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The Seryl and Charles Kushner Campus Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem



Shaare Zedek Director-General Prof. Jonathan Halevy joins Seryl and Charles Kushner and Family for the dedication of the new Seryl and Charles Kushner Campus. The Kushners named the Shaare Zedek Medical Center campus, opposite Mount Herzl, to commemorate their 60th birthdays and 40th wedding anniversary.



The Orbach Family gets a chance to meet one of Shaare Zedek's terrific clowns

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The Weinstock Department of Emergency Medicine on the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Floor is Jerusalem's busiest Emergency Room, with 142,283 visits in 2014 - an increase of more than 13,200 from 2013!



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President's Message



Murray J. Laulicht

Dear Friends,

For 113 years Shaare Zedek has served the medical needs of Jerusalem's uniquely diverse population. The Shapiro Hochstein Maternity and Delivery Suites, as well as the Huberfeld Family Neonatal Intensive Care Complex, are filled with women from all backgrounds. Terror victims and wounded soldiers receive lifesaving treatment in The Weinstock Family Department of

Emergency Medicine on the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Floor. Arab and Jewish children are treated in one of Israel's largest and most active Pediatric Nephrology Units in the Wilf Children's Hospital. Syrian refugees who crossed the border for urgent medical assistance are rushed to Shaare Zedek for medical care. Meanwhile, many groundbreaking new techniques, including robotic spinal surgeries, are being performed at the Hospital for the first time in Israel and our staff is also increasingly more engaged in medical research.

Shaare Zedek is indeed an extraordinary institution, serving not only Jerusalem's people but all of Israel, as an oasis of kindness where differences and conflicts are left outside the doors of the Hospital.

On March 18, our incredibly successful Women's Division Health Day drew 250 women to The New York Academy of Medicine. The keynote was presented by Shaare Zedek Deputy Director-General Dr. Ofer Merin, who spoke on "Treating Victims of Terror and Natural Disasters." There were breakout sessions led by distinguished NY-area doctors. Thank you to the co-chairs Randi Luxenberg, Gail Propp and Ruth Shapiro and our Women's Division President Debbie Kestenbaum.

It has been a thrilling time for the American Committee as we continue to build our Hospital in Jerusalem. In recent months the Kushner Family dedicated the Seryl and Charles Kushner Campus, Lou Kestenbaum and his daughter, Rene Peters, visited the Hospital to dedicate the Trudy Kestenbaum Floor and Jack and Candee Klein opened the Jack and Candee Klein Comprehensive Breast Health Complex. We are all looking forward to August 2015 when the Next Generation Building will be formally dedicated.

Thank you so much for your continued friendship and support.

On behalf of the entire Shaare Zedek family I want to wish you and your loved ones a happy and meaningful Pesach.

Murray J. Laulicht
President

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“REPORT FROM THE GATES”



Dear Friends,

We have been experiencing a very busy and exciting time here at Shaare Zedek and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent events at the Hospital.

The year 2014 was characterized by unprecedented growth and accomplishment. The ninth and tenth floors of The Next Generation Building were opened at the beginning of the year. They are home to the Huberfeld Birthing Center, which includes the Huberfeld Neonatal Intensive Care Complex, its Laulicht Family Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Harvey Felsen Neonatal Intermediate Care Unit, as well as the Shapiro Hochstein Maternity D Department, all of which are now fully operational. In addition to these departments, the new Gynecology Clinics recently opened in this building. We also inaugurated a number of other new facilities throughout the campus, including the new PET CT Institute, the Jack and Candee Klein Comprehensive Breast Health Complex, the Jules Hosanski Sterile Supplies Department, and the new Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Unit.

In December we were pleased to welcome Seryl and Charles Kushner to Shaare Zedek. In honor of the Kushners' generous gift to the Hospital, to mark their 40th wedding anniversary and 60th birthdays, Shaare Zedek's 11.5 acre campus opposite Mt. Herzl is now named the "Seryl and Charles Kushner Campus."

The demand for our services and unique combination of advanced medicine and compassionate care continues to rise. In 2014, a record breaking 22,417 babies were born at the Hospital, making us the largest maternity unit in Israel and among the busiest in the world. Over this period, the Hospital treated more than 760,000 patients, including more than 142,000 emergency room visits and 28,000 surgical procedures.

The year 2015 promises yet more exciting milestones. In the coming months, we are looking forward to the opening of the Wilf Children's Hospital, which is comprised of the Nagel Family Inpatient Pavilion and the Friedman Family Outpatient Pavilion. Located on the sixth and seventh floors of The Next Generation Building, this will be Jerusalem's largest comprehensive pediatric medical facility, responding to the widest possible variety of diseases and injuries afflicting our children.

