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New and former ISRs at the 2008 Tel Aviv Convention

Welcome to AO!

From your new ISRs

Think about chocolate milk, the perfect eye-opening beverage after just enough hours of sleep to be considered a nap. Think about dozing off in that lecture which I have absolutely no recollection of...did anyone stay awake? Think about shots with Arnie Feldman and dancing into the wee hours of the morning. Now, try to imagine a life without Fashion TV, the view of the sea, and assigned seating arrangements. It is difficult, right?

I entered that perfect world when I flew to Tel Aviv, Israel for my first Alpha Omega Convention. I was there to learn about Alpha Omega and its founding principles – professional excellence, fraternalism, and Judaism. My experience was so much more than I could have ever imagined. Not only was I able to participate in the Centennial Convention, but I also made friends from around the world and professional contacts. Even though some of the alums think I remind them of their pre-teen granddaughters who are preparing for their Bat Mitzvahs, they genuinely care about the students and treat us as family. I know that no matter where

our professional careers take us, as long as there is an Alpha Omegan in the area, we are certain to feel at home.

Thanks to all of you who attended Annual Convention and enriched what I hope to be the first of many convention experiences. Unfortunately, my new favorite things (i.e. all of you) cannot be found in Boston, so I am experiencing a serious case of Convention withdrawal. Please know that I love visitors; so think of this as your personal invitation to visit me in Boston. In case you are as sad as me, look forward to reconnecting later this year at the Student Leadership Conference and Annual Convention in Scottsdale. Jamie and I have big plans for the year, minus chocolate milk and baba ganoush, which despite our best efforts is just not the same in the states.

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Students at The Hebrew University Dental School Ceremony



Students Night Out



Original Drawing by Marisa Zarchy

New Student's Perspective

I'm a new member to Alpha Omega and I've only begun to experience the many facets to this fraternity. What a privilege to see so many people from far and near congregate in Israel for such a celebration and commitment to dentistry. Now that the convention has ended, I want to show my appreciation for being a part of this event. The Boston Chapter has provided me with a venue to combine Judaism, dentistry, and community—something I've thoroughly enjoyed. However, this convention enhanced my perspective to something new: family. I've never met so many amiable people willing to mentor and engage with others they don't even know! This is why I decided to sketch a photograph of a hand in a siddur. It is not meant to have religious connotations but instead draw on the idea that family, values, and commitment brings us together and they make a convention at Israel something possible and wonderful.

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**Message from International
President, Dr. Cliff Litvak**

Enjoy your new AO Arouser!
I hope you find this updated
student newsletter
increasingly useful as we add
features to it to keep you
better informed.

Master Yoda and Uncle Fred

First of all, on the behalf of Chapter Lambda and University of Saskatchewan, I would like to take this chance to thank Dr. Margolis again for giving us such a wonderful lecture about laser dentistry.

On May 5th, we had the pleasure to have Dr. Margolis to come to Saskatchewan to give us the lecture "The Star Wars of Dentistry", a presentation about dental laser treatment with Waterlase MD ® from Biolase. The lecture itself was very interesting, dynamic and informative, and Dr. Margolis made the three hour presentation become an unforgettable great experience. From the basic physical characteristics of laser, theory behind the treatment, specific properties of Waterlase to its various clinical applications on local anaesthesia, soft and hard tissue treatment and cases presentation, Dr. Margolis shared his knowledge and passion about laser dentistry with the members of Chapter Lambda, the students and staff of University of Saskatchewan, and other dentists from the province.

After the lecture, Dr. Margolis joined the chapter members for a supper, since he was here not only to lecture but also to fellow AO members. In the dinner table, Dr. Margolis let us call him "Uncle Fred" and at that time, he was not only a remarkable lecturer, but also a friendly AO member. His humour and kindness amused us all. Luckily, Mark, president of the chapter, Thomas, and myself had the opportunity to have breakfast with Dr. Margolis again before his flight the next day and had further understanding of his passion and care toward dentistry and AO.

If dental laser application is the star wars of dentistry, then we will be the Jedi under the guidance of Master Yoda, or Uncle Fred. We truly enjoyed Dr. Margolis' visit. His lecture and himself as an individual were both wonderful. Thanks, Uncle Fred!

Jason Yen,
Lambda Chapter

