major city to fluoridate its water supply. These two initiatives alone helped reduce dental caries in children by 60%.

His efforts were recognized many times over the years and Alpha Omega and Israel were a significant part of his life. He was extremely proud of his family and the school in Jerusalem. Blessed with good health, he was still playing tennis at age 93! He passed away in 1998, age 97.



D. Walter Cohen with his father



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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 Mevasseret Zion Seminary for Teaching and Education.

"60 for Wisdom"

The verse in the fifth chapter of the Ethics of the Fathers lists a person's skills at various stages of his or her life: "... 40 for understanding, 50 for counsel, 60 for wisdom..." One of the commentators, using another verse from the Book of Job, suggests this means that at age 60 a person knows how to deliver his wisdom with good taste and intelligence.

After such an incredible period of six decades, it is indeed fitting to celebrate 60 years of a Faculty that was literally created from nothing to become – in such a short space of time – one of

the global leaders in dental education!

Today, we can safely say that "Its end is better than its beginning" (Ecclesiastes 9). Only in hindsight and with a broad perspective of all those years can we really evaluate the long journey and the huge success. And only now can we recognize that the roots of "its end" were planted in "its beginning" branch by branch, tree by tree.

"Although your beginning was small, your end will be very great." (Job 8:7)

Between You and Me...

My Students

Noah Stern

We put a lot of work into the 60th Anniversary celebrations. Months of discussions, planning, preparations, phone calls, mails, meetings and endless searches for relevant material covering 60 years of activity.

Because 60 years is 60 years, and some of us have been around for a large chunk of that time...

We particularly wanted to involve as many alumni as possible. We invited one or two representatives from each class and urged them to use their charm and charisma to contact their classmates and persuade them to come with their families.

Yet with all the preparation, there was one thing I was not prepared for. I had not imagined my personal reunions with my former students. Although I have only worn out a

few pairs of shoes over my 41 years walking the floors of the student clinics, I was overwhelmed to see hundreds of former students at the entrance to the building at 9 am that summer morning.

Dozens of handshakes, hugs and kisses. What a wonderfully warm and pleasant feeling! Luckily most of them had an identity tag so I could tell who they were. A few reminded me of events in the past that I had long forgotten while others quoted things I'd said to them in answer to their questions all those years ago. According to them, my words had accompanied them throughout their professional lives.

All of them told me of their professional satisfaction and progress and how grateful they were for choosing the right profession. Most of them look as

young and sprightly as ever, just like me!

I enjoyed seeing young men now grown into handsome husbands and sweet young women now proudly raising children. Each of them has come a long way since those days in dental school.

However, I asked myself at the end of that almost euphoric day, "Is everything they said true? Did I really leave such an impression on so many students?" Apparently I did.

But let us be honest. The only reason I was able to make an impact was because I was standing on the shoulders of the giants who were my teachers.

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