

Allergists for Israel

Dear AFI members and friends,

The last several months have been truly marked by many historic firsts. The first African American President of the United States, the possibility of the first female Prime Minister of Israel in 35 years and the first IAACI meeting sponsored by the ACAAI and AFI recently held in Jerusalem. It was an honor for AFI to play a key role in helping to organize this very successful meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, words cannot do justice in describing this event. Hopefully the collage of pictures can give you a flavor of what occurred. The quality of the scientific curriculum, the speaker presentations and the intellectual exchanges were all phenomenal, culminated by the social interactions and camaraderie experienced during the meeting and at the organized social activities. Even the weather cooperated with temperatures in the 70's. This meeting was a testimony to a great country and people who have learned to plan and work hard for tomorrow with the uncertainty of peace from day to day. The transition from this joyful atmosphere to one of fear and violence just a couple of weeks later, emphasizes the sobering reality of Israel's struggle for normalcy as a democratic nation surrounded by hostile foes. This meeting would not have been possible without the support of our major sponsor, TEVA Pharmaceuticals. Special thanks to **Mark Salyer** and **Greg Lund** for their unwavering commitment. We would also like to express our gratitude to our many other sponsors including Merck, Dyax, Meda, Jerini, Pharming, CSL-Behring, Sepracor, London Luxury LLC and Lev Pharmaceuticals.



The upcoming AFI events in Washington, D.C. promise to be very entertaining and interesting. We would like to extend our thanks to our hosts **Drs. Daniel Ein** and **Michael Kaliner**. Michael has also accepted our invitation to be this year's scientific speaker who will talk about the small airways while providing a fresh perspective on the changing care paradigm for asthma. We are also very honored and fortunate to have as our keynote speaker, the distinguished Dr. Charles Krauthammer, an American Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist and commentator whose weekly column appears in *The Washington Post* and is syndicated in more than 200 newspapers and media outlets. Dr. Krauthammer is considered one of the most influential commentators in the United States. As if this isn't enough, the Israeli embassy is dispatching Mr. Martin Peled-Flax, the Minister-Counselor for Domestic Political Affairs, to speak at our dinner. This year's event will be held at the historic Sixth and I Synagogue which is a short walking distance from the Renaissance Hotel. As there is limited seating, we encourage everyone to RSVP as soon as possible.

I would like to acknowledge two new additions to the AFI board, **Drs. Gary Gross** and **John Cohn**, whose energy and commitment to AFI's goals are warmly welcomed. **Menachem Rottem** and **Mona Kidon** have been asked to represent IAACI and participate on our board. I would like to also acknowledge all the great work that **Beth Goldfarb**, **David Rosenthal** and last but certainly not least **Randee Mansfield** do for AFI. These individuals contribute their time generously to keep AFI the growing and vibrant organization it has become. Beth will be attending this year's meeting and can be contacted with any questions at afiadm@gmail.com.

In line with our continuing support of education and research initiatives in Israel, AFI has awarded a research award at the IAACI/ACAAI meeting to **Shaye Kivity** for his proposal entitled, "Ribosomal-P derivative as a novel therapy for anti-ribosomal-P mediated- depression in mice." Previous recipients of AFI funded grants include **Drs. Eli Magen**, **Mona Kidon**, **Yuri Zeldin** and **Ariel Munitz** who all presented their work at the IAACI/ACAAI meeting in **Jerusalem**. **Drs. Moshe Ben Shoshan** and **Ilan Asher** were last year's mini-fellowship award recipients. This year's mini-fellowship recipients will be **Drs. Evgenia Baraban** and **David Nussem**. Both will be doing their mini-fellowships in Cincinnati, Ohio at the University of Cincinnati and Children's Hospital Medical Center.