Once the existing pediatric in-patient department and outpatient clinics move to their new homes, further changes will begin throughout the Hospital, with the renovation and expansion of several of our older facilities. We look forward to this continued development.

Many new staff members have joined the Shaare Zedek family over the course of the past year. Among them are Prof. Giora Weisz, Director of the Bendheim Department of Cardiology in the Jesselson Heart Center; Dr. Philip Levine, Director of the Ryzman Intensive Care Unit; Prof. Hananel Holzer, Director of the Fertility and IVF Department; Dr. Arik Wolak, Head of the Cardiac Imaging Unit; Dr. Eran Regev, Head of Maxillofacial Surgery; Dr. Rachel Bar Shalom, Director of the PET CT Unit and Nuclear Medicine and, most recently, Dr. Menachem (Mendy) Ben-Haim, Head of Hepatobiliary Surgery.

Shaare Zedek continues to encourage and nurture medical research and innovation. In 2014, doctors at the Hospital pioneered a method for treating pancreatic tumors by the use of ultrasound during surgery and, for the first time in Israel, our surgeons implanted an innovative new stent in an aortic aneurysm. Following research conducted by the Fuld Family Medical Genetics Unit, headed by Prof. Ephrat Levy-Lahad, a recommendation was issued that all Ashkenazi women should test for the BRCA gene mutation. For more information about our achievements, we invite you to watch a short video showing the highlights of 2014: <https://www.acsz.org/portfolio-items/shaare-zedek-medical-center-2014-highlights/>.

This period of growth would not have been possible without the help of our friends around the world. I would like to thank you for your continued support of Shaare Zedek and for joining us in our mission to provide the people of Jerusalem and Israel with a better and health-filled future.

If you are in Jerusalem over the coming months, we invite you to visit us and witness, first hand, our remarkable growth.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a healthy, enjoyable and safe Pesach.

Jonathan Halevy, MD
Director-General

Trudy Kestenbaum Floor Dedicated

Lou Kestenbaum of Los Angeles and his daughter, Rene Peters, visited Shaare Zedek on November 18th to dedicate the Trudy Kestenbaum 4th Floor.

Trudy, z'l and Lou have been among the Hospital's most significant donors and this floor was named in Trudy's memory by Lou and his family. Also dedicated was the Reception Desk in the Neurology Department in the new Wilf Children's Hospital which was donated by Rene.



Lou Kestenbaum and his daughter Rene Peters cut the ribbon, officially dedicating the Trudy Kestenbaum Floor



Lou and Rene at the Trudy Kestenbaum 4th Floor

Shaare Zedek Facts and Figures for 2014

This past year Shaare Zedek delivered 22,417 babies – more than any other hospital in the western world - and treated nearly 700,000 patients in its 30 inpatient departments, 70 outpatient units and ER.

Shaare Zedek is the fastest growing hospital in Israel and boasts the most active emergency room in Jerusalem with 142,283 visits. In 2014, 82,225 patients were admitted.

In the past year, Shaare Zedek opened its new Shapiro/Hochstein Maternity Ward, and our advanced Huberfeld Neonatal Intensive Care Complex, with an excellent staff and the most advanced equipment. We also opened our new women's clinics. In 2015, the "Next Generation Building" will be fully open and operational, including the new Wilf Children's Hospital.

Regardless of how quickly Shaare Zedek is advancing, it continues to pride itself on providing patients with advanced and innovative medicine through a compassionate and individualized approach: The "Hospital with a Heart in the Heart of Jerusalem."

INPATIENT

Patient Beds	1,000
Total Admissions	82,225
Total Hospitalization Days (Including Newborns)	354,776
Births	22,417
Surgeries	28,832

OUTPATIENT

Outpatient Clinic Visits	450,667
Emergency Room Visits	142,283
Adult and Pediatric Dialysis Treatments	13,850
Cardiac Catheterizations	2,373

STAFF

Physicians	845
Nurses	1,481
Paramedical Staff	443
Administration and Maintenance Staff	981
Volunteers	700
Interns	200



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New Study Recommends Screening All Ashkenazi Women for BRCA

Professor Ephrat Levy-Lahad, Director of the Fuld Family Department of Medical Genetics at Shaare Zedek, was the senior author of a new study which recommends that all women of Ashkenazi backgrounds receive routine screenings for the BRCA mutation that causes breast cancer. Until now, Ashkenazi women have only been tested for the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes if a close blood relative developed breast or ovarian cancer, or was identified as a carrier of the gene.

