



# Allergists for Israel

Dear AFI Members and Colleagues:

Shanah Tovah um'Tukah! I hope everybody has had a healthy, happy and sweet New Year and has adequately atoned for all of their transgressions. Since I last communicated to the membership of AFI, many things have been going on within our organization. We had a very successful Kiddush and dinner event at the AAAAI meeting in Washington, D.C. The program was held in an historic synagogue and featured the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Dr. Charles Krauthammer. The event, as always, was very well attended and the audience was very much engaged, as you can see from the pictures highlighting the evening.



In December, I had the pleasure of visiting Israel to see my daughter, Alison, who has been living in Tel Aviv for the past year doing an internship. This was a special trip as I had my wife and all four of my children with me in Israel at one time which is no small feat. While there, we held an impromptu AFI dinner in Tel Aviv and had several of our previous recipients of AFI fellowships and/or research grants attend this dinner. While traveling through the country, I was also able to see colleagues in different cities who were not able to make the dinner. I was very touched by the effort that our Israeli colleagues made to take time out of their work-week to visit and demonstrate the camaraderie, which is a central mission of AFI. Finally, the AFI will be represented at this year's World Allergy Organization in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We have been invited to give a Sister Symposium entitled, "The Environmental Impact of Air Pollution on Non-Allergic Respiratory Disorders." Speakers include myself on "Sources of Air Pollution: What the Allergist Needs To Know," **William Silvers** on "Non-Allergic Rhinitis: Pathophysiology Classification and Treatment," **Leonard Bielory** on "Non-Allergic Conjunctivitis When The Itch Is Not Always Allergic?" and finally, **Dr. Edgardo Jares** who will speak on "Phenotypic Differences Between Allergic and Non-Allergic Asthma: Should We Care?" The AFI will also sponsor a cocktail party for our South American colleagues and any AFI attendees at the WAO meeting. This event is an important first step for AFI's outreach to the international allergy community.

AFI has continued to provide funding in support of education and research in Israel. Two mini-fellowships were awarded this past year to **Drs. Evgenia Balaban** and **David Nusem**, both completed at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital medical centers. Drs. Balaban and Nusem both felt their time in Cincinnati provided them with a unique and valuable experience. We hope to extend these Mini-fellowships to other training programs around the country in the near future.

The AFI is proud to sponsor a key note speaker at this year's Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology which will be held in Canaan SPA hotel in Zefad, Israel October 29-31, 2009. **Dr. Amy Pallar**, from the Department of Dermatology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine will speak on "Update on Atopic Dermatitis." AFI is also awarding three research grants to fund a clinical, translational and basic research project in Israel. Each grant is for \$3,000 and a total of \$9,000 will be awarded this year. We had a large number of proposals submitted that were all scientifically very strong. The grant recipients will be announced at this year's IAACI meeting. Dr. Elias Toubi, the current President of the IAACI has extended a warm welcome to any of our AFI members if they wish to attend this meeting. Contact **Ilan Dalal** at [ilandal@hotmail.com](mailto:ilandal@hotmail.com) or **Menachem Rottem** at [menachem@rottem.net](mailto:menachem@rottem.net).

As usual, we will have a Kiddush at this year's American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology meeting on Friday meeting at 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The place and time are listed in the schedule of events. We look forward to everyone attending this event to reconnect with each other.

Finally, we are already in the early stages of planning for a joint IAACI AFI event in 2011, either in conjunction with the American College or American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. Based on feedback from our previous meeting in December, 2008, we are excited about the prospects of having a second annual international IAACI meeting.

We would like to thank our corporate sponsors for allowing AFI to continue to succeed in its mission of education, teaching, research and camaraderie. Meda has generously provided support for the WAO Symposium and TEVA has been a very strong supporter of our annual meetings, which is crucial for allowing us to plan excellent entertainment and thought-provoking educational programming. I would like to acknowledge all of our old and new Board members of AFI who have provided guidance and assistance in our organization and our volunteers, Beth Goldfarb, AFI Administrative Assistant, Randy Mansfield, AFI Treasurer and David Rosenthal, our WEB master.

However, we still largely depend on dues from our members and we would like to encourage everyone to make sure that they are all up-to-date on their annual dues and continue to support AFI if you feel as strongly as we do that it provides an invaluable service to the International allergy community.

I look forward to seeing you all at the College meeting in Miami. L'hitraot and Shalom.

Jonathan A. Bernstein, M.D.  
Chairman, Allergists for Israel



**ACAAI  
2009 Meeting**  
Miami Beach, Florida  
November 5-10, 2009



**Shabbat Services**  
ACAAI  
Miami  
Friday, November 6  
4:30 – 7:00 pm  
Poinciana Room 4  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel

Kiddush after Services  
6:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
Poinciana Room 3  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel

**Saturday, November 7**  
7:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Poinciana Room 4  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel

**Sunday, November 8**  
7:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
Poinciana Room 4  
Loews Miami Beach Hotel



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## 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.

## AFI Mini-Fellowships

To apply as a center willing to accept Israeli fellows please contact Jonathan Bernstein at [Jonathan.Bernstein@uc.edu](mailto:Jonathan.Bernstein@uc.edu). This is an extremely gratifying opportunity as it provides the opportunity to develop close relationships with Israeli allergists through academic and social exchange. AFI currently provides a \$3,000 stipend for a three week rotation. It is recommended to coordinate these rotations around a AAAAI meeting as the stipend helps for travel expenses. The letter from one of our recent AFI mini-fellowship awardees elegantly summarizes great experience our Israeli colleagues have when they come to the US.