I want to emphasize the importance of your continued financial support of AFI. Your contributions are essential for AFI to continue to fulfill its mission centered on promoting scholarly activities in conjunction with our Israeli colleagues. Remember that by joining AFI, your contribution will be used to provide research grant support, mini-fellowships for Israeli allergy fellows in the United States and Canada, speaker support for CME programs in Israel among other scholarly activities. As always, we are receptive to entertaining new ideas for AFI programs from our members. It is easy to maintain your AFI membership by logging onto our website, registering and donating \$100 + "Chai." All donations are tax deductible. To all of our members, thank-you for your current and continued support. If you aren't a member, please join AFI today by completing the membership application and dues payment on-line today!

Please visit the AFI web site at www.allergists4israel.org which has all of the up to date information about the upcoming AAAAI Kiddush, services and dinner function in Washington, D.C. We also continue to provide an on-line ordering service for kosher meals for anyone interested.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Washington, D.C.

Shalom and l'hitraot,
Jonathan A. Bernstein, M.D.
Chairman, Allergists for Israel

AAAAI 2009 Annual Meeting Washington, D.C. March 13-17, 2009

AFI ANNUAL DINNER EVENT

Sixth & I Historic Synagogue
600 I Street N.W.
6:30 p.m. Cocktails

Hosted by

Dr. Daniel Ein
Dr. Michael Kaliner

Guest Speakers

Dr. Michael Kaliner
"Asthma: New Ideas From
An Old Observer"

Mr. Martin Peled-Flax
Israeli Minister-Counselor
for Domestic Political Affairs

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Charles Krauthammer
Renowned columnist for
The Washington Post

Support provided by Teva Specialty Pharmaceuticals

AFI Religious Services

All the following services
are at the Renaissance
Washington DC Hotel

Friday, March 13, 2009

1st Kiddush 5:45 p.m.

2nd Kiddush after Services

Ballroom West B

Shabbat Services

Friday, March 13 at 7:15 p.m.

Ballroom West A

Saturday, March 15

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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Weekday Services

Sunday, March 15

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

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Monday, March 16

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

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AFI Annual Dinner Event

AFI cordially invites you to share with us an exciting evening on Sunday, March 15, 2009 at Sixth & I Historic Synagogue. The synagogue was originally known as the First Hebrew Congregation which was founded in 1852 in the District of Columbia by twenty-one German Jews. In 1876, President Ulysses S. Grant along with a list of dignitaries attended the dedication of the congregation's first sanctuary at Sixth and G Streets. Its present building located at Sixth and I was dedicated in 1908.

We are pleased to offer a most exciting and prestigious dinner event. Dr. Michael Kaliner, Chief Medical Director of the Institute for Asthma and Allergy, will be speaking on "Asthma: New Ideas From An Old Observer." Dr. Kaliner has held numerous noteworthy positions and has hundreds of published works relating to allergies, sinusitis and asthma. Mr. Martin Peled-Flax, a diplomat with the Israeli Embassy in Washington, will also be our guest speaker. He is the Israeli Minister-Counselor for Domestic Political Affairs. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Charles Krauthammer.

Dr. Krauthammer is a weekly columnist for *The Washington Post*, writing on foreign and domestic policy. He is the winner of the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary as well as the recipient of the 1984 National Magazine Award for essays. It is indeed a pleasure to have such esteemed guests for this AFI event.

The evening will be hosted by Dr. Daniel Ein and Dr. Michael Kaliner. The dinner event begins at 6:30 with cocktails. Sixth & I Synagogue is a short walk from the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel, headquarters for the AAAAI meeting. Please contact Beth at afiadm@gmail.com for information and to make a reservation.



Dr. Daniel Ein



Dr. Michael Kaliner



Tidbits from Beth Goldfarb

There is a famous saying, "Tell me who your friends are, and I'll tell you who you are." Well, I am proud to say that the Allergists For Israel are my friends! AFI represents a group of professionals who are prominent in their specialties, talented in their skills, and conscientious of their responsibilities. We are all laden with responsibilities. We are responsible to our families, friends, and society in general. During difficult times it is all too easy to dismiss the needs of others and concentrate on ourselves. Our world is enduring an economic crisis likened to a Depression that many of us only know from history books. It is exactly times such as this, which proves how important it is to know who your friends are.

