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September 2014



Yaara Berdan

presents

"Dental Trauma Management; Diagnosis, Treatment, Complications"

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Most practitioners will be involved in the treatment of dental trauma, either at the emergency visit or during follow up care. An accurate diagnosis and an understanding of tissue responses to injury and treatment is essential in achieving the best outcomes. This presentation will review the latest recommendations for the management of traumatic injuries and the incidences and challenges in dealing with complications associated with traumatized teeth.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Berdan currently serves as an assistant clinical professor of endodontics at the Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC in Los Angeles. She is co-director of the preclinical endodontics course and is an active member of the curriculum committee. She also serves on the Council of Faculties at ADEA representing the dental school faculty from the Ostrow School of Dentistry.

Dr. Berdan received her DDS from the University of California at San Francisco, her pediatric dentistry certificate from Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and her endodontics certificate from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

DATE:

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

LOCATION:

Sinai Temple
10400 Wilshire Blvd.
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TIME:

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Dinner	7:15 p.m.
Speaker	7:30 p.m.

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AO VISITS THE LOS ANGELES MUSEUM OF THE HOLOCAUST

We find ourselves reading and watching the news today and coming away with an ache that transcends more than 70 years since most of the Jews in Europe and other parts of the world were threatened with genocide; where 6 million of our people were systematically murdered. Does history repeat itself? It seems that there are groups today who would very much like it to. Can another Holocaust happen again?

We are seeing anti-Semitism rear its ugly head once more as groups demonstrate and protest not only the State of Israel, but directly at Jews living in some of the major cities of the world; London, Paris and again in Berlin. In France, Jews are starting to leave in droves, not wanting to wait until it is too late, not wanting to repeat the same mistake when the Nazis came to power.

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” George Santayana

The Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust is the oldest Holocaust Museum in the US. On June 22, AO sponsored a visit for members, their families and friends, to attend a docent led tour of the museum and the sharing of the personal experience of a Holocaust Survivor, Robert Geminder. To read about how he survived his ordeal, please go to his web page at www.geminder.us.

The museum houses interactive exhibits such as “The World that Was” an interactive table with photos showing life before the Holocaust; Interactive Concentration Camp Monitors, allowing visitors to



Holocaust Survivor Robert Geminder spoke to AO at the LA Museum of the Holocaust

learn about the camps; and the “Tree of Testimony”, an array of video screens with the unbelievable stories of Holocaust Survivors.

Those of us who attended had a most memorable and meaningful experience. We strongly urge anyone who has not had the opportunity to visit the museum to do so. You, too, will come away feeling the importance of making certain the world does not forget and never again will we be subjected to that dark period of history.

DENTAL VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

The Dental Volunteers for Israel Clinic (DVI) in Jerusalem founded by Trudi Berger is experiencing severe financial difficulties. As of April 1, 2014, the clinic will operate only 4 days each week, closing on Wednesdays. Over a period of many years, several of our fraters have volunteered including Alan Sherman, Hal Levin, Jerry Naftalin, Mark Collons and Eddie Dove. The LA, SFV and BOCA Chapters as well as several fraters have made contributions that have totaled well over \$1,000.00.

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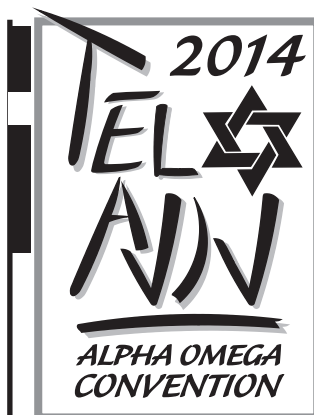


Dear Fraters,

With the Jewish High Holidays around the corner I would like to wish you and your family a happy Rosh Hashanah and an easy fast on Yom Kippur. I look forward to seeing many old friends and welcoming and making new ones at our first scientific meeting of the 2014-2015 calendar. Our program Chairwoman, Rebecca Dayanim, has set a great scientific program with great topics and speakers. Our first speaker, Dr. Yara Berdan will talk to us about emergency management in the dental office. Please refer to our website (www.aosocal.org) for a list of our speakers' topics and dates. This year we are planning a social event between Thanksgiving and Hannukah. The date and details of this event is yet to be determined; stay tuned.

