April 20th was a special night for Alpha Omega as we presented the Honorary membership to Gail Reiss, Chairman and President of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University and Allen Aufzien, Chairman and managing partner of the Norall Organization. Allen had previously served as lay president of AFTAU. We also presented the Alpha Omega Achievement Award to Dean Amid Ismail of the Kornberg School of Dental Medicine at Temple University.

The setting could not have been more appropriate. The evening occurred in the historic center of Philadelphia, across the street from Independence Hall, the birthplace of our Nation. It was there that our founding fathers provided the enlightened vision of a country where one could pursue achievement as “all men are created equal” and endowed “with unalienable rights”. The setting was in the National Museum of American Jewish History, a museum which chronicles the Jewish experience in America, but which could also have been telling the story of any immigrant population and the success they could achieve in a land that was free and governed by laws applied equally to all. And then here we were, a Jewish Dental Fraternity, who formed because our founders recognized that antisemitism was an injustice that did not conform to the principals for which our country and its laws stood. So, Alpha Omega became part of that Jewish Story, growing in the US, expanding to Canada and Europe, and eventually achieving a strength in numbers and influence so that it could significantly impact the dental needs of Israel through the development and founding of both its dental schools.

How apropos that our two new Honorary members represent the Tel Aviv School. Through Gail and Allen’s assistance, we were able to recently complete the Rothstein/Williamowsky clinics which provide Advanced Dental Education and Special Needs Care.

In 1997, AO and the Jerusalem school established the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education. This center brought students from neighboring Arab countries in the middle east to Jerusalem to study advanced dental and biological science. Friendships developed among individuals of differing ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds as they realized that what they shared in common was greater than the politics which kept them apart. The friendship that arose from this between Adam Stabholz Dean at the Hebrew University and Musa Bajali, Dean at the Palestinian dental school, led to the beginning of an Alliance for Oral health Across Borders, and its Chairman is our Achievement Medal Recipient.

Dr. D. Walter Cohen, AO International President, Mervyn Druian and Dean Amid Ismail
U.S. Capitol Hill Day: AO-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program

On Yom HaShoah, Monday, April 24th a group of AO dentists and guests met with their key staffers on Capitol Hill to discuss the oral health needs of economically vulnerable Holocaust survivors. In addition, Dr. David Dano (Boston) and Dr. Jack Fingrut (Toronto) met with Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

The AO chapters represented were: Boston, Illinois, London, New York, Ohio, Phoenix, Toronto and Greater Washington, D.C. Also, joining us were Ms. Allison Neale, Public Policy Advisor, Office of the Chairman and CEO at Henry Schein and Ms. Aviva Sufian, former Special Envoy for Holocaust Survivor Services. At lunch, there was a panel of speakers: Dr. Allen Finkelstein, Dr. Laurie Gordon-Shaw, Allison Neale, Aviva Sufian, and Heidi Weber.

The morning kicked off at Hall of the States with a guest speaker, David Furr, Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Jacky Rosen, 3rd District of Nevada. Congresswoman Rosen issued the following press release: “Today and every day is a reminder that hate has no place in our communities. On Holocaust Remembrance Day, we honor the memory of the six million Jewish mothers, fathers, and children whose lives were taken away solely based on their beliefs and their identities. It is incumbent upon every individual living in our society to stand up against hate and bigotry wherever it may live. When we say ‘never again,’ that means never again for anyone.”

Of special note was that the work of the Program was written into the Congressional Record by Congressman Thomas R. Suozzi, Democrat, New York, District 3. A special thank you to Allison Neale, Seema Bhansali, Chris Munzing, and all of Team Schein for their assistance.

On Wednesday, August 2, 2017 we will follow up these visits by holding “Hill Day at Home.” AO dentists in the U.S. will visit their legislators in their home districts. More information on this to follow.
HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI
OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in commemoration of Yom HaShoah, to solemnly remember the six million Jews and the millions of others murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust. We reaffirm our commitment to stand up and take action when we encounter persecution or an assault on human dignity. As Holocaust survivor and Nobel Laureate Professor Elie Wiesel counseled, “the opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference.”

As we mourn those who perished, we must honor the more than 100,000 survivors of the Holocaust who live here in our United States of America, an estimated one third of whom live in poverty. It is through our understanding of history that we “never forget” their plight and act to ensure that they live their lives in comfort and dignity.

I would like to commend the Alpha Omega Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program, an innovative public-private partnership that has improved the lives of this most vulnerable population. In under two years, this program has provided critical, pro bono dental care to more than 600 Holocaust survivors in 18 cities across North America. The program serves as a model for what we can accomplish when we work together to help those in need.

As a Member of Congress who represents constituents of the Jewish faith I am compelled to remember today the millions of Jews as well as individuals of other faiths who were murdered during the Holocaust and pay tribute to a partnership committed to enhance Holocaust survivors’ quality of life. May their efforts serve as an inspiration to us all to always choose action over indifference.
AO ATLANTA CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

The AO Atlanta Chapter celebrated its 80th anniversary with a special dinner on April 1st. The chapter is fortunate to have several Past International Presidents and Past Directors but also in attendance were International President-Elect Steve Marsh and Student Representative Jeff Goldsmith. Wishing the Atlanta chapter many more years of successful fraternalism!

AO OUT AND ABOUT

The AO Philadelphia Chapter spent the afternoon at the Penn Museum for a personalized workshop with Dr. Janet Monge, the Keeper and Curator-in-Charge of the Penn Museum’s Physical Anthropology section. Dr. Monge is an expert on the ancient dentition and presented skulls and artifacts relating to dentistry in the ancient world!
2017 DC INSTALLATION

We wish newly installed Washington, DC chapter president Jennifer Tipograph and her board success in the 2017-18 year. Ben Williamowsky had the honor of installing Jennifer during the chapter’s annual installation dinner this past Saturday:

- **President**: Jennifer Tipograph
- **President-Elect**: Jeff Cross
- **Treasurer**: Fred Simon
- **Editor**: Brandon Berman
- **Secretary**: Tassos Sfondouris
- **Sgt-At-Arms**: Michael Stern

HISTORIANS
- Ron Levine and Sam Blum

MEMBERS AT LARGE
- Rustin Levy
- Alan Heller
- Thomas Sokoloy
- Bart Santos
- Stanley Dorrow

CHAPTER DEPUTY
- Michael Pollowitz

CALL FOR AO AWARD NOMINATIONS AND FRATERNITY BOARD POSITIONS

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AO Regional Weekend in Columbus, Ohio
Friday, November 3rd – Sunday, November 5th

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
- 8am - 4pm: Board of Directors Meeting
- 4pm - 7pm: Registration
- 9pm: Hospitality

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH
- 9am - 11am: First Business Meeting
- 1pm - 4pm: Second Business Meeting
- 6pm - 7pm: Memorial Service and Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7pm - 9pm: Shabbat Dinner
- 9:30pm: Hospitality

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
- 7:30am - 9:30am: Shabbat Service
- Free Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
- 9am - 12pm: Continuing Education
- 7pm - 9:30pm: Installation Dinner
- 10:30pm - 1am: New Year’s Eve party

HOTEL
- GROUP RATE: $255 per night (plus tax) for an intercoastal room. Available from December 24, 2017 - January 4, 2018
- Registration: bit.ly/HarborBeachMarriottAOGroup
- One night’s hotel deposit per room is required when making a reservation. Deposit is refundable if cancelling before November 30th.
- Room rate is for two people.
- Registration must be completed within 30 days of securing a hotel reservation.

ONLINE REGISTRATION
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