*Dear AFI members,*

*I am a clinical allergist and most of my patients are from the Western Galilee. Two months ago I returned from the mini-fellowship generously granted by AFI. It was really a wonderful and interesting experience for me to watch the clinical practice of a high standard university hospital and private clinics with the most modern technical devices and to see also how another medical care system works. I had the opportunity to see some different approaches to problems which I face as well in my clinic and those which can fit my patients and our system I will of course adopt. Not only was the professional aspect wonderful but it was also an exciting experience to be with Professors Leonard, David and Jonathan and their charming families. They really gave me the feeling of being among good friends. My mini-fellowship in Cincinnati, Ohio completely fulfilled the AFI goals which were to strengthen the friendship between American and Israeli allergists and to help us to be better physicians. I want to thank all AFI members for the grant and my hosts for the great time I had with them. It will be my pleasure to have any one of the AFI members as my guests and to show you the beautiful region I live when you visit Israel.*

*Sincerely,  
Dr. David Nusem*

## AFI Annual Dinner Event

The AFI annual event at the AAAAI meeting in Washington D.C. was held at the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, the First Hebrew Congregation which was founded in 1852. The event had over 200 attendees and highlighted **Dr. Michael Kaliner**, Chief Medical Director of the Institute for Asthma and Allergy, who spoke on “Asthma: New Ideas From An Old Observer,” Mr. Martin Peled-Flax, a diplomat with the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and our keynote speaker was Dr. Charles Krauthammer, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist from the *Washington Post*, who spoke on the events leading up to the current political chaos surrounding Israel. The evening was hosted by **Dr. Daniel Ein** and **Dr. Michael Kaliner**.



Martin Peled-Flax



Dr. Charles Krauthammer

## 2009 Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Meeting

This year's IAACI meeting will be held in Canaan SPA hotel in Zefad, Israel October 29–31, 2009. AFI is sponsoring a keynote speaker, **Dr. Amy Pallar**, from the Department of Dermatology, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, an expert in Atopic Dermatitis. All are invited to attend.

## AFI Event at this Year's WAO Event in Buenos Aires, Argentina

For anyone attending this year's WAO meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, **Dr. Edgardo Jares** will host an AFI sponsored cocktail party at the Museum of the “Templo Libertad”, where the first Argentinean Synagogue was erected. The event will be held December 9 from 7 p.m. For more information, contact Edgardo Jares at [edgardo.jares@gmail.com](mailto:edgardo.jares@gmail.com).

## Join us on Facebook

Facebook began as the hottest thing among the college-age population, but it has now become just as popular now among teens and adults. Although it is called “social networking,” there is a huge and growing professional component to it as well. It is truly a graphic representation of “six degrees of separation.” People use it to connect, interact and keep in touch with their friends. It is also a quick and informal way to keep in touch with colleagues, or advertise events that is being used by the ACAAI as well.

Since Allergists for Israel strives to reach our members through various ways, we'd like to announce that we now have a Facebook page. We already link to our web site and post events. In the future we may post photographs and other information there as well. Now, you don't even have to leave Facebook to find us — please join us today and join the Allergists for Israel group. You can search for “Allergists for Israel” within Facebook, or go directly to our Facebook Group at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=52393390016>



# 2009 AAAAI Annual AFI Dinner



# 2009 AAAAI Annual AFI Dinner (continued)



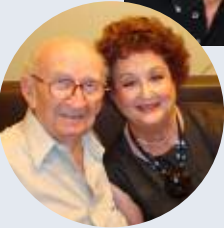
# 2009 AAAAI Annual AFI Dinner (continued)



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AFI dinner in Tel Aviv, August 2009 and at the Kineret



# Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel



## Academic Training Centers

### Haifa:

"Rambam" Medical Center  
 Prof. Shimon Pollack  
[pollack@rambam.health.gov.il](mailto:pollack@rambam.health.gov.il)

### Kfar Saba:

"Meir" Medical Center  
 Dr Arnon Goldberg  
[arnong@clalit.org.il](mailto:arnong@clalit.org.il)

### Petach Tikva:

"Schneider" Medical Center  
 Prof. Yehuda Danon  
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### Tel Aviv:

"Sourasky" Medical Center  
 Prof. Shmuel Kivity  
[allergy@tasmc.health.gov.il](mailto:allergy@tasmc.health.gov.il)

### Holon

"Wolfson" Medical Center  
 Dr Amir Tanai  
[tanai@post.tau.ac.il](mailto:tanai@post.tau.ac.il)

### Ramat Gan:

"Sheba" Medical Center  
 Dr Avner Reshef  
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"Kaplan" Medical Center  
 Prof. Zev Shtoeger  
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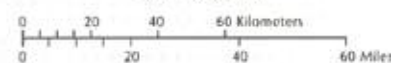
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## Allergists for Israel 2010 Membership Application Form

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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**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

**2010 annual dues are \$118. Please include a check payable to ALLERGISTS FOR ISRAEL with your completed form or provide your credit card information below.**

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Account number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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