



INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE
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OUR MISSION





THE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF ALPHA OMEGA CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (ALLIANCE)

coordinates the world-wide philanthropic efforts of the Alpha Omega International Dental Society, which has chapters in several nations. Since 2011, the Alliance has worked with individual countries' chapters (as well as Foundations and Trusts) to advance their common charitable goals. The Alliance also offers support, shared information and resources, and fosters new opportunities for

giving among these worldwide chapters, especially in response to conflict or disaster relief. Its overarching global mission is to improve the human condition by increasing access to oral care, dental health, education, and research wherever it is needed, particularly Israel.

If you want to support our international efforts, please contact us through www.ao.org or through the specific chapter in your country.



OUR LEGACY

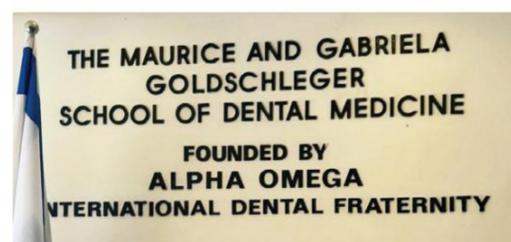


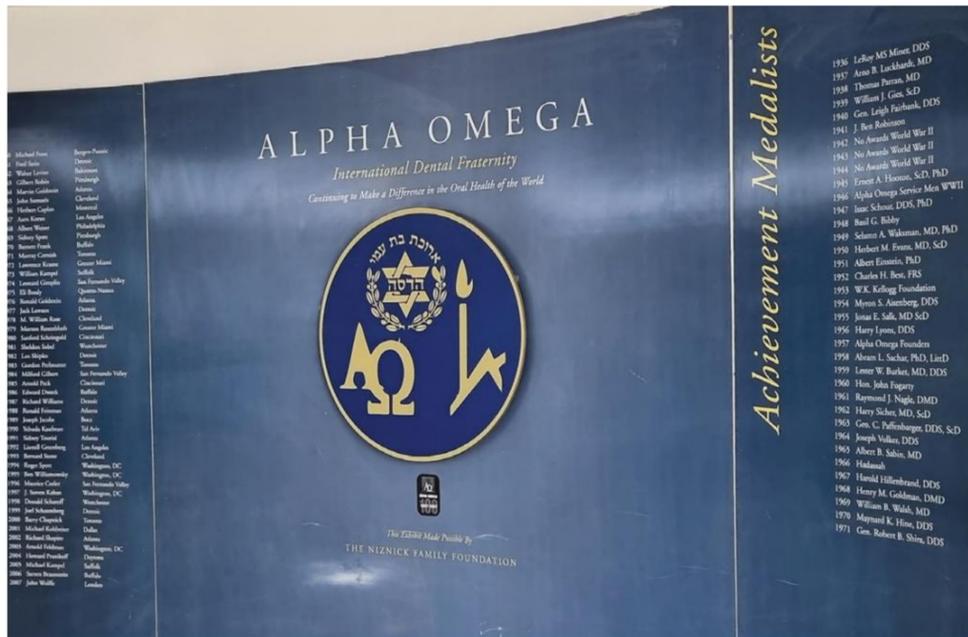
Today, Alpha Omega represents about 5,000 active dentists and dental students in the United States, Canada, South America, Europe, Israel, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand with combined charitable contributions estimated at over 60 million dollars. It is the oldest international Jewish dental society in the world. Founded in Baltimore, Maryland in 1907, the Alpha Omega fraternity was established to combat widespread Antisemitism in both educational institutions and the greater dental community. Even from its early days, philanthropy was an integral part of its mission.

This was particularly true during the 1930's through the 1950's in light of World War II, the Holocaust and its aftermath, and the lasting effects of the Jewish Diaspora. While every chapter contributed greatly to the war effort (see "Early Charitable Contributions" on the next page), Alpha Omegans were always particularly attuned to Israel. Dental care was desperately needed for the young nation's booming population, yet this necessity was largely unmet. Israel's great need became the catalyst that would transform Alpha Omega's philanthropy.

