

DVI News

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A Smile Says it All. Clockwise from top left: Mother and Son outside the clinic, Patient after treatment, Michael Goldberg and Fred Khalili at DVI in February, Arlene Stein at the clinic in March, Arthur Dunek and Don Glazer, Young Patient smiles after treatment, Susan Levine with a happy patient in June, Father and Daughter.

We Need You In Jerusalem!

Calling all pediatric dentists and endodontists! DVI's young patients represent the most underserved communities in Jerusalem. Coming from low-income families, many of them have never been seen by a dentist before and have complex dental issues that require the special skills of a pediatric dentist or an endodontist.

That's why this year AFDVI attended the AAPD annual meeting in San Diego to recruit more pediatric dentists to volunteer.

In July, DVI was honored to have a visit from Dr. Joel Berg, Dean of the University of Washington School of Dentistry and President of the American Association of Pediatric Dentistry, and Dr. Anna Fuks, Professor Emeritus at Hebrew University's Hadassah School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Berg hopes to help us recruit more volunteer pediatric dentists from the US, and we also look forward to having him lecture on behalf of DVI on his next visit to Israel.

Since November 2011, 13 pediatric specialists have volunteered, a clinic record! Help get the word out by telling your colleagues about your experience at DVI!



Visiting the clinic in July, left to right: DVI Director of Development Michelle Levine, Dr. Anna Fuks, Dr. Joel Berg, and DVI Director Dr. Roy Petel

Oral Health Outreach in Remote Bedouin Village



In February, Arab-Israeli dentist Arin Jamil set out with DVI's Michelle Levine and Operation Blessing's Jennifer Allen to improve the oral health of the children in a remote Bedouin village in the Negev region. Dr. Jamil went through the basics, from demonstrating brushing technique, to giving an explanation of how caries form, and engaging the children in activities with Arabic language oral health coloring sheets. She also distributed toothbrushes and toothpaste to the kids and left a gift of oral health education lesson plans and an Arabic language picture book with an oral health message.

The community was so taken with Dr. Jamil that the village Sheik had to meet her for himself. He took her to see his camel and sheep, of which he was very proud. He explained that as a yet-unrecognized village, Israel is not required to provide basic infrastructure.

For years, their community has used a gas-powered generator for all of their electrical needs—thus families have had neither electricity nor running water except in communal areas. Recently, the community installed a solar-powered generator, which has had a profound impact on the residents' quality of life.

In 2011, a new school was established in the village, and since then, the children have been attending school with their mothers. Both generations are learning to read together. Now they will be brushing their teeth together, too! Before she left, the mothers asked that Dr. Jamil check the mouths of their children for caries, and entreated her to return soon to the village to check on their progress. We followed up with their teacher, Anita, who helped establish the school, and she said:

"After Dr. Jamil had checked the children's mouths and identified which children needed attention, we wrote a letter to the parents advising them to take them to a dentist for a check-up. The children continue with their healthy eating program and are generally enjoying life and kindergarten!"

One Volunteer's Special Connection to DVI

When Dr. Fred Khalili of Great Neck, New York applied to volunteer at DVI last year, he was motivated by his desire to use his skills as a dentist to help less-fortunate children and their families. Dr. Khalili has always felt a connection to Israel, and to Jerusalem in particular, but he was surprised to learn of a very personal connection to the DVI clinic.

Just before his trip to Jerusalem and DVI in February, Dr. Khalili's wife Parisa was looking at a map of Jerusalem and the DVI clinic, and she remembered that as a young child, she herself had been a patient at the little dental clinic on Mekor Chaim!

Parisa was born in Iran, and when she was 10 years old moved with her family to Israel. As new immigrants, they were referred by a social worker in Jerusalem to the DVI clinic. Parisa recalls that as a child, she "loved visiting the clinic, because the staff were very nice, especially the dentists, who treated us in a friendly and caring way. I also liked to sit in the back room and watch movies while waiting, and eventually getting a prize or a toothbrush at the end."



DVI at the Greater NY Dental Meeting

AFDVI will have a booth again at this year's Greater New York Dental Meeting. We'll be there to raise money, raise awareness, and recruit new volunteers for the Trudi Birger Clinic. Please stop by booth #4038 and say hello!



Stan Bergman, Gordon Christensen, and Makoto Nakao at AFDVI's dinner during the 2011 GNYDM.