The study was published on September 5, 2014 in the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences." University of Washington breast cancer geneticist Dr. Mary-Claire King, who discovered BRCA1, a gene that in a mutated form increases vulnerability, was also an author of the study, which was funded in part by the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

"This should be offered as a universal screening test," said Dr. Ephrat Levy-Lahad. "We should be testing people who are still healthy at a stage when we can prevent the disease." Many of the women identified by the researchers in Israel would never have known they were mutation carriers, if they had not received screenings as part of the study.



Ephrat Levy-Lahad

Jack and Candee Klein Comprehensive Breast Health Complex Dedicated



The "Jack and Candee Klein Comprehensive Breast Health Complex" was dedicated on Tuesday, November 4 at Shaare Zedek. Jack Klein is shown cutting the ribbon, watched by his wife Candee and Shaare Zedek Director-General Prof. Jonathan Halevy.

Both Jack and Candee lost their late spouses to breast cancer. Five years ago, Jack and his late wife, Elisa, funded the NOGA program which is a part of the Breast Health Complex. They also donated the Paramedics Lounge in the Weinstock Department of Emergency Medicine on the Fanya Gottesfeld Heller Floor.

Prof. Halevy describes the Jack and Candee Klein Comprehensive Breast Health Complex as bringing together the central components of breast cancer care with prevention and identification through genetics under Prof. Ephrat Levy Lahad;

diagnosis through advanced screening techniques under Dr. Shalom Strano; surgical treatment in the Breast Surgery Unit under Dr. Moshe Carmon and medical treatment in the Oncology Institute under Prof. Alberto Gabizon. "Through these four pillars we are able to provide women with the best chance to overcome this disease," Prof. Halevy says.

The Complex's services also include the NOGA program, directed by Dr. Pnina Mor, which supports and advises women with high genetic risk for breast cancer. Shaare Zedek is the leading breast health center in the Jerusalem area, treating more than 65% of cases of breast cancer.

Sterile Supply Unit Opens with Support from USAID/ASHA



Shaare Zedek proudly opened its Sterile Supply Unit thanks to the support of USAID/ASHA and the estate of Jules Hosanski from France.

The Sterile Supply Unit integrates robotic technology and advanced sterilization equipment offering a high level of patient safety. Shaare Zedek sterilizes more than one million pieces of equipment annually, including equipment used in nearly 29,000 surgical procedures. The department is the most advanced of its kind in Israel.

Touring the new Sterile Supply Unit are: Shaare Zedek Special Projects Director Rozi Florsheim, Universal Communications Network CEO Rivkie Feiner, Shaare Zedek Head of Bookkeeping Chayim Suter, USAID/DCHA/ASHA Program Analyst/Team Leader Mary Herbert, Consultant to Shaare Zedek Michael Horeh, American Committee CFO Samuel Tuchman and USAID/DCHA/ASHA Deputy Assistant General Counsel Martha Dye.

The Hospital with a Heart in the Heart of Jerusalem

25 days after an assassination attempt nearly claimed his life, Rabbi Yehuda Glick was released from Shaare Zedek on November 24. During a press conference Rabbi Glick shared,



"The fact that I am sitting here today and speaking with you is a sign of the immense gratitude that I owe to Hashem. In Shaare Zedek I received the highest level of treatment. I received sincerity, I received caring, I received people who didn't sleep a second until they had the answers. From the nurses, to the medical students and national service workers, to the maintenance teams and security officers, my care was always administered with love and joy."



Border police officer Shani-Lee Shtrechman, who was injured on Friday, March 6 when a Palestinian terrorist ran her and five other policewomen down at the Shimon HaTzadik Light Rail station in Jerusalem, had a visit from some of her fellow officers while recovering at Shaare Zedek. On her cast, a message to the terrorists says, "I have no other country!" with a drawing of the Star of David. "We love our country very much, and we will defend it day and night," Shani-Lee says.

Welcome Back Prof. Katan

Shaare Zedek welcomed back world-renowned oncologist Professor Raphael Katan. Prof Katan was previously the administrator of the Chaim Sheba (Tel Hashomer) Hospital Cancer Center in Ramat Gan.



Prof. Raphael Katan

Professor Alberto Gabizon, the head of the Oncology Department at Shaare Zedek, said, "I am very pleased that Professor Katan has decided to return to Shaare Zedek. He brings with him knowledge and experience that will contribute to the treatment of patients as well as the clinical trials within the department."

