

# Allergists for Israel

## AAAAI 2007 meeting San Diego

Sunday, February 25, 2007

Ohr Shalom Synagogue  
2512 3rd Avenue  
Transportation  
will be provided  
6:30 p.m. Cocktails  
Hosted by Drs. Eli Meltzer  
and Bruce Prenner  
Guest Speaker:  
Dr. Chet Leach  
*Innovations in  
Inhalation Technology*

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## Shabbat Services AAAAI

San Diego

Friday, February 23, 2007

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Columbia 1/2 Room, Marriott  
Kiddush will follow services,  
Ballroom C

Saturday, February 24, 2007

7:00-10:00 a.m.

Santa Rosa Room, Marriott  
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Mission Hills Room, Marriott

Sunday, February 25, 2007

7:00-9:00 a.m.

Laguna Room, Marriott

Monday, February 26, 2007

7:00-9:00 a.m.

Laguna Room, Marriott

Dear AFI members and friends,

This year promises to be very exciting for Allergists for Israel. First and foremost we have a new administrative assistant, **Beth Goldfarb**, who is helping us get more organized so we can continue to keep everyone informed of AFI's activities. With Beth's help, we have sent everyone an invitation to this year's AFI dinner in San Diego that is graciously being hosted by **Drs. Eli Meltzer** and **Bruce Prenner**. The event will be held at the Ohr Synagogue and transportation to and from the Marriott Hotel will be provided. This event is being sponsored by a generous unrestricted educational grant from TEVA pharmaceuticals. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Chet Leach** who will discuss *Innovations in Inhalation Technology*. In addition, there will be musical entertainment. We highly encourage everyone to RSVP as soon as possible as limited seating is available and it promises to be a most enjoyable evening. If you need to contact Beth with any questions her email is [afiadm@gmail.com](mailto:afiadm@gmail.com).



I would also like to introduce and acknowledge **Dr. David Rosenthal** who has just completed his allergy fellowship and is now starting a PhD program. David, however, has taken a good bit of time out of his busy schedule to be the official AFI webmaster. The AFI website was not only designed by David but he is also actively maintaining it so we can keep our members updated with all of the activities and services provided by AFI. Please visit the web site at [www.allergists4israel.org](http://www.allergists4israel.org). The website will have updates regarding AAAAI and ACAAI dinner functions, religious services, Kiddushes, access to kosher meals as well as updates on how AFI is fulfilling its mission centered around promoting scholarly activities in conjunction with our Israeli colleagues.

David has also set up a convenient way for anyone to join AFI on line as we have an electronic membership application and a secure PayPal AFI account. Membership dues are \$118 per year however, we are willing to accept larger contributions. AFI is a not-for-profit 501-c-3 organization so all donations are tax deductible.

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. We are always receptive to entertaining new ideas for AFI programs from our members.

I want to congratulate **Dr. Menachem Rottem** on being elected as the President of the Israeli Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI). We are working very closely with Menachem to coordinate activities between Israel and AFI. I am excited to say that preliminary plans are being made for a joint meeting between the IAACI and the ACAAI. We will keep you updated as details of this meeting evolve.

This year AFI will help fund part of a clinical fellowship for **Dr. Moshe Ben Shoshan** at the Children's Hospital McGill University Health Centre under the mentorship of **Dr. Rhoda Kagan**, the training program director of the Division of Allergy/Clinical Immunology in Montreal. Dr. Shoshan finished his pediatric training at Ichilov and is currently in the first of his two-year allergy fellowship in Montreal. His interests are in food allergy and he ultimately expects to return to Ichilov, where he will be the only pediatric allergist at that center. The previous AFI newsletter has shared with you the research results presented at the last IAACI meeting that were in part funded by AFI. As AFI grows we plan to continue and expand upon this program.

As you can see these are exciting times for AFI but we can only continue to blossom with the help of like minded individuals who believe in our purpose. Therefore, I am asking that everyone please update their membership applications. If you are already a member we thank you for your support! If you aren't a member, then join AFI today by completing the online membership application and the dues paying form. I look forward to seeing everyone in San Diego. Don't forget to reference the website to get updated information about times and events.

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

# Mission/Vision of Allergists for Israel

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**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.

## IAACI, October 2006 — William Silvers, M.D.

There was something special participating in a state-of-the-art allergy meeting in the birthplace of Kabbalah, Tsfat (Safed), with blue sky ceiling synagogues next to modern spa resorts, and damage from the rockets from the last Lebanon war 2 months prior next to renovations for the new “tayelet” (tourist walk). Programming was only finalized 6 weeks prior to the start of the conference given the ongoing war during the summer. Israeli resilience prevailed, and the meeting was fully attended, enlightening, and meaningful.

The Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI) has grown incredibly since its inception less than 20 years ago. And now that there is participation the past few years from allergists from the USA and Europe, they say the caliber of this meeting has improved even more. It certainly was an impressive 2 days of talks from the basic sciences to clinical studies given by eminent faculty and allergy fellows.