By 1953, Alpha Omega leaders recognized the retiring and aging immigrant dentists in Israel had to be replaced with new generations of well-trained practitioners. They set an extraordinary goal for their members: raise funds to create Israel's first dental school. In 1966, with the opening of the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, they realized their dream.

In further support of the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and other charitable projects, the Alpha Omega Society chartered the Alpha Omega Foundation in 1969. For tax purposes, there had to be a distinction between a dues-paying professional society and a non-profit charity its members supported through donations. As a separate entity, the Foundation would serve as the Society's philanthropic arm. A little over a decade later, the Foundation launched a successful fundraising campaign to construct Israel's second dental school: the Maurice and Gabriella Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University.





As regulations differ from country to country, international Alpha Omega chapters were organized to be in compliance with their respective tax laws. Foundations with common missions have been chartered worldwide: Canada (1970), the London Charitable Trust (1972), and Israel (1983). Countries with active Alpha Omega chapters also contribute significantly to regional and global outreach, even if their particular nation does not have a distinct philanthropic group.

The International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations is a resource for all these chapters to further their philanthropic mission. By working together, the Alliance can help advance the chapters' goals and have an even greater worldwide impact. After the October 7, 2023 Hamas attacks, the Alliance was able to quickly coordinate international efforts to purchase emergency equipment desperately needed in Israel. The International Alliance of Alpha Omega Charitable Organizations reflects a meaningful legacy of global outreach and improved dental care as we strive to improve the human condition.

EARLY CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY ALPHA OMEGA

Prior to the formation of our Foundations, charity played an important role in Alpha Omega. As early as the 1930's, our members led efforts to help those in need of dental care. From the outset, practically every Alpha Omega Chapter throughout the world adopted charitable programs.

Some of our early projects:

- Joining the National Refugee Service in rehabilitating refugee dentists and technicians, and providing dental care for indigent refugees fleeing Europe.
- Serving in the armed forces of the United States and Canada, over 1,800 Alpha Omegas fought in WWII; nineteen gave their lives.
- Establishing a welfare fund to help returning veterans.
- Instituting a student loan program.
- Donating mobile dental 'clinics' to the Canadian Dental Corps and the US Army.
- Campaigning to send dental materials and supplies to overseas survivors, shipping them to Europe, Cypress, and other countries to which refugees had fled to escape Nazi atrocities.

OUR PEOPLE

WITH ITS INTERNATIONAL SCOPE, ALPHA OMEGA PHILANTHROPIES SEEK TO IMPROVE ALL ASPECTS OF DENTAL HEALTH IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES, IN ISRAEL, AND PLACES WHERE CARE IS MOST NEEDED.



Notably, the Alpha Omega US Dental Foundation, the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada, the Alpha Omega London Charitable Trust, and European Chapters have unified in support of key initiatives:

- Raising over \$115,000 to purchase an ambulance for Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency, medical, disaster, ambulance, and blood service. The French Chapter also entirely funded a second mobile intensive care unit. This was in immediate response to the October 7, 2023 Hamas attacks.
- Partnering with NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief to fund two Alpha Omega NATAN Mobile Dental Clinics to provide emergency care to displaced people near the Gaza boarder in response to the Hamas attacks of October 7, 2023.
- Fundraising, donating equipment, and supporting scholarships for the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University, and other hospitals in United States, Canada, Mexico, France, England, and South Africa.
- Purchasing equipment, such as a compressor motor, for the Trudi Birger Dental Volunteers for Israel Clinic.
- Partnering with Henry Schein, Inc., to create the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program which, over the past ten years, has provided over \$5 million in donated oral care across twenty-three North American cities, offering Holocaust survivors the ability to eat pain-free and smile with dignity.