Prof. Francis Mimouni Named Journal Editor



Prof. Francis Mimouni

Shaare Zedek's Director of Neonatology Prof. Francis Mimouni, who oversees the operation of one of the world's busiest neonatology facilities, has been named editor of the prestigious "Journal of Perinatology," the official journal of American perinatologists. Articles in the journal deal with clinical, professional, political, administrative and educational aspects of the field. This is a high honor for Mimouni, who is one of only two non-American members of the 30-member editorial board.

Advanced Heart Monitor at Shaare Zedek

A new and advanced heart monitor, one-tenth the size of the instrument usually used, was implanted in a patient at Shaare Zedek. This monitor can record and broadcast the information gathered for three years and can send immediate, life-saving warnings to the medical team. Dr. Aharon Medina, Head of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Unit, holds the tiny device which checks arrhythmias.



Dr. Aharon Medina

Rachel Wolf Named as American Committee CEO



Rachel Wolf

At a meeting of the National Board on September 18th, Rachel Wolf was unanimously appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek. Rachel has worked for the American Committee since 2002 in various capacities, including as Chief Operating Officer, the Director of Special Projects and Director of Operations. In her tenure with the organization, Rachel has combined her deep commitment to Shaare Zedek with her passion for creativity, technology and personalizing the donor experience with the Hospital.

American Committee President Murray Laulicht said, “During her many years with the American Committee, Rachel has demonstrated exceptional dedication, determination and ingenuity in support of our vital mission. Blessed with a wonderful sense of humor and amazing technological prowess, Rachel has been a most effective leader, ready to travel anywhere and meet anyone who has the potential of helping Shaare Zedek.”

Menno Ratzker, Chair of the Board further stated, “I have had the great pleasure of working closely with Rachel during her tenure with the Hospital and I am proud of the professional she has become. The Board looks forward to working together with her for the betterment of Shaare Zedek for many years to come.”

Rachel was graduated from Barnard College with a BA in Psychology and is a longtime resident of the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Before joining the American Committee family, Rachel served as the Associate Director of Public Relations at the Orthodox Union. Rachel is very active in her synagogue, The Jewish Center and serves as the Director of Creative and Technical Services for VIPRAM Passover. Rachel and her husband Andrew Borodach live on the Upper West Side in New York City.

Innovative Medicine in the Heart of Jerusalem

A new Israeli brain catheterization technique was livestreamed from Shaare Zedek to the Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT) meeting in Washington, DC on Monday, September 15th, which was attended by 12,000 medical professionals.

Dr. Yaron Almagor, Director of Interventional Cardiology in Shaare Zedek's Jesselson Heart Center, implanted a state-of-the-art stent into the carotid artery of the patient, who was suffering from a life-threatening cranial arterial



Dr. Yaron Almagor

blockage. The carotid artery brings blood to the brain. The never before used stent uses a fine metal mesh sleeve to prevent tiny particles from passing through to the brain and causing a stroke.



Dr. Danny Fink



Dr. Tomer Adar

For the first time in Israel, a patient's malignant lung tumor was been removed by Dr. Danny Fink (pictured) and Dr. Faras Abu Acher at Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem with just a single, four centimeter incision in the lower lobe between the ribs. This procedure, called a “thoracoscopy,” is performed with a tiny video camera and surgical implements being inserted through the opening and usually requires several incisions.

Dr. Tomer Adar, a gastroenterologist at Shaare Zedek's Digestive Diseases Institute, presented an abstract entitled, “The Importance of Intestinal Eotaxin-1 - Eosinophil Axis in Inflammatory Bowel Disease; Results of a Prospective Observational Study,” at the United European Gastroenterology Week in Vienna this past October.

USAID/ASHA Visits Shaare Zedek



USAID/ASHA Director Kate Crawford, Shaare Zedek Director of Neonatology Prof. Francis Mimouni and USAID/ASHA Senior Program Advisor, Gary Barrett in the new Huberfeld Neonatal Intensive Care Complex in the Next Generation Building

On Thursday, September 11th, Shaare Zedek welcomed ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) Director Kate Crawford, Senior Program Advisor Gary Barrett and Deputy Director of Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives C. Eduardo Vargas. As part of the visit the group toured Shaare Zedek's Huberfeld Neonatal Intensive Care Complex and the Shapiro/Hochstein Maternity Department in The Next Generation Building. They also visited the Klein Diagnostic Breast Imaging Center and toured the Sterile Supplies Department. The visit was especially significant as Shaare Zedek staff expressed their ongoing appreciation for all that USAID (United States Agency for International Development)/ASHA has done throughout the years for the Hospital and the people of Israel.