**Shlomo Bar-Sela**, outgoing chair of the IAACI opened the meeting at the Canaan Spa, and the incoming chair, **Menachem Rottem**, announced that this year’s IAACI meeting was the first Israel Medical Association component society meeting to have been granted CME by its sister American society, the ACAAI. Many thanks to **Lyndon Mansfield**, **Jonathan Bernstein**, and **Len Bielory** for

pulling this off at the last minute. In fact, one of Len’s fellows was only able to participate given its CME status—and it is hoped that more American allergy fellows will want to come in the future.

**Gary Gross** came from Dallas to Israel for his first visit ever just for four days—two in Jerusalem, and two in Tsfat for the meeting! He did his shopping lugging his roll-on and briefcase through the cobblestone streets en route to the bus station!

**Marc Rothenberg** delivered two brilliant talks, participated in relevant discussions, and then enjoyed the hot tub with his kids!

**Shmuel Kivity** gave me a ride on the new toll road highway up the center of the country, and showed me the separation “fence” (only a wall in the cities and highly dangerous areas).

**Yossi Mekori**, the new dean of the Tel Aviv School of Medicine faculty, made it up, as well as **Ed Spitz** from Beer Sheva, and allergists from all the major hospitals and the Weizman Institute.

We are working on a joint ACAAI-IAACI meeting in 2008 (perhaps the beginning of December) being formulated with the help of **Drs. Bill Dolen** and **Daniel Ein**.

Plan for October 17–19, 2007 for the next annual meeting of the IAACI—you won’t be disappointed.

# Highlights from the 2006 IAACI Meeting in Israel

▶ Prof. Yoseph Mekori, in his office as Dean of the Tel Aviv University Medical Faculties, Oct. 2006, with Bill. Trained at University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Nat'l Jewish. Helped to start Allergists for Israel before leaving Denver in 1984.



▼ Gary Gross, Marc Rothenberg and wife, and Bill Silvers touring Safed at night



▲ Gary Gross with all his luggage on his four-day first visit to Israel—two days with the meeting



◀ Welcome sign at the Canaan Resort in Safed

▼ Dr. Israel and Eliakima Glazer



▲ Dr. Ed and Sheila Spitz of Beer Sheva with Gary and Bill



▲ Dr. Miguel Stein addressing the IAACI

# Media Watch: Bashing Israel Becomes a Profitable Endeavor

— John R. Cohn, M.D.

I had the chance to hear Jimmy Carter last year at the Herzliya Conference on the subject of Israel's national security. He was in Israel to supervise the imminent Palestinian elections, and was invited to stop by the conference. After his remarks, questions were taken.

The last, by Israeli politician Uzi Landau, was about Palestinian incitement of hatred toward Israel and Jews in general.

As documented by Palestinian Media Watch [www.pmw.org.il](http://www.pmw.org.il), Palestinian schoolbooks contain statements such as, "Islam encourages this [love of homeland] and established the defense of it as an obligatory commandment for every Muslim if even a centimeter of his land is stolen."

The sixth-grade text *Beautiful Language* is dedicated to "Palestinians, so that they would remember their stolen homeland and work for its salvation..."

Books in use today and back when Carter served as president include teachings like, "I learn from this lesson: I believe that the Jews are the enemies of the Prophets and the believers."

And Palestinian television carried this message in 2004: "When Muhammad entered Medina, he found serious [internal] conflicts among the Arab tribes...he found the Jews behind all of these conflicts. He found treachery and betrayal in the Jews' nature, and causing conflicts among the Arabs and among all people on earth...The cause of our nation's problems and the world's problems are the Jews."

Landau asked Carter how he could consider Israel's behavior the primary cause behind the conflict considering

the Palestinians' pervasive incitement of hatred. Carter responded without a hint that anything was amiss in the Palestinian Authority's attitude.

"I don't really know about that," he replied.

Shortly thereafter, the Palestinians overwhelmingly voted for Hamas.

Carter said recently, "It would be almost politically suicidal for members of Congress to espouse a balanced position between Israel and Palestine...If they did so, they couldn't be re-elected."

In a column titled "Thank you, Jimmy Carter," *Tikkun* editor Michael Lerner has written: "It's time to create a new openness to criticism and a new debate. Jimmy Carter has shown courage in trying to open that kind of space with his new book [*Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*]."

And foreign correspondent Michael Matza, in a front-page story in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, noted that "Carter has a bull's-eye on his back...Carter, 82, is under attack for a volume whose goal is to provoke debate."

Brandeis University tried to schedule a debate between Carter and Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz about the former president's recent book.

"I don't want to have a conversation even indirectly with Dershowitz," Carter said to *The Boston Globe*. "There is no need to for me to debate somebody who, in my opinion, knows nothing about the situation in Palestine."

This from a man who says he knows nothing of Palestinians teaching their children to hate.

Last month, columnist Mona Charen summed up: "What is amazing is that even a former president of the United

States confuses freedom of speech with freedom from criticism for the content of that speech."

