

Restoring Smiles



**Jane and Max Drubinsky
with Dr. Teplin**

Response of Jane and Max Drubinsky - patients of Dr. S. Teplin

I was born in Belarus (part of the former USSR) in the city of Bobruisk. When Germany started the war against the Soviet Union, my father was enlisted to serve on the first day.

My mother, my sister (10 years old) and myself (5 years old) walked approximately 50 miles to the East looking for safety. After about two months of riding in cattle cars we settled in the city of Kazan, where we lived until the end of the war.

Our train was bombed several times and during one of the attacks I was severely injured. After several surgeries and over two years in hospitals, my right knee was locked and since then my leg does not bend.

I wrote a book *The Long Night*. It is about life in the two Bobruisk Ghettos where fascists killed more than 25 thousand Jews. My dad's

entire family perished there. In the USSR we did not know about the six million Jews killed during the Holocaust.

In May of 1980 we left Minsk after one year of waiting for the permission to emigrate. We settled in Minneapolis, MN, where my sister and my mother already lived for eight months. In 1994 we moved to Waukesha, WI to be close with our two daughters who happened to live and work in Waukesha.

We were lucky when Mrs. Lena Vusiker from Milwaukee Jewish Family Services introduced us to the Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program. We are on a very limited income and this help was God sent.

We are very grateful for generous help from Dr. Stanley Teplin, Dr. Brian Watkins, and Dr. Marc Jacobson who provided dental work for me and my wife. Dr. Stanley Teplin is one of the best people we were lucky to meet.

Me and my wife would like to express our gratitude to all the doctors involved in the Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program and [es]pecially to the manager of the program, Bernice Edelstein for the generous and important help.

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Angel Donor

Dr. Marcy Borofsky

Dr. Marcy Borofsky, serial health care entrepreneur, founder, CEO and executive of multiple healthcare companies, currently serves as Executive Vice Chairman and Board Member of Smile America Partners, a school-based prevention and minimally invasive treatment oriented dental health company she co-founded, providing much needed oral health services to children in 20 states. She is working with the nation's largest and highest need urban school districts such as NYC, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and many others and is currently providing dental care services to over 500,000 children annually.



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She is a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee of Harvard Dental School and is an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is currently a consultant to an NIH-NICDR Grant on Silver Diamine Fluoride and its use in the medical management of caries in children.

She is an invited speaker and has chaired panels at many organizations including: Harvard's 150th anniversary, Women in Dentistry, Harvard Odontological Society, Multiple State Oral Health Coalitions, Alpha Omega Women in Dentistry, Oral Health Alliance Across Borders, Healthcare Financial Management Association of New York and many others.

Crain's Business has named Dr. Borofsky a Notable Woman in Healthcare 2018.

She was invited by Senator Bernie Sanders to be an expert advisor on a bill to expand dental care in the United States to be introduced this year.

She earned a MPH at Columbia University, a DDS at University of Michigan, and a BSc in Physical Therapy at Wayne State University.

What attracted you to the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program?

I am impressed by the overwhelming generosity of Alpha Omega members and the corporate sponsorship of Henry Schein Cares. A lot of deserving praise needs to go to dentists in our communities who provide service to this aging group of Holocaust Survivors. The needs of the aging are many. The dental needs of the Holocaust Survivor community are quite varied. The financial resources to obtain that care is also quite diverse. Working together, insuring that oral health is maintained and restored to the Survivor community is a very worthwhile goal.



Dr. Borofsky and mom

Does anyone in your life play a role in supporting your involvement? In providing inspiration?

This program is quite personal to me. My parents are both survivors of the Holocaust. My father was from Sosnowiec, Poland and my mother is from Kaunas, Lithuania. My father died 33 years ago, however, my mother remains quite vibrant at age 94.

What do you wish other knew about the program?

Our Holocaust survivor population is dwindling each year. I am in awe of the dentists who are choosing to provide dental care for this group and insure that this population has oral health dignity in their senior years.

We are in year four of the program. Do you have any “words of wisdom” for us? What would be your philanthropic advice to us at this point in our program history?

I just returned from a trip to Poland specifically Krakow and the Zaglembie district, which included Sosnowiec the town where my father was from. It is 75 years since the evacuation of the final remaining Jews from this area, most of whom went to Auschwitz/Birkenau. I never really knew a lot of detail about my father and his background. He died relatively young at age 61. It was a sad, informative experience to visit the towns in the regions where he and so many Jewish people lived. It was clear that the Jewish communities were very vibrant. About 22% of the population in this city and nearby towns was Jewish. A vibrant, Zionistic, community oriented Jewish population existed here with many organizations and institutions such as, Jewish schools, Mizrachi, ORT, Beitar, Hashomer Hatzair and others. I could find the apartment building where my father lived. Next door was the synagogue, long gone, burned to the ground, and replaced with a retail store. No sign of Jews left, except for the cemetery, in this once thriving community. The Jews who survived did so against all odds. Their mere survival against systematized genocide is indeed remarkable. Even more remarkable for many of the survivors was that they were able to leave the ashes behind and build new lives. I hope that this program continues to be self-sustaining throughout the lives of our Holocaust survivor community. It is a strong statement of a Jewish goals of providing social justice and health care equity for those in need.

Anything else you would like to add?