Each department representative elaborated on USAID/ASHA's significant assistance as a valued partner in creating Shaare Zedek's centers of excellence.

USAID/ASHA Coalition Lobby Day

On February 24th, American Committee CEO Rachel Wolf, together with Rivkie Feiner, CEO of Universal Communications Network (Shaare Zedek's consulting firm) joined with other grantees of USAID/ASHA, for ASHA Coalition Lobby Day in Washington, D.C. The Shaare Zedek representatives were welcomed at the offices of Senator Bob Menendez, Congressman Eliot Engel, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Congressman Chris Smith and Congressman Lee Zeldin. The conversation focused on the critical need for ASHA funding due to the powerful impact it makes on promoting sustainable partnerships, sharing the expertise of the U.S. to enhance the quality of health and education worldwide, and helping to build dynamic civil society institutions abroad.

Following the day of meetings, a reception was held for the ASHA Coalition, offering participants the opportunity to meet with Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and with USAID/ASHA Director Kate Crawford, USAID/ASHA Senior Program Advisor Gary Barrett, and USAID Deputy Director of the Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives C. Eduardo Vargas and others to further discuss how ASHA can continue to train the next generation of leaders, creating lifelong friends and allies for the United States.



C. Eduardo Vargas



Gary Barrett



Kate Crawford



Congresswoman Nita Lowey



Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen

“Heart of Jerusalem” National Dinner 2014

The 2014 National “Heart of Jerusalem” Dinner took place on November 19, 2014 at Guastavino’s in New York City and welcomed more than 400 guests.

Shaare Zedek proudly presented Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, Ben and Beth Heller and Dr. Jacqueline Heller with the Keter Yerushalayim Award; Michelle Cohen and Stuart Paskow with the Healers of Jerusalem Award; and Atara Nissel and Zachary Ratzker with the Chesed Leadership Award.



Honoree Fanya Gottesfeld Heller and family



Honoree Michelle Cohen, American Committee CEO Rachel Wolf and Honoree Stuart Paskow



Northeast Regional Director Sharon Goldwyn with Honorees Atara Nissel Chesir and Zachary Ratzker



Malkie, Paul, Tommi, Carlie, Zachary, Menno and Helen Ratzker



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Fanya Gottesfeld Heller, Josh Heller, Beth and Ben Heller, Michelle and Michael Nachmani, Avi and Lillian Stein and Stevie Stein.



Women's Division President Debbie Kestenbaum and Women's Division Health Day Co-Chair Randi Luxenberg



Jonah Kupietzky, Women's Division Vice President Fran Kupietzky and Linda and Steve Rothschild



National Board Member Jack Bendheim with Blu and Rabbi Yitz Greenberg



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Chairman of the Iranian Friends of Shaare Zedek Jack Harounian and his wife Violet



Neil Kahn, Naomi Goldman, Amy Sugin, Dana Siegal and Elana Kaminetzky



Sheva brachot for Honoree Atara Nissel and her husband Jonathan Chesir. Back row: Ben Borodach, Talya Horne, Yaffa Jarishow, Aliza Fuld, Monica Rosenthal and Ariella Tradburks.



Tammy and Hillel Bryk

Southeast Region Annual Sunset Dinner Cruise

The Annual Sunset Dinner Cruise of Shaare Zedek's Southeast Region set sail from Hollywood, FL on Sunday, January 25th, 2015. The event, aboard the Floridian Princess, honored Aida Mishkin Politano, recipient of the Generation to Generation Award, and Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. Comedian MODI provided the evening's entertainment.



Shaare Zedek Director-General Prof. Jonathan Halevy, Honoree Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein and Southeast Regional Director Aliza Ranish



Southeast Director of Development Debbie Gold, Honoree Aida Mishkin Politano and Prof. Jonathan Halevy



Ellen Aguilar, Talía Eckstein, Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein and Joelle Eckstein



Aliza Ranish and American Committee President Murray Laulicht present Rose Zarucki with the Woman of Valor Award



Aliza Ranish, National Board Member Dr. Felix Glaubach, Women's Division Vice President Dr. Miriam Glaubach, American Committee CEO Rachel Wolf and Murray Laulicht



Bessie Bedzow, Ethel Sirotkin and Judy and Monroe Milstein



Honoree Aida Mishkin Politano and Ron Ager



Sol and Zelda Berger



Jonathan and Ana Karina



Morris Deakter and Barbara Hollander



Rabbi Jonah Kupietzky, American Committee Chair Menno Ratzker, Women's Division Executive Vice President Fran Kupietzky and Southeast Regional Director Aliza Ranish