In addition to these collective initiatives, Alpha Omega charitable groups and chapters continue to promote oral healthcare, education, and research through their individual countries as well.

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THE ALPHA OMEGA US DENTAL FOUNDATION

Formed in 1969 as the philanthropic arm of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, the Foundation was actively involved in bringing all the chapters together, world-wide, to co-found the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and to rebuild the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University. These schools continue to receive support from Alpha Omega's philanthropic organizations and worldwide chapters.

UNITED STATES AND ABROAD

- Fundraising for dental school expansion programs at the University of Pennsylvania, Howard University, University of Florida, Temple University, University of Detroit, and the University of Southern California.
- Providing dental care to needy children of all nationalities living in isolated and underdeveloped areas through mobile dental clinics.
- Training Israeli dentists in Maxillofacial procedures as part of the Maxillofacial Prosthetic Rehabilitation program at Sloan Kettering Hospital and MD Anderson Clinic in the United States. These specialists returned to Israel to construct prostheses for wounded Israeli soldiers, reconstruct wounded jaws, and train other Israeli dentists in the new techniques.
- Commissioned the Tree of Peace sculpture, designed by Hedva Ser, a UNESCO artist for peace, as a symbol to the ways dentistry can bridge cultural and political division. The Tree of Peace sculptures are located at five dental schools (two in Israel, Arizona, Philadelphia, and Boston).
- Supporting dental exchange programs between the Dental Schools in Israel and the Dental schools in the United States.

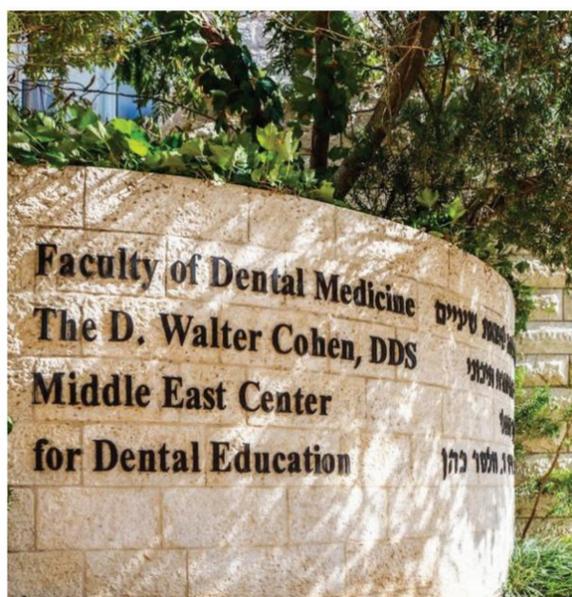


ISRAEL

- Fundraising nearly \$500,000 to retrain 350 newly-arrived Soviet immigrant dentists in Israel.
- Funding a state-of-the-art continuing education center at the School of Graduate Dentistry at the Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa.
- Co-sponsoring the D. Walter Cohen, DDS, Middle East Center for Dental Education in Jerusalem. Dr. Cohen's vision and passionate commitment created a genuine opportunity to enhance peace efforts, emphasizing the importance of dental education, research, and fostering cooperation.
- Funding a radiology room for a new Panoramic x-ray machine designed for people with disabilities at Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine.
- Co-sponsoring AKIM Israel, in partnership with Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and Henry Schein Cares, to establish a program to train young adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities in auxiliary jobs in the dental profession.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Administering and awarding the Dr. Allen Finkelstein Scholarship Endowment for dental students in the US and Israel, which aims to foster excellence in dental education, community service, and oral health leadership by focusing on several key initiatives.
- Funding an international exchange program between the US dental schools and Israeli dental schools to provide students with observational experiences in the dental departments, research labs, and seminars, foster academic collaboration, student mobility, and a cultural exchange through informal interactions with peers from host universities.
- Jointly awarded the ADEA/Alpha Omega Foundation/Leonard Abrams Scholar at the ADEA Leadership Institute.