The goal of health care equity, including dental care equity, for all people regardless of economic status, is worthy of pursuit. The population served in the Alpha Omega/Henry Schein cares programs is deserving of our support, whether the support is financial, or by providing direct services by a group of caring dentists. This is truly an act of *G'milut Chassadim*, i.e., act of loving kindness of behalf of our Alpha Omega members and corporate community.

Holidays

Rosh Hashana – eve. Sept. 9 – Sept. 11

Yom Kippur – eve. Sept. 18 – Sept. 19

Sukkot – eve. Sept. 23 – Sept. 25

Shimini Atzeret – eve Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

Simchat Torah – eve Oct. 1 – Oct. 2

Upcoming Events

Boston Regional Meeting: October 5th–October 7th.

For more information: <http://www.ao.org/events/2018-ao-boston-regional-meeting/>

AO New Orleans Convention: December 26th–
January 1st

<http://www.ao.org/events/ao-international-convention-new-orleans/>



Bernice Edelstein
Program Manager

Shalom,

As summer comes to a close and the High Holidays approach we are reminded to reflect on the past year. As I look to welcome the New Year, I envision further expansion and participation of additional providers in the program, increasing the number of survivors treated, expanding into new cities, and enhancing the program in the current cities. I am pleased to announce that the Robert I. Schattner Foundation, Inc. has joined the Claire Friedlander Foundation as an additional Program Guardian. The logo has been updated to reflect this.

Over the past year we have received heartwarming messages from survivors on the positive impact that the program is having upon them. In looking ahead, we will highlight a survivor's story in each edition of the newsletter. If your patient would like to tell his/her story, please contact me at bedelstein@ao.org.

L'shanah Tovah. Wishing you and your family all the best for a sweet, happy and healthy 5779. *G'mar Chatimah Tovah!*

Bernice Edelstein
Program Manager

Spotlight on Milwaukee



The following dental providers are participating in the program: Stanley Teplin, Ambassador; Nancy Barnett; Leo Huck; Marc Jacobson; Alan Kimmel; Mark Kortebein; Paul Levine; David Lubar; Jay Mackman; Stanley Sehler; David Teplin and Richard Winter.

If you are a practicing dentist in the Milwaukee area and would like to participate in the program, please contact Bernice Edelstein bedelstein@ao.org or Stanley Teplin sfteplin@gmail.com.

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Meet the Dentists

Dr. Stanley Teplin

Ambassador, Milwaukee

Dr. Stanley Teplin was born and raised in the Milwaukee area and is a second-generation dentist. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin and earned his dental degree from the Marquette University School of Dentistry. Following his service in the Air Force he has been in private practice with his father since 1974.



Did you always want to be a dentist? How did you come to choose dentistry as a profession?

While in college I realized my aptitude for science and math and saw an opportunity to be a dentist. It has been such an honor to continue a tradition which has since been followed by my son, David.

What prompted you to decide to volunteer to be the Ambassador the Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program for the Milwaukee area?

Upon hearing about the program, I realized the importance of treating these patients. My father had participated in similar efforts after WWII in a hospital clinic and then again during the '70s with the wave of Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union.

What impact do you think the program has had on the survivors who have been treated? Have you heard any firsthand feedback?

Our small group of patients have been very thankful for their care from the several colleagues who have participated. We all feel good about our part in helping these individuals who have faced greater challenges in their lives than most of us can imagine.

Anything else you would like to add?

It truly has been my honor to meet and care for these patients.

Dr. David Lubar

Dr. David Lubar received his BS in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He then earned his DDS from Marquette Dental School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended the Prosthodontic Graduate Program at the Marquette University School of Dentistry.



What drew you to dentistry? Why did you choose dental and not medical or veterinary medicine?

I enjoyed not only my course work in the biological sciences but doing work with my hands. In grade school I enjoyed the classes in art and industrial arts. I could have just as easily ended up as a physician or veterinarian and been happy with my selection.

What prompted you to volunteer for this dental program: to provide pro bono dental care to Holocaust survivors?

I was at a point in my career where I could do it. We lost some family members due to the Holocaust.

What do you do to relax and unwind outside of work?

My Hobbies include: sailing, photography, and gardening.



Happy patient with Dr. Lubar

NEWS NOTES

MAZEL TOV!

Dr. Marv Sonne, one of the ambassadors for the Detroit cohort will be inducted into the International College of Dentists at the ADA meeting this October. Kol hakavvod!

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RE: Holocaust Survivors Program

Dear All,

Thank you very much for providing services for my patient. The crown fit very nicely and needed minimal adjustment. The color was excellent.

I appreciate your working with Alpha Omega on this important project, and I enjoyed working with your staff.

Thank you,


Stanley F. Teplin

✓ Cc: Bernice Edelstein

Thank you to our Donors!

Thank you for supporting this vitally important program to treat the oral health needs of this most deserving population!

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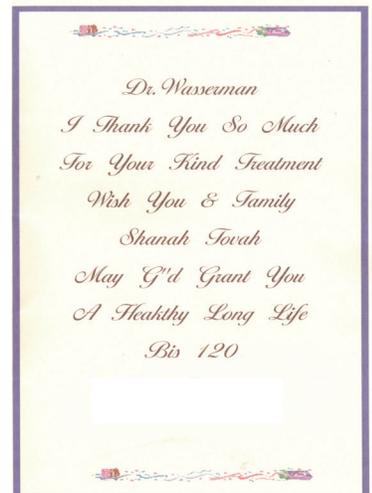