Membership in an organization is more than paying annual dues. Being part of a group committed to an altruistic mission is extremely empowering for oneself. The worthiness of a cause gives us a sense of meaning and value and is vital in a time when we are surrounded

by calamities.

The mission of AFI is to create and foster. AFI strives to create academic, educational, and scholarly activities between North and South America, European and Israeli professionals. We strive to advance Allergy and Immunological research and to share knowledge with our colleagues. We are committed to fostering ties with Israel that supports an exchange of communication through networking.

The camaraderie established through both academic and social interactions is beyond measure. Who knows what actually the critical element is that determines change in our world. Perhaps it is a group of Allergists and Immunologists who are committed to sharing what they do so well and developing a linkage between nations.

I am proud to be part of the link. Supporting AFI through membership strengthens the bond and helps to create a vision for the future. I hope you will consider being part of the link!

Mission/Vision of Allergists for Israel



Allergists for Israel was founded in 1984 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.

Charles Krauthammer

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and named by the Financial Times the most influential commentator in America, Charles Krauthammer has been honored from every part of the political spectrum for his bold, lucid and original writing—from the famously liberal People for the American Way (which presented him their First Amendment Award) to the staunchly conservative Bradley Foundation (which awarded him its first \$250,000 Bradley Prize).

Krauthammer writes a syndicated column for *The Washington Post* for which he won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. It is published weekly in over 190 newspapers worldwide. He also writes a monthly essay for TIME magazine, is a contributing editor to *The Weekly Standard* and *The New Republic*, and is a weekly panelist on *Inside Washington* and a contributor to FOX News.

For two decades, his influential writings have helped frame the very shape of American foreign policy. He coined and developed *The Reagan Doctrine* (*TIME*, April 1985), defined the structure of the post-Cold War world in *The Unipolar Moment* (*Foreign Affairs*, Winter 1990/1991), and outlined the principles of post-9/11 American foreign policy in his much-debated Irving Kristol Lecture, *Democratic Realism* (AEI Press, March 2004).

Born in New York City and raised in Montreal, Krauthammer was educated at McGill University

(B.A. 1970), Oxford University (Commonwealth Scholar in Politics) and Harvard (M.D. 1975). While serving as a resident and then chief resident in psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, he published scientific papers, including his co-discovery of a form of bipolar disease, that continue to be cited in the psychiatric literature.

In 1978, he quit medical practice, came to Washington to direct planning in psychiatric research in the Carter administration, and began contributing articles to *The New Republic*. During the Presidential campaign of 1980, he served as a speechwriter to Vice President Walter Mondale. He joined *The New Republic* as a writer and editor in 1981. His *New Republic* writings won the 1984 National Magazine Award for Essays and Criticism, the highest award in magazine journalism.

From 2001 to 2006, he served on the President's Council on Bioethics. He is a founding board member of Washington's Shores Hebrew High School, president of The Krauthammer Foundation and chairman of Pro Musica Hebraica, an organization dedicated to the recovery and performance of lost classical Jewish music.

Krauthammer lives in suburban Washington with Robyn, an artist. Their son, Daniel, is a student at Oxford University.





Michael Kaliner, M.D.

Michael A Kaliner is Medical Director of the Institute for Asthma and Allergy in Chevy Chase and Wheaton, Maryland. Among his achievements, Dr. Kaliner has been Head of Allergic Diseases and the Training Program Director of Allergy and Immunology at the National Institutes of Health; President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology; Chairman of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology; a member of the Executive Committee of the Joint Council of Allergy and Immunology, President of the Allergy and Immunology Section of the American Thoracic Society; and President of the World Allergy Organization. In 2004, he co-founded Strategic Pharmaceutical Advisors, a professional pharmaceutical consulting company.

