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**PHILADELPHIA
APRIL 18**

Colleagues, former students, family, and friends of Morton Amsterdam gathered in Philadelphia on Saturday, April 18th to honor his memory. Led by Co-Committee Chairs, Paul Goodman and Marc Rothman, the day started with outstanding lectures and then celebrated Morton's life with a gala dinner at the Top of the Tower.

Funds raised through this event were donated to create the Dr. Morton Amsterdam Operatory at the Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Services Health Center. The center is part of the Family Practice & Counseling Network, a program of national nonprofit Resources for Human Development.

To donate, please contact Ellen Taranto at the AO U.S. Foundation at 877-368-6326 or ellen.taranto@aofus.org.



ATLANTA
APRIL 19



Atlanta was the second Alpha Omega chapter that Ayala and I visited on our East Coast visitations tour. We enjoyed attending a wonderful event organized by Cary Goldstein, the Atlanta chapter president, as well as the well-known Southern hospitality extended to us by the members of the chapter. It was exciting being with old friends like Ron and Judy Goldstein, Susan and David Rifkin, Richard Shapiro, Jay Paulen, Ted Levitaz and many others.



CHICAGO
APRIL 20-21



Today the State of Israel is 67 years old. Happy Birthday Israel!

Yesterday, Ayala and I have completed our most interesting visit with the Chicago Alpha Omega chapter. It was an exciting visitation where we had the opportunity to visit both dental schools in Chicago. First, we visited the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) School of Dental Medicine and met with Dean Clark Stanford, with the President of the AO student chapter Justin Schneider and with Olga, a junior student, who will soon replace Justin.

The following day, Illinois member Laurie Gordon-Shaw joined us at a meeting with the relatively new Dental School at Midwestern University, and then we met with the Dean for pre-clinical studies Preetha Kanjirath and with Arielle Wulfsohn, the new president of the chapter at Midwestern. We shared information with the deans about Alpha Omega's activities and about the Holocaust Survivors Oral Health program. We were very pleased to learn that they will see how the dental schools can help and become involved.

In the evening, we took part in a most exciting event where I had the honor and pleasure to initiate the new Alpha Omega student chapter at Midwestern Dental School. One could feel the excitement of the alumni members of the Chicago Chapter (Dan Uditsky, Sam Wexler, Paul Landman, Alan Moltz, Whitney Mostafiz, Laurie Gordon Shaw - our fabulous host, and others), when 20 young students proudly took the oath and joined Alpha Omega in Chicago. It is indeed wonderful that Chicago has now two AO student chapters. Boston is our next destination in our East Coast visitations tour.



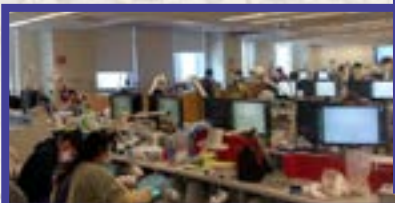
BOSTON
APRIL 23-26



Boston was the fourth Alpha Omega chapter we visited during our East Coast visitations tour. Following a nice dinner meeting with the officers of the Boston alumni chapter and the three student chapters, we met on next day with the Deans of Harvard, (Bruce Donoff), BU (Jeffrey Hutter) and Tufts (Huw Thomas) as well as, the students and faculty members.

Our wonderful host in Boston, Murray Miller, joined us at all meetings, which were very productive and well organized. I had the pleasure to present a check to each one of the Deans, a special donation from the Boston chapter to the three dental schools. On Friday evening, Laurie and Steve Spitz invited many AO members for a beautiful Shabbat Dinner at their home. It was a real pleasure to be with the "Boston Alpha Omega family."

On Sunday, the traditional brunch of AO Boston was held at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, where new officers were installed, members of the chapter were honored, and Alpha Omega's chapter efficiency awards were presented to the Harvard and BU students chapters. We had a great time in Boston and immensely enjoyed meeting old friends and making new friendships. Our talks and discussions with the wonderful students of the three chapters were most encouraging and we left for Toronto, knowing that the future of AO is in good hands.



TORONTO
APRIL 27

In Toronto, the largest chapter of Alpha Omega, which was the fifth one we have visited on our East Coast visitation tour, we were warmly welcomed at the airport by Avi and Sharon Wurman and Sharon Perlmutter.

The next day, we visited the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry and met with Dean Daniel Haas. David Mock, the former Dean of the school, Past International Presidents Barry Chapnick and Avi Wurman, and Brian Chapnick, the Toronto chapter President, attended the meeting where we discussed with Dean Haas plans to place the Tree of Peace at the entrance to the dental school. This will be the sixth Tree of Peace sculpture and the first one in Canada.

We then enjoyed having lunch with members of the chapter at the beautiful Canoe restaurant on the fifty-fourth floor of the TD Bank Tower, where one can see a breath taking view of the city. In the evening, we attended the annual business meeting and dinner of the Alpha Omega Toronto chapter held at the Adath Israel Synagogue.

It was an impressive event where I had the pleasure to address the many members of the chapter, highlighting the current and future plans of our fraternity.



MONTREAL
APRIL 28-29

Montreal was the sixth Alpha Omega chapter we have visited on our East Coast visitations tour. We were warmly welcomed at the airport by Past International President Michael Tenenbaum and in the evening we attended a gala reception that was organized by the AO Montreal chapter and the State of Israel Bonds at the Shaare Zion Synagogue.

In attendance was also the Consul General of Israel for Quebec, Zvi Nevo Kulman. It was a beautiful event where Alpha Omega also honored Dr. Stewart Shapiro, past president of the chapter and one of the active members in the Jewish community of Montreal.

On the next day, we, along with Michael Tenenbaum, met with Dean Paul Allison and toured the new and most impressive facilities of the dental school at McGill University. In the evening, we enjoyed meeting many AO members and students from both dental schools, who came to a reception at Bill and Rona Steinman's house. It was for us an exciting evening and we were very much impressed by the commitment of the young students to AO.



**NEW YORK CITY
MAY 1**

A dinner organized by Gail Schupak and attended by local New York members, including Past International President Charlene Berkman, Fraya Karsh, Columbia and NYU students.