It takes no courage to criticize Israel. Indeed, as Dershowitz is demonstrating in an Internet series ([www.gather.com/viewArticle.jsp?articleId=281474976879837](http://www.gather.com/viewArticle.jsp?articleId=281474976879837)), this can be quite profitable, since Carter's book is climbing the best-seller lists.

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The world's 14 million Jews represent a tiny fragment of the people on this planet. Even in America, Jews are just a small part of the actual electorate, despite the fact that there will be 43 Jewish legislators in the 110th Congress—six more than in the last and the most ever.

Americans across the political spectrum are not voting for their Jewish neighbors and supporting Israel because they are afraid to do otherwise. They support Israel because they have the courage to stand up for a people they know are fighting to survive in a sea of hostility.

*This column was written for the Israel Advocacy Task Force of the Israel Center of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.*

## Beth Goldfarb, New AFI Administrative Assistant



Hi, I'm Beth Goldfarb, the new administrative assistant for AFI, and I'm excited to be part of this organization. I live in Cincinnati with my husband Richard and three fabulous sons. Jared, my oldest, is a sophomore in the Honors Program at Ohio State University and is presently spending second quarter studying Spanish in Mexico. He recently went to Israel on a program to "rebuild the North." They painted bomb shelters in a town called Shlomi, on the Lebanon border. It had been a scary summer for the children and it was felt that bright colors and inspirational messages would be appreciative. They also cleared brush and replanted trees in forests hit by

ketusha rockets. Micah, my middle son, is a senior in High School and preparing for that leap into the world of college. His favorite part of past Israel trips is the desert treks through the Negev! Raphael, my youngest, had his Bar Mitzvah recently. He presently plays basketball for the Yavneh Day School Lions, coached by, none other than...Jonathan Bernstein... a man of multi-talents!

Last year I enjoyed being the chairperson for our city-wide Yom HaAtzmaut, Israel's Independence Day celebration sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati. I have a masters in Deaf Education and have taught Deaf and Hearing Impaired children for many years. I am now looking forward to being part of the many wonderful things AFI has set out to accomplish!

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Steven Kagen who won the 8th Congressional seat in Wisconsin. We now have an allergist in Congress.

Good job Steve from your AFI friends and colleagues.

## Dr. David Rosenthal Creates AFI Website

David Rosenthal, D.O. completed his Allergy/Immunology Fellowship at North Shore Long Island Jewish Health Systems (NSLIJHS) in 2006 and has joined the faculty at NSLIJHS and is an Assistant Professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He also is continuing his training as a Graduate Student in Molecular Medicine at the Graduate School of the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research at NSLIJHS. Dr. Rosenthal is studying the host immune responses to human papilloma virus (HPV), and the role of T-regulatory cells in this disease at NSLIJHS.



Dr. Rosenthal also has been involved in Jewish Internet activities for over 15 years, and serves as the Project Coordinator of Shamash: The Jewish Network, [www.shamash.org](http://www.shamash.org), which hosts over 600 mailing lists for the Jewish community, a kosher database of locations around the globe, and a database of other Jewish sites. He is pleased to have created the AFI website [www.allergists4israel.org](http://www.allergists4israel.org) and its associated email list to be a central location for information about AFI events and programs and to provide a way to electronically gather applications and membership dues. You may reach him at [webmaster@allergists4israel.org](mailto:webmaster@allergists4israel.org).

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# 18<sup>TH</sup> ISRAELI MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WORLD FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## *Advanced Technologies in Medicine*

Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel, April 11-15, 2007

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### First Announcement and Call For Papers

Dear Friend,

The Israeli Medical Association (IMA) has, since its establishment in 1912, been a leader in health policy, an advocate for physicians and patients, and the body responsible for the professional and ethical standards of the medical profession in Israel. We are proud that the majority of Israel's physicians have elected to be members of our organization.

One of the most significant activities of the IMA is our World Fellowship (WF), instituted with the aim of involving doctors around the world with the medical profession in Israel and with their Israeli counterparts. The WF embodies the solidarity of physicians who share common values of support for the State of Israel and the Israeli medical profession.

We are determined to encourage the creation of ties and cultivate cooperation between physicians in Israel and their colleagues abroad. Among other goals, we hope to bring medical professionals and medical institutions worldwide in closer contact with Israel, its medical organizations and the IMA. We perceive our conference as the highlight of WF activities, for it not only allows physicians to become acquainted with the high standard of medicine in Israel but, more importantly, it provides an opportunity for physicians from different continents to come together, share thoughts and discuss common issues of Jewish and medical interest – all under the one roof of the IMA WF.

We invite you to be part of this unique event. Please take this opportunity to meet new colleagues, understand Israeli medicine, and show your support for Israel and the IMA. Make this a memorable experience.

Warm Wishes

Dr. Yoram Blachar  
President, IMA

Dr. Tzaki Siev-Ner  
Chairman, IMA WF



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# Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel



## Academic Training Centers

**Haifa:**  
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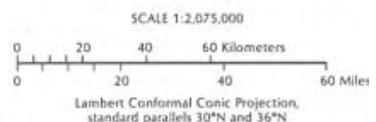
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