An avid teacher and researcher, Dr. Kaliner has published more than 500 articles, reviews, and books relating to allergies, sinusitis, and asthma. He has edited magazines for patients, such as *Breathe Well*, which he created, and for physicians, such as *The Current Report on Allergy and Asthma*, which he also created. He has been Editor or on the Editorial Boards of many allergy and asthma journals, including the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, *E-medicine/Web MD*, and the *World Allergy Organization Journal*.

Among his favorite activities is meeting and talking with fellow allergists. He is well on his way toward achieving his life time ambition of meeting every allergist in the USA

Dr. Kaliner was Head of the Allergy and Asthma Program at the National Institutes of Health for 18 years before founding the Institute for Asthma and Allergy, which is a state-of-the-art research and clinical program designed for difficult-to-manage patients in the mid-Atlantic area of the United States. Dr. Kaliner is recognized on the “Best Doctor” lists of *The Best Doctors in America*, *American Health Magazine*, *Clinical Guide to Top Doctors*, *America’s Top Doctors*, *Washington Checkbook*, and *The Washingtonian Magazine*. In 1995, he received the Gold Key Award from the University of Maryland Medical School as their outstanding alumnus. In 2006 he was honored as the recipient of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology’s Distinguished Clinician Award.

Dr. Kaliner earned his MD from the University of Maryland and did his post-graduate training at the Hospital of the University of Maryland, the University of California in San Francisco, and Harvard University School of Medicine.

He is married to Jean Andrews Kaliner and has three children: Aaron, Matthew and Leslie.

Martin Peled-Flax

Martin Peled-Flax was born in New York in 1958. A graduate of Touro College (B.A.) and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (M.A. and Rabbinic Ordination) he was also a Lady Davis Research Fellow at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1982–83). From 1984–86 he was on active duty with the Israel Defense Forces.

Martin Peled-Flax joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel in November, 1986. He subsequently served as Consul for Information at the Consulate General of Israel in Houston, Texas (1989–94) and Ambassador of Israel to the Republic of Belarus (1998–2002).

Mr. Peled-Flax has also been a member of Israel’s delegation to the United Nations General Assembly on two occasions (1987 & 1997).

At the Ministry he served in the Division for International Organizations and in the Division for Information.

Upon his return to Israel from Belarus in September 2002, he assumed the portfolio of “Combating Anti-Semitism” and “Holocaust Remembrance” at the Ministry.

In March 2005 he was appointed Director of the Department for anti-Semitism & Holocaust Issues at the Ministry.

In August 2005, Mr. Peled-Flax was posted to the Embassy of Israel in Washington as Minister-Counselor for Domestic Political Affairs.

Martin Peled-Flax holds the permanent rank of Minister-Counselor in the Foreign Service of the State of Israel.

A Special Profession and a Special Place

John R. Cohn, M.D.



With our election, economic difficulties and other issues, Israel was largely out of the news here over the past few months. That does not mean all has been well in the Middle East, as Israelis are undergoing more rocket attacks from Gaza despite the “cease fire” and Iran gets closer to having nuclear weapons.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend the joint meeting of the ACAAI and the IAACI (described elsewhere in this newsletter), facilitated by your AFI membership dues, know that problems were occurring in Israel even while we were there. Israel is undergoing its own election cycle, and sixty years of living in a tough neighborhood has caused its own stress.

But, it was a great meeting. One could not help but marvel at the progress Israel has made in the past 60 years.

Indeed, the fact that this meeting could occur in a country of just seven million, with so many of our Israeli colleagues able to present their own world caliber work, is a testament to the nation they have built.

Sometimes, watching the news day after day, it is easy to forget what an amazing country Israel is. The trip and meeting was a reminder.

Sometimes, faced with our own difficulties, shrinking research support and budgets,

increased regulation and reduced reimbursement, it is also easy to forget how special it is to be a physician.

Attending the Jerusalem meeting was a good reminder on both counts. Being able to spend three days in what in many ways is the world’s most special city, Jerusalem, interacting with friends and colleagues from Israel, America and around the world was a priceless experience. Superb science in a magnificent place was a “win-win”.