As of this writing our brothers and sisters in Israel are engaged in a battle for their homes initiated by the Hamas terror organization in Gaza, by way of missiles in the air and underground tunnels that lead from Gaza to Israel for purpose of killing and abduction. We are all aware and saddened by the loss of innocent civilian lives on both sides as Hamas militants use civilians as human shields. The evil poison of hatred, intolerance and anti-Semitism is spreading all over the world with Europe in the frontlines of such activities. Jewish children have been denied medical treatment in Belgium with their mothers being told to send their kids to Gaza to get rid of their pain. Jewish community centers and places of business have been firebombed, burned and looted in France, amongst many other incidents of the like. As an organization established to fight anti-Semitism and intolerance we have got a monumental job ahead of us to educate the public about this venomous scourge. We also carry the responsibility of being "our brothers' and sisters' keepers" by supporting the State and people of Israel. One way that we can show our support is to attend our convention in Tel Aviv. I ask, encourage and urge all who can attend to do so.

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Ron Saidara, DDS



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The Ward Family

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2014

September 11 - "Social Media and the Internet" – *Dr. Rich Hirschinger*

November 13 - "Resin Infiltration—a non-invasive caries treatment option" – *Dr. Jin-Ho Phark*

2015

February 5 - "Vertical Dimension Lost and Found" – *Dr. Robert Simon*

March 25 - **Eugene Manusov/Nate Styrt Seminar**

April 16 - TBD

LA City Schedule 2014 – 2015

2014

September 10 - "Trauma, Pediatric and Adult" – *Dr. Yaara Berdan*

October 22 - "Orofacial Pain" – *Dr. Rich Hirschinger*

2015

January 28 - "Marketing" – *Fred Joyal*

February 25 - TBD

March 25 - **Eugene Manusov/Nate Styrt Seminar**

April 22 - "Oral and Sleep Appliances" – *Dr. Rob Veis*

REGENT'S MESSAGE



As my three year term as Regent concludes at the end of the year it is my pleasure to report that our two student chapters at USC (Tau) and UCLA (Alpha Tau) have a combined membership of 145 students and graduate residents. The Regency helps to support and coordinate their joint initiation ceremonies in the fall. The Regency support student attendance at alumni chapter dinner meetings. The Regency helps to sponsor student attendance at international conventions and Alpha Omega leadership conferences.

The Regency board meetings serve to coordinate the activities of our three local alumni chapters, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley and BOCA (Beach Orange County Area), as well as those of the student chapters. The Regent is also responsible for coordinating the activities during the visitation of the International President. The current president is Avi Wurman of the Toronto chapter. His wife Sharon Sussman is also a dentist. The president-elect is Adam Stabholtz of the Jerusalem chapter, an endodontist and former dean of the Hebrew University School of Dental Medicine. His wife Ayala is a periodontist. The number of women in dentistry is increasing and women are taking a more active role in Alpha Omega. This is a beneficial trend both locally, nationally and internationally.

The Regency's main event is the annual Styr/Manusov Dental Seminar. It has been an excellent CE meeting as well as a rare opportunity for fraters from all alumni chapters to renew old friendships. We are very excited about the upcoming Seminar Wednesday, March 25, 2015. The program will include Stan Malamed, Ziv Simon, Fehry Daftary and perhaps others. The proceeds from this event support the mission of the Regent which is primarily to support and encourage our student fraters who are the future of Alpha Omega as well as to continue to support the Regency's educational activities and philanthropic obligations.

I will be attending the international convention in Tel Aviv this December. I encourage you to also consider attending to show your solidarity with Israel as well as Alpha Omega.

Dr. Robert Simon
Regent

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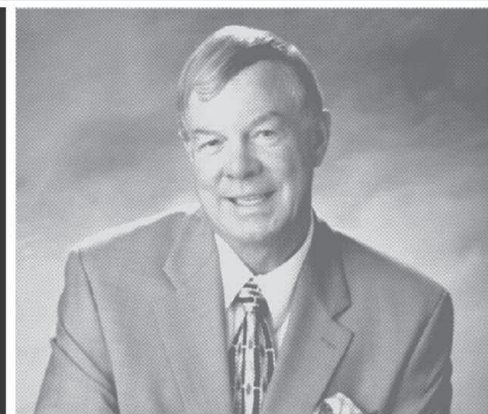
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