THE ALPHA OMEGA FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Established in 1970, the Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada represents chapters in Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Vancouver. With over 1,000 members, they focus their philanthropic work on Canada and Israel.



CANADA AND ABROAD

- Partnering with Jewish Family and Child Services to provide dental care for families in need; providing urgent dental care that would otherwise be out of reach.
- Partnering with CAMH, Canada's leading hospital for mental health, to improve access to oral health care for patients recovering from mental illness. Supporting education for senior-level dental students through the CAMH Dental Clinic.
- Partnering with the Calgary Chapter and Dentistry for All to provide quality dental education, prevention, and corrective treatment to relieve pain and suffering and improve quality of life for people in impoverished regions of the world.

ISRAEL

- Raising money to provide emergency aid to Israel since October 7, 2023, distributed to Magen David Adom, United Hatzalah, and Natan.
- Transforming the Oral Pathology Lab at the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University, modernizing Israel's only academic oral pathology department.
- Providing dental care through Beit Issie Shapiro, which provides innovative services, programs, knowledge-sharing models, and policy advocacy to help people with disabilities lead a full life.
- Supplying funds to assist in dental care for members of Yad LaKashish, whose mission is to give Jerusalem's needy elderly a sense of purpose, self-worth and connection to mainstream society through creative work opportunities, essential support services and a warm community environment.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Presenting the Dr. John A. Sherman Prize to Alpha Omega dental students, having completed 2nd or 3rd year in Canadian schools, who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership.
- Awarding the Mervyn Gornitsky Postgraduate Research Project Fund, which supports worthy post-graduate students at Canadian dental schools or hospitals in conducting research on topics related to dentistry.
- Awarding the Marlene Tenenbaum Memorial Fund, which was established by the previous International President, Michael Tanenbaum, also past president of Alpha Omega Foundation of Canada, in memory of Marlene Tenenbaum. Michael's parents were both Holocaust survivors. Proceeds from the Fund go to supporting the Holocaust Survivors Program.
- Awarding the Terry Shapero Memorial Fund, which was established in memory of Terry Shapero, a dedicated Alpha Omegan who embodied Judaism, fraternalism, and professionalism, in support of Yad LaKashish.
- Establishing the The Howard S. Katz Memorial Fund in honor of Dr. Howard S. Katz, a respected leader and former Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at McGill University's Faculty of Dentistry who is remembered for his dedication to students' professional growth. This fund provides financial support to undergraduate dental students in the Montreal Alpha Omega student chapter who volunteer for global dental health initiatives.
- Presenting The Tema and Joseph Lang Memorial Fund, which was established by Dr. Morton Lang, past International President, and the Montreal Chapter, in memory of Dr. Lang's parents. The fund grants money to Montreal Alpha Omega Dental Students who attend Alpha Omega International functions.



THE ALPHA OMEGA LONDON CHARITABLE TRUST

Established in 1972, the Alpha Omega London Charitable Trust distributes funds to worthy causes, creates a positive social impact, and encourages cultural cohesion. Projects supported by the Trust focus on the United Kingdom, Israel, overseas clinics, and prizes and awards.

UNITED KINGDOM AND ABROAD

- Supporting oral health assessments and dental hygiene programs for special care residents at Norwood (formerly Ravenswood) and the TreeHouse School at the National Centre for Autism.
- Partnering with World Jewish Relief to reduce levels of primary dental disease through oral hygiene programs and provision of dental chairs at community clinics in both Riga, Latvia, and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

ISRAEL

- Supporting the Children's Clinic and Paedodontic Department by providing specialized treatment for young patients, while enhancing education and training for future dental professionals, at the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine.
- Equipping classrooms and clinics with new projectors, X-ray viewers, sterilizing equipment, and digital laboratory capabilities at the Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine to improve diagnostics and teaching methods.
- Refurbishing the Prosthodontic Clinic facilities at Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine to provide advanced prosthodontic care and augment training for dental students.
- Providing a dedicated recovery room for patients to recuperate comfortably and safely after receiving dental procedures at Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University.
- Rebuilding the Microbiology department to increase research capabilities in oral microbiology to advance dental science and patient care at Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University.
- Installing a radiovisiography unit and cone beam scanner to enhance diagnostic precision, improve treatment planning, and expand patient care at the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University.

