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Dear Friend of AFI,

Allergists for Israel (AFI) are continuing in its mission of creating solidarity with our fellow allergists in Israel. We are proud to have supported several speakers this past year that have gone to Israel and we continue to sponsor Israeli allergists to come to the United States to rotate and study. Dr. Miguel Stein will be starting a three-year research fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Marc Rothenberg at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and AFI will be sponsoring a mini-fellowship prior to him starting this program. Dr. Mark Zimmerman will be starting a mini-fellowship in March. Both will be attending the AFI Oneg Shabbat to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverwalk Marriott, Alamo Ballroom D. The Oneg Shabbat will be followed by a slide presentation beginning at 8:00 p.m. by Dr. Henry Claman entitled, "JEWISH IMAGES IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Art As the Mirror of the Jewish-Christian Conflict, 200-1250 C.E."



These activities are sponsored by AFI who gets its support primarily from its member's dues. We ask that you continue your membership with AFI and if you are not a member, please join. We cannot continue to provide quality programs without your financial support. Recently, we sent a mailing to all past and prospective AFI members updating you on AFI activities but very few responded by paying membership dues.

If you have not paid your dues, we encourage you to show your support for AFI by doing so. Annual dues are \$118 and should be remitted as soon as possible. Additional charitable contributions are welcome.

Remember, we are now an official non-profit organization. Checks payable to AFI should be sent to: Randee Mansfield, Treasurer, Allergists for Israel, 1901 Arizona Avenue, El Paso, TX 79902.

If you are not a current member, attached is a membership form that you can complete and send in with your dues to the above address. I look forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio.

Shalom,
Jonathan A. Bernstein, M.D., AFI Chairman

Upcoming Events

AAAAI

Friday, March 18, 2005

Shabbat Services

Conference Room 16,
Third Floor,
Marriott Rivercenter
6:00-8:00 p.m.

AFI Oneg Shabbat

Alamo Ballroom D
Marriott Riverwalk
7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 19, 2005

Shabbat Services

Conference Room 17,
Third Floor,
Marriott Rivercenter
7:00-11:00 a.m.

Mission/Vision of Allergists for Israel

Allergists for Israel was founded in 1985 and the evolving vision of our group is to:

1. Develop camaraderie by the gathering (nationally and internationally) of Allergists/Immunologists and other supporters of allergy in Israel at national Academy and College allergy meetings.
2. Provide financial support for Israeli allergy fellows for scholarly activities.
3. Establish a network of North American and Israeli Allergists/Immunologists so that we can communicate internationally and meet in the United States and Israel every few years.
4. Develop linkages between American and Israeli Allergists/Immunologists by sponsoring American allergists to visit and speak in Israel.

Henry Claman to be Featured Speaker at AAAAI AFI Event

Excerpt from Henry Claman's book Jewish Images in the Christian Church which explains how he was stimulated to undertake this project.

“The idea for the book arose when my wife Janet and I were enjoying a brief side trip to Milan during our stay at the Rockefeller Conference Center in Bellagio on Lake Como. We visited the recently remodeled Museo del Duomo (museum of the Cathedral of Milan). We looked closely at many statues which had weathered badly during centuries spent on the roof and so had been taken down and replaced by copies. We wondered why so many figures

and scenes from the Jewish Bible were on the roof of a Catholic Church. As we thought about it, we remembered many other churches and cathedrals we had visited also displayed a large number of Old Testament images.”

Join us immediately after the Oneg Shabbat, Friday March 18 at 8:00 p.m. for a discussion by Dr. Henry Claman about his research that looked at art as a reflection of Jewish-Christian relations which culminated in his very well written book, *Jewish Images in the Christian Church: Art as the Mirror of the Jewish-Christian Conflict 200–1250 C.E.*

Message from Dr. Miguel Stein

I was born in Santiago, Chile in 1961 where my family still lives today. Growing up in Chile, I attended a Hebrew school during which time I joined the school's Zionist movement. After high school, I studied medicine at the University of Chile and graduated in 1987. During this time I remained very active in the Zionist movement as part of the Jewish student body. I knew since high school that I wanted to make Aliyah to Israel and realized this dream after graduating medical school. Upon arriving in Israel in September 1987, I attended an Ulpan where I studied Hebrew intensively and after 5 months, I was able to start my residency in Internal Medicine at the Sheba hospital in Tel Hashomer Medical Center. After three years of living in Israel I went into the Army for my compulsory service as a physician. After 1½ years, I returned to Tel Hashomer to finish my residency while remaining in the army Medical Corps. Later I decided to specialize in Allergy/ Immunology and began a fellowship at Kaplan Medical Center in Rehovot, which I completed in 1998.

During these past years until recently, I have been working as an allergist in the army and at the Kaplan Medical Center treating hundreds of patients.

I met my wife Michal in 1998, an agronomist, and we have two beautiful children—Yuval, five years old, and Jonathan seven months. Several months ago I met Dr. Marc Rothenberg in Israel after hearing a lecture who offered me to come for a research fellowship at Cincinnati Children's hospital. After discussion with my family we decided to come to Cincinnati for 3 years. My interest is to continue patient care and pursue an academic research career when I return to Israel. I feel this important decision will enable me in the future to make substantial contributions to the Allergy specialty in Israel. Prior to starting my research fellowship, I have been awarded a mini-fellowship from “Allergists for Israel.” I look forward to developing a long-lasting relationship with AFI and am grateful for their support during this critical time in my career.

From Dr. Sheldon Spector

In December of 2004, I had the pleasure of visiting Israel and speaking at grand rounds in one of the big Tel Aviv hospitals. It was attended not only by physicians of that hospital but also some of the physicians in the community. The topic was on "Update on Asthma Treatment" but the discussion included a variety of topics including Bronchial Inhalation Challenge Procedures. Professor Kivity was a wonderful host! We rounded on some of his patients in the hospital, spoke to the laboratory personnel there, and that evening, were entertained by him and his wife in their lovely apartment. Then while in the Beersheva area, I met with another allergist Dr. Ed Spitz, who trained in Boston. Although he no longer held his academic position, he was a wonderful source of information on the botany of Israel and the landscape of Israeli politics. While in Israel, I did not feel unsafe and the spirit of the physicians and the people was uplifting. I recommend this exposure to Israel Allergy and Immunology and Israel itself to all.



Shlomo Bar-Sela addressing the Israeli Allergy Society audience



Front: I. Leonard Bernstein, Israel Glazer, Ekka Glazer, Miriam Bernstein; Back: Shai Kiddon, Mona Kiddon, Lisa Bernstein, Jonathan Bernstein



Valery Taplitsky, previous minifellowship recipient, Leonard and Jonathan Bernstein



Jonathan Bernstein, Bobby Lanier, Mona Kiddon, Shlomo Bar-Sela, Israel Glazer and Leonard Bernstein

Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel

Map of Israel Allergists 2004

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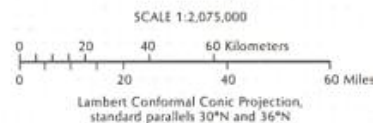
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Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____

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Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Spouse/Partner's Name _____

Hobbies/Affiliations _____

Member since _____ Areas of interest _____

Please let us know what you are interested in seeing Allergists for Israel achieve. Your comments and suggestions will help us to improve our organization.

Our primary mode of communication will be e-mail since it is easy to use and inexpensive. Please let us know if you would rather be contacted via an alternate method.

Phone Fax

2005 annual dues are \$118. Please include a check payable to ALLERGISTS FOR ISRAEL with your completed form or provide your credit card information below.

Visa MasterCard American Express

Account number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.
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