Michael and Betty Wohl and Debbie Gold



Bella and Steve Brenner and Dr. Allan and Sandra Jacob



Rachel Wolf, Aliza Ranish, Stan Kutlin and Gaby Weis



Marilyn Pollans, Greta Hirmes and Ziporah Milstein

8th Annual Children's Champions Event

With more than 200 attendees, the 8th Annual Children's Champions event was a huge success. Held at 404 NYC, guests enjoyed a game night, along with a sumptuous buffet dinner, open bar, great DJ and fantastic raffles. Thanks to the support of all who participated and sponsored the event, the Children's Champions group dedicated a Four Crib Area and Nurses Station for The Huberfeld Neonatal Intensive Care Complex in the new "Next Generation Building" at Shaare Zedek.

We thank our outstanding 24 Chair couples and 94 Committee couples who ensured there was a great turnout from many communities including NYC, Englewood, Great Neck, Scarsdale, Five Towns, New Rochelle, Riverdale and Teaneck. We are grateful to everyone who came together in support of the Hospital.



Darren Wolf, Sol Goldwyn, Moshe Abehsera and Marc Nadritch



Cal Nathan, Ami Rosen and Erez Itzhaki



Michael and Michelle Nachmani, Stephen and Jen Malach and Nancy and Ari Weinberger



Jeremy and Stefanie Sandel, Mark and Jennifer Smith and Julia Baum



Ari Spodek, Jason Hammerman, Steven and Erica Parilis, Ariella Spodek and Karen Hammerman

College Board Lecture at Yeshiva University



Back row: Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, College Board members Miles Wolmark, Zev Lindenbaum, Co-Chair Zach Ratzker, Co-Chair Lara Decter, Gabby Decter, Samantha Hasten, Amanda Lax, Isabel Dicker, Josh Ottensoser, and Solomon Birnbaum. Front row: Sharon Goldwyn, Rebecca Baslowe, Jenn Ohebshalom, Rebecca Beiber, Carly Reinhart, and Rochelle Shavolian.

The Shaare Zedek College Board kicked off this year's activities with a lecture at Yeshiva University in February. 50 college students from across the tri-state area came together to hear Rabbi Yehuda Sarna, University Chaplain and Rabbi at the NYU Bronfman Center, speak about his mission to support the Jewish community in France following the recent terror attacks.

College Board Co-Chair Zach Ratzker welcomed the group, and Northeast Regional Director Sharon Goldwyn spoke about the latest developments at the Hospital.

Women's Division Thousand Dollar Club

The Shaare Zedek Women's Division Thousand Dollar Club organized a visit to the 9/11 Memorial Museum in Lower Manhattan on December 2nd and viewed the acclaimed exhibit, "Killer Heels," at the Brooklyn Museum on February 11th. For information on the Thousand Dollar Club, email lbiller@acsz.org or call 212-764-8118.



*Viewing the "Killer Heels" exhibit:
Arielle Tradburks, Atara Chesir, Debbie Kestenbaum, Lauren Biller, Pammy Salamon, Bassie Gold and Shuli Levine*



*At the 9/11 Memorial Museum:
Pammy Salamon, Aliza Salamon, Bassie Gold, Sharon Goldwyn, Esther Muschel, Debbie Kestenbaum, Esther Lerer, Shirley Feder and Joan Papier-Lieberman*

In Loving Memory of Linda Pulitzer, z"l

A Chesed "Build a Bear" and Chanukah party was held at the East Hill Synagogue in Englewood, NJ in loving memory of Linda Pulitzer, z"l.

This special yahrzeit event was sponsored by Jordana and Marc Nadritch. Attendees enjoyed making stuffed animals, as well as pizza, jelly donuts and a huge candy menorah.

We thank Rebbetzin Reichman for bringing the stuffed animals to Shaare Zedek where they were distributed to children at the Hospital.



Jordana Nadritch and her children Alexandra, Isabelle and Dylan

Magen David Yeshiva - Celia Esses High School

With the help of Rabbi Ikey Tawil, Gitta Cohen and the Magen David Chesed Club, the Chinese Auction and Chesed Bake Sale held on December 24th was a special event filled with professional homemade desserts and elegant items to purchase. Rabbi Tawil also gave an inspiring Chanukah Shiur.

The students raised funds to dedicate an Ambulatory Treatment Station in the Shaare Zedek Pediatric Day Hospital.