- Expanding the Maxillo-Facial Department at Poriya Hospital to provide specialized care with state-of-the-art equipment and an on-site dental surgery suite, improving treatment for patients with complex oral and facial conditions.
- Supplying the Sarah Herzog Hospital dental clinic with essential dental surgery tools to enhance patient care and accessibility.
- Forming a fully-equipped Dental Surgery facility at the Jaffa Institute Clinic with the latest instruments to enhance patient care, professional training, and access for underprivileged communities.
- Purchasing an endodontic microscope to support postgraduate education and specialist treatment at Rambam Medical Centre as well as purchasing endodontic equipment for Galilee College of Dental Sciences.
- Financing an intra-oral scanner for Beit Issie Shapiro clinic, which provides innovative services, programs, knowledge-sharing models, and policy advocacy to help people with disabilities lead a full life.
- Contributing to a new dental chair and worktops at the Dental Volunteers of Israel — Trudi Birger Dental Volunteers for Israel Clinic in Jerusalem.
- Assisting with refurbishing the Magen David Adom blood service center.
- Awarding funds to the humanitarian organizations of Shalva, NATAN, Aleh, Emunah, and Laniado Hospital.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Funding several undergraduate scholarships for UK dental students and postgraduate travel scholarships for UK specialist trainees.
- Partnering with the Zamet family to award the Dr. John Zamet Memorial Prize in Periodontal Research to a postgraduate specialist trainee in periodontology in the UK.
- Sponsoring The Ino Sciaky Prize in Oral Medicine, The Michman Prize in Prosthodontics, and The Murray Woolf Prize in Orthodontics for postgraduates at the Hadassah School of Dental Medicine.



THE ALPHA OMEGA EUROPEAN CHAPTERS

FRANCE

French Chapters of Alpha Omega are located in Grenoble, Lorraine, Lyon, Marseille, Nancy, Paris, Strasbourg, and Toulouse.

- Purchasing an ambulance for Magen David Adom in response to the October 7th, 2023 Hamas attacks.
- Donating funds to Hebrew University Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and the Maurice and Gabriela Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University, as well as a substantial number of volunteer hours for local charitable causes.
- Fundraising in a consistently exemplary manner.

GERMANY

The German Chapter of Alpha Omega is located in Hürth (Cologne).

- Purchasing and distributing 5,000 masks after the COVID-19 outbreak at a time almost no masks were on the market.
- Collecting and transporting medicines and medical equipment to Ukraine, as well as consulting on the employment of Ukrainian assistants and doctors.
- Purchasing and delivering an ambulance to Ukraine. The ambulance was financed with donations and purchased in Germany (Recklinghausen) then delivered to the Rosenblat Family charitable foundation in Zhytomyr (Ukraine).
- Supporting AO member Dr. Elke Zillmann's professional visit to Togo.
- Supporting AO board member Dr. Marina Ortenberg to volunteer at the Trudi Birger Dental Volunteers for Israel Clinic in Jerusalem.
- Purchasing, in Dorsten, North Rhine-Westphalia, with support from Alexander Lissak of the Nuremberg Jewish community, a treatment truck/Mobile Dental Unit and delivering it to Israel for NATAN.

SWITZERLAND

The Swiss Chapter of Alpha Omega is located in Zurich.

- Donating 200 hours for mission trips to the Ukraine, Honduras, and the Africa Mercy ship off Sierra Leone.
- Donating funds to purchase a surgical microscope for the Maurice and Gabriella Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine at Tel Aviv University.





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To join Alpha Omega International Dental Society, or to participate in the global philanthropic work of our Foundations, please see your country's website for more information.



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