If you couldn’t make it to Israel, or even if you did, let me also recommend this short YouTube clip to you:

www.saveachildsheart.com/estubvideo.html

It is the story of a young Ethiopian girl getting her broken heart mended in an Israeli hospital. It is marvelous and touching.

I shared this with my partners and office staff, whose eyes moistened as they watched. You might want to do the same. It will be a boost for you and your staff for the exceptional careers we and they have chosen, whether a doctor, nurse, receptionist, secretary or technician. And it gives you a chance to show them what you already know—how remarkable Israel and Israeli medicine is.

That is another win-win.
Enjoy!

AFI’s mission is to create and foster research and educational ties between Israel and the United States, Canada, South America and Europe. We provide financial support for Israeli allergy fellows for scholarly activities and to promote the specialty of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

You can help to advance our mission by considering Allergists for Israel when you make contributions in honor or in memory of a special person or commemorating an event. We will send a donation card to the recipient and mail you an acknowledgement letter of your tax exempt contribution. Simply email Beth at afiadm@gmail.com with the necessary information.



We appreciate you supporting AFI with your contributions.

Spotlight

Yoseph Mekori, M.D.



Born in Tel Aviv in 1948, Dr. Yoseph Mekori (Yossi) received his medical education at the Sackler School of Medicine, earning the magna cum laude, M.D. degree in 1975. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine in 1981 at the TAU-affiliated Meir General Hospital, Kfar Saba, Israel, and moved to Denver, Colorado for a clinical fellowship in Allergy and Clinical Immunology with Dr. Henry Claman at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, followed by a research fellowship in Pathology with Dr. Steve Galli at the Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

Dr. Mekori's research focused on mast cell function in allergic and non-allergic inflammatory processes. In 1986, he established and headed the Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the Meir General Hospital and in 1990 was appointed Chairman of Medicine. In 1993 he spent a year as a visiting scientist in the Laboratory of Allergic Diseases at the NIH in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Mekori is a former Chief Scientist of the Israeli Clalit Health Services.

A fellow of the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, Dr. Mekori maintains membership in numerous

professional organizations, including the European Academy of Allergy and Immunology and the Collegium Internationale Allergologicum. He served as the President of the Israeli Society of Allergy and Immunology and member of several international committees. At TAU, Dr. Mekori became Professor of Medicine in 1994, incumbent of the Reiss Chair in Dermatology, a former head of the TAU-affiliated Felsenstein Medical Research Center and since 2002 has been Vice Dean for research and development of the faculty. He has published over 150 scientific articles and book chapters mainly in basic research focusing on the role of mast cells in inflammatory processes and has actively participated in 85 international scientific meetings. He has received over 20 professional awards and honors. In 2006 Dr. Mekori was appointed as Dean of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Mekori is married to Dafna, Head of dietary services at the Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, and father to Ehud and Tal, both are medical students at TAU and Hebrew U.

In June 1984 Yossi Mekori and William Silvers founded Allergists For Israel.

Bernard B. Siegel Memorial Award

Dr. Bernard B. Siegel was a long standing Fellow of the AAAAI, Editor of the *Allergy Abstracts of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology* and recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Academy. Dr. Siegel was very interested in medical affairs in Israel, particularly in the field of allergy. Family and friends established a fund in his memory.

Since 1985 leading Israeli Allergists/Immunologists have received the Bernard B. Siegel Memorial Award. The 2009 recipient of this award is **Adam Mor, M.D.**

Dr. Mor is the senior author of the paper, "Stimulation of Human Mast Cells by Heterotypic Adhesion to T Cells Leads to Activation of Ras via RasGRP1," which was accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the

American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology in Washington D.C. in March 2009.

Dr. Mor attended the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel-Aviv University in Israel. From 1998-1999 he did his Internship at Tel-Hashomer Hospital in Ramat-Gan. Dr. Mor's Residency in Medicine took place in 1999-2002 at the Meir Medical Center, which is affiliated with the Sackler School of Medicine. During 2003-2005 he did his Fellowship in Rheumatology at the New York University School of Medicine/Hospital for Joint Diseases. Dr. Mor also did his Post Doctoral in Cell Biology/Immunology at New York University School of Medicine. Currently he is an Attending Physician in the Department of Medicine at Meir General Hospital in Kfar-Saba, Israel.

