



DVI News

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A Sweet Mitzvah

What does it take to make Jerusalem's kids smile? Lauren had the perfect recipe. One big heart, a heap of awesome baking skills and a pinch of social media made for a special Bat Mitzvah project. Lauren posted a cupcake sale on her Colorado neighborhood's Facebook page and sold and delivered 40 dozen cupcakes. With the overwhelming support of family, friends and neighbors, she raised over \$500 for DVI. How sweet is that?

"I chose to support DVI for my mitzvah project to honor the memory of my late grandfather, Dr. Ronald H. Roth, who was a well-known orthodontist. He helped many people and I wanted to do something kind that would have made him proud," Lauren told us.

Lauren, we are very proud of you and the kids we serve thank you for opening your big heart to them and DVI. You are giving all of us a real reason to smile. Mazel tov!



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PRESERVING THE VISION OF TRUDI BIRGER

By Dr. Scott M Dubowsky,
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At this year's Passover Seder, my thoughts turned to AFDVI. Having worked in the clinic many times, you might have thought that I was referring to the part of the Haggadah that says, "Next year in Jerusalem," but you would be wrong. What brought me to AFDVI were the "Four Questions." When it was asked, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" I thought to myself, "Why is AFDVI different from most other charities?"

Like many of you, I give to other worthy causes, but there are several reasons why AFDVI is unique. First, the donated funds, except for some small

administrative expenses, go directly into patient care. Second, the AFDVI volunteer dentists who help staff the clinic not only donate their services but also travel to Jerusalem at their own expense. Third, and perhaps most importantly, everyone, and I mean everyone, that I know who is associated with both the AFDVI and DVI programs is dedicated to preserving the vision of Trudi Birger--that no one should suffer needlessly from dental disease.

As a full-time practicing dentist, I am still in awe of the mission of AFDVI and the DVI Clinic. It is truly an example of how comprehensive dental care can actually change people's lives. Whether it's taking a young disadvantaged child out of pain and teaching her

how to maintain a healthy dentition for the rest of her life, or providing a Holocaust survivor with a denture so that he can smile and actually chew for the first time in years, the funds you donate produce significant and enduring results.

Please find a way to dip into your wallet and support these important programs. Help us preserve Trudi's vision. Make your gift today at www.americanfriendsofdvi.org/donate.

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• **to treat one** •
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American Friends of DVI Presents
**INFECTION CONTROL AND OSHA:
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Review of all items of infection control and
OSHA regulations to keep you out of trouble

by Berry Stahl, DMD



A continuing education lecture to benefit the DVI Trudi Birger Dental Clinic

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018
New York City**

5:30PM – Light meal. Dietary restrictions observed
6:00PM – Lecture

Registration Donation

Dentists: \$180* (4 ADA CERP credits)

Hygienists, Assistants & Office Staff: \$108

Students: \$36

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A REWARDING FAMILY TRADITION

By Dr. Jim Haas, AFDVI Board Member
and DVI Volunteer

Working with DVI at The Trudi Birger Clinic in Jerusalem is a fulfilling experience on its own, but when a father and son-in-law do this together it brings another dimension to the already rewarding experience. We get to use our training and clinical skills while working with a well-trained and compassionate staff and meet dentists from all over the world who share our passion to help others. It's an opportunity we look forward to taking every year. This year will be our 8th trip to this special clinic!



My father-in-law, Donald Kalfus, had heard about the Trudi Birger Clinic years ago and had been interested in working with the children of Jerusalem in a place that is open to families of every religion and background. So, when we traveled to Israel in 2009 for our family vacation, we stopped in to visit them. The following year we started our tradition.

Work schedules at the clinic allow us

time to explore historic and religious sights as well as to see many of our Israeli friends whom we've met over the years. In addition, we've been able to arrange our trips to allow us to experience different seasons in Israel, and there's always something new to see. The icing on the cake is the use of an apartment that is walking distance to the clinic. We don't feel like typical tourists when we come to Jerusalem...we feel like we're part of the community.

My father-in-law and I have found that our shared love of Israel and dentistry makes this annual trip as much fun to plan as it is to experience. We continue

to enjoy the volunteer work, hiking and exploring, and always look forward to our annual journey to the Holy Land. We encourage all of our dental colleagues to consider participating in this rewarding opportunity. Whether you join us for one trip or once a year, we're sure that you'll agree that the DVI experience is not to be missed! To learn more about volunteering at DVI please visit www.americanfriendsofdvi.org/volunteer.

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DVI CELEBRATES GOOD DEEDS DAY



On March 13th the DVI clinic celebrated National Yom Hama'asim Tovim (Good Deeds Day) by providing dental treatment and oral health education to children from Arazim (Cedars) School for Special Education, a special needs school serving students aged 6-11 who are victims of domestic violence or neglect and are suffering from behavioral or other issues. Children from Beit Lynn Schusterman, a shelter serving children aged 4-13 who have been removed from their family home due to abuse or neglect, also participated.

On that day, the DVI clinic also kicked off a new collaboration

with the organization Simchas Halev, a non-profit that sends medical clowns to various facilities. DVI will now have a medical clown visit the clinic once a week to help ease the anxiety of children in the waiting and treatment rooms.

Thanks to your support and our wonderful dentist volunteers, every day is Good Deeds Day at DVI! In 2017 alone, 143 dentist volunteers from around the world took care of the dental needs of 2,700 children. They provided 10,798 treatments valued at over \$1 million and improved the dental and overall health of Jerusalem's kids and youth. Thank you for giving healing and hope to "our" kids!

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