Adele Zagah, Raquel Nahum, Gitta Cohen, Florence Hassoun, Stella Sadaka and Lorry Louzeh



Lorry Louzeh, Gitta Cohen, Sharon Goldwyn, Stella Sadaka, Rosette Chatah, Michelle Betesh, Esti Gaiero, Rachel Tawil and Rabbi Ikey Tawil

Team Shaare Zedek Runs in NYC Marathon



We are so proud of our runners Ari Platt, Brandon Schwartz, Ben Silverberg and Elissa Yurowitz who ran with Team Shaare Zedek in the 2014 TCS NY Marathon on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014. We thank them for helping support Shaare Zedek!

Join Team Shaare Zedek in the NYC Triathlon and TCS NY Marathon

We are excited to announce that we will again participate in the Panasonic NYC Triathlon, which will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2015. We have both individual and relay spots. The Triathlon consists of a 1,500m swim, 40k bike ride and a 10k run.

We are also looking for participants to join Team Shaare Zedek in this year's TCS NY Marathon on Sunday, November 1, 2015. Call 212.764.8062 or email sgoldwyn@acsz.org for more information.

HAFTR High School Chesed Bowl-A-Thon

The HAFTR High School Chesed Bowl-A-Thon was held on February 12th at Woodmere Lanes. It was a fun night with 11 team captains and 75 students participating. Most importantly, a defibrillator will be dedicated to in the new Wilf Children's Hospital!

We thank student chair Gabriel Shore and Rabbi Nadelbach of HAFTR High School for planning an amazing Chesed event to benefit Shaare Zedek.



Top row: Gabriel Shore, Zack Schwartz, Rabbi Nadelbach, Ezra Lent, Arielle Zrihen, Harlee Miller, Hana Schwartz and Mrs. Schachar.
Bottom row: Dani Kaufman, Josh Markowitz and Brian Nathan

Abie Ringelheim, Lital Berger, Julia Schwartz, Alex Klein and Sam Levinson

Former LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa Honored

On September 15th, 2014, the Western Region honored former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for his support of the LA Jewish Community and the State of Israel. Stephen Matloff also received the Inaugural NexGen Award.

David Suissa, President of Tribe Media and the LA Jewish Journal, served as Master of Ceremonies. Rabbi David Wolpe and Israel Consul General David Siegel both delivered remarks and Shaare Zedek Director-General Jonathan Halevy gave an update on the Hospital's activities.

Haim Saban, Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson, Jack and Gitta Nagel and Consul General David Siegel served as Honorary Chairs. Chairing the event were Honey Kessler Amado, Mannon Kaplan, Marvin Markowitz, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Matloff, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Platt and Sam Yebri.



Director-General Prof. Jonathan Halevy, Honoree Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Drs. Jack and Gitta Nagel



Dr. Jack Nagel, Israel Consul General David Siegel and Shaare Zedek Director General Prof. Jonathan Halevy



Master of Ceremonies David Suissa and Honoree Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa



Lori Matloff Goler, Martha, Isabelle, National Board member Stephen and Susan Matloff

Western Region Community Comedy Bowl-A-Thon

The Western Region's first ever Community Comedy Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser for the Wilf Children's Hospital at Shaare Zedek was a huge success!

On Sunday, Oct 26th, 2014 there were more than 110 people in attendance raising money and having a great time! Attendees included the entire UCLA AEPi chapter, young families with kids and young professionals. Prizes were given out to top teams. The program raised more than \$42,000 for the Wilf Children's Hospital. Special thank yous to the Barak Raviv Foundation, UCLA AEPi, Limore Shalom, Deborah Kaufman, Vlad Nusinovich, Stephen Matloff and Jason Cirlin.



Reese Fishman, Owen Fishman, David Fishman, Adam Braun, Christopher Braun, Daniel Matloff and National Board Member Stephen Matloff



Josh Liebermann, Bruce Fox, Stephanie Nygard, Barak Raviv, Leeor Alpern, Cindy Fight, Deborah Kaufman and Brian Hirsch



Barney Lipson, Daniella Platt, Michael Stein, Adam Porter, Limore Shalom, Tatiana Nemanim, Reuben Elias and Michael Lewis

LA, Valley Schools Project for Wilf Children's Hospital

Barak Raviv, Chair of the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Western Region Campaign Advisory Council, has announced a special campaign for the new Wilf Children's Hospital in the Next Generation Building.

This new campaign is asking every synagogue and day school in Los Angeles and the Valley to donate at least one pediatric wheelchair (\$500 each) to the Wilf Children's Hospital. These wheelchairs will then be displayed at the dedication on Thursday, August 20th.

Schools that are interested in participating should contact the Western Region office, WesternRegion@acsz.org, 310-229-0915.



Barak Raviv

Northwest Region

Northwest Gala Honors Candee and Jack Klein



At a gala event held on October 26th at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, CA, the Northwest Region honored Jack and Candee Klein and inducted them as "Healers of Jerusalem" in recognition of their leading roles in supporting and advancing care at Shaare Zedek. Pictured are National Board Member Francine Gani, Shaare Zedek Director-General Prof. Jonathan Halevy, Honorees Candee and Jack Klein and Jake Ehrenreich, writer and performer of "A Jew Grows in Brooklyn," who performed at the event.

Celebrating with Shaare Zedek

Bar/Bat Mitzvah



Yael Berkowitz - January 2015

Yael Berkowitz, daughter of Diane and Noah Berkowitz of New Rochelle, NY, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with a wonderful "Build a Bear Chessed Project" for her Bat Mitzvah. Yael, along with her friends, made stuffed animals that she will bring to Israel and give out personally to the children in Shaare Zedek. We are so proud of Yael and thank her for this "beary" special project that will bring smiles to so many of our youngest patients.

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85	9.5%	83.3%
90	11.3%	85.2%

*assumes a contribution made in cash in September 2013



I set up a Shaare Zedek Charitable Gift Annuity together with my wife Trudy, z"l, because we wanted to find a way to make a lasting difference for this vital institution in Jerusalem, while also making a smart, mutually beneficial financial decision. Our motto has always been to give with "a warm hand". The American Committee for Shaare Zedek's reputation for transparency, financial acuity and personalized donor service allows me to have peace of mind knowing that my donation is in good hands and will be used for years to its maximum capacity for the betterment of the people of Jerusalem and Israel.

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Visiting Shaare Zedek Medical Center



Drs. Miriam and Felix Glaubach visited Shaare Zedek in October in honor of Miriam's 80th birthday. Celebrating with them are Director of Resource Development Uri Schwarz, Director-General Prof. Jonathan Halevy, Director of the Glaubach Pediatric ER Dr. Mati Erlichman, Pediatric ER nurse Natalie Tobias and Director of Guest Relations Audrey Gross.



Long time and cherished friends of Shaare Zedek, Mina and Howard Millendorf, celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, a baby boy, Elior Eitan, born at Shaare Zedek to their daughter, Sharon, and son-in-law Shlomo Rabinowitz, on March 11.



Shaare Zedek was honored to host famed cookbook author Susie Fishbein at the Hospital on February 11th. Her visit included a tour of the Jesselson Heart Center, the new Next Generation Building and, of course, a meeting with Shaare Zedek's Chef. We look forward to honoring Susie at our Women's Division luncheon on June 10th.



College Board member Gabby Decter and National Board member Aharon Watson toured the Hospital and spent time with one of Shaare Zedek's medical clowns.

Visiting Israel

Please visit Shaare Zedek - "The Hospital with a Heart"



If you are going to be in Israel, please join us for a private tour of the Hospital.
Prior to your visit, contact the National or local Shaare Zedek office (see page 2 for listing).
In Israel, call 02-666-6622 or email rd@szmc.org.il to set up an appointment.

Visiting Shaare Zedek Medical Center



Shaare Zedek Golden Founders Martin and Susan Sanders of New York, visited Shaare Zedek in December 2014. They sponsored a project in the Cancer Pain and Palliative Care Unit in memory of their sister and in the Pediatric Cardiology Unit in memory of their nephew.



As part of their recent visit to the Hospital, Silver Founders Caryn and Sam Schweitzer of Marlboro, NJ visited the Glaubach Department of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Through their efforts, the Larry Schweitzer Children's Benefit Fund sponsored the department's Admissions Office. Previously, as a nursing student, their daughter Arielle "shadowed" Dr. Shoshana Gros of the Glaubach Department for three days.



Dan and Haifa Shavolian of Great Neck, visited the New Huberfeld NICU and other areas at Shaare Zedek.



Robert Lunzer and his daughter Rena visited Shaare Zedek in January. Robert has been involved with the American Committee for Shaare Zedek for 45 years, and is proud that a third generation of the family, Eli Lunzer, is now involved as well.



We thank our College Board member Rochelle Shavolian who volunteered one summer at Shaare Zedek and came back to visit to see the new Next Generation Building in January.



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