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Keith Drayer Trains for NYC Marathon, Raises Funds for DVI



Keith Drayer, Vice President of American Friends of DVI, trained all year for his first NYC Marathon, and raised money for causes that are close to his heart along the way. Due to Hurricane Sandy, the NYC Marathon was postponed this year, but DVI will benefit from Keith's hard work and the generosity of his friends, family, and colleagues who contributed to this campaign! **Thanks, Keith, for your dedication to DVI and the children of Jerusalem!** In addition to writing many letters and appealing for donations directly, Keith's fundraising was helped by a wonderful website: **FirstGiving.com**, where donors are able to contribute online to Keith's campaign and their contributions are forwarded directly to American Friends of DVI. If you've ever considered starting your own campaign to raise funds for DVI -- perhaps in lieu of gifts for a bar/bat mitzvah or birthday --- FirstGiving.com is a great place to start. It's easy to set up your own page, and it's free!

DVI Alumni Make a Difference

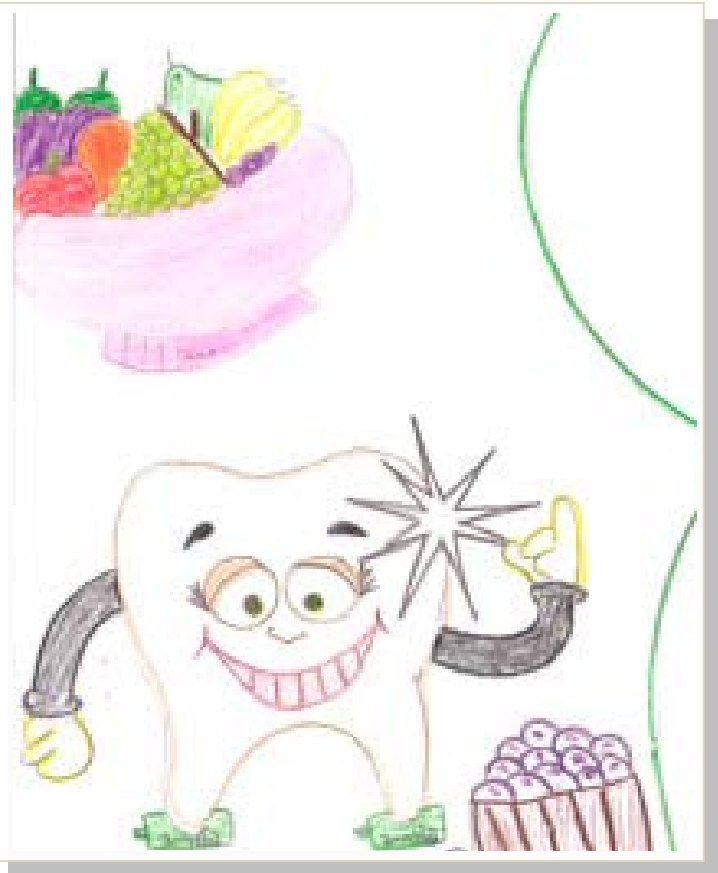
Harold Ceitlin helps DVI secure annual support from the Birmingham Jewish Federation. Each year in March, **Bob & Doris McCray** operate a DVI booth at the Kentucky Dental Association Meeting. **Robin Katzman** organizes with her local JCC and women's group to raise awareness and collect toothbrushes for the clinic. **Fred Margolis** and **Gordon Christensen** include DVI in all of their CE presentations. DVI attended this year's Garden State Dental Meeting in New Jersey, thanks to **David Gleaner**. **Howard Pranikoff** helped DVI secure funding from the Jewish Federation of Volusia & Flagler Counties in Florida.

DVI depends on the hard work and generosity of friends around the world, and a little bit of advocacy can go a long way.

Host an event, include DVI in your lecture presentations, collect tzedakah at the office, connect DVI with your local Jewish Federation or private foundation. **Contact our office** to learn more about how **YOU** can make a difference.

DVI Expands Care to Children and Youth Ages 4-20

In an effort to reach more children and youth in need, this summer DVI began treating children as young as four and youth up to age 20. These new patients, particularly those between the ages of 18 and 20, who are referred by homeless shelters and other social service agencies, are at a critical point in their lives, with serious dental issues that cannot be addressed until the age of 18. Here in the US, American Friends has redoubled fundraising efforts to support this new initiative. Please make a generous contribution today to ensure that DVI is able to continue treating Jerusalem's children and youth in need.



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