AFI: A Small Organization Making a Large Impact

The mission of AFI is to create camaraderie with Israeli allergists and to support Allergy/ Immunology research and education in Israel. We are proud to have provided a number of mini-fellowships and research grants to Israeli Allergists and Immunologists totaling nearly \$40,000.

We are pleased to announce that Shaye Kivity was awarded a research grant at the IAACI/ACAAI Israel conference. His proposal was entitled, "Ribosomal-P derivative as a novel therapy for anti-ribosomal-P mediated- depression in mice".

We are also delighted to award two mini-fellowships this year. **Drs. Evgenia Baraban** and **David Nusem** are the recipients of these awards. Both are doing fellowships at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center under the tutelage of Jonathan Bernstein.

The following colleagues have been awarded research grants over the past years:

- **Dr. Alon Hershko** for "The IL-10 gene as a model for molecular regulation of cytokines in autoimmune arthritis."
- **Dr. Mona Kidon** for "Cellular responses to recombinant allergens from dust mites, among patients with clinical allergy, and evidence of immediate type hypersensitivity."
- **Dr. Eli Magen** for "Basophil-platelet aggregates in patients with chronic idiopathic urticaria."
- **Dr. Yuri Zeldon** for "Component resolved sensitization to molds and fungi and the risk of asthma in atopic patients living in distinct geoclimatic areas."

Mini-fellowships have been awarded to:

- **Dr. Zev Sthoeger** at the University of South Florida under the supervision of Dr. Westley Reeves
- **Dr. Yuri Zeldon** at the University of Cincinnati
- **Dr. Valery Taplisky** at the University of Cincinnati
- **Dr. Mark Zimmerman** at the University of Cincinnati
- **Dr. Miguel Stein** at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital
- **Dr. Ariel Munitz** at Cincinnati's Children's Hospital
- **Dr. Moshe Ben Shoshan** at Montreal's Children's Hospital
- **Dr. Ilan Asher** at McMaster University Medical Center

Your support of AFI through membership enables us to continue scholarly activities and exchanges with our professional colleagues in Israel. Creating this linkage is something we are proud of and are committed to continuing. Please, be part of the link!!!

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Additional Information for the Washington Conference



The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is open from 10am – 5:20 pm. Although the museum is free a ticket is required to enter the permanent exhibit. You can order tickets by going to:

<http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?orgid=2257>

We would like to suggest those interested in going to the museum with an AFI group may select Monday March 16th at 3:00pm. There is a \$1.75 service charge to order online but that will ensure availability. Contact Beth at afiadm@gmail.com if you intend to visit the museum and we will coordinate an AFI group. Please arrange your own transportation. For additional information see the museums website at www.ushmm.org



The Washington DC Jewish Community Center Theater J has emerged as one of the most distinctive, progressive and respected Jewish theaters on the national and international scene and according to the New York Times is “the Premier Theater for Premieres.” During the dates of the AAAAI Conference a new production of an exciting political play, **BENEDICTUS**, by Israeli playwright Motti Lerner will be performed.

With the clock ticking down the final 72 hours before a scheduled US attack on Iran, two estranged childhood Iranian friends, one Jewish and one Muslim, agree to a secret meeting in a Benedictine monastery in Rome in an attempt to find an alternative to war. *BENEDICTUS* examines the ties that bind, be they family, friendship, or the demands of a nation; which will hold and which will break?

Visit their website for more information: www.theaterj.org

Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel



Map of Israel Allergists 2004

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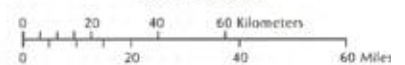
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Please let us know what you are interested in seeing Allergists for Israel achieve. Your comments and suggestions will help us to improve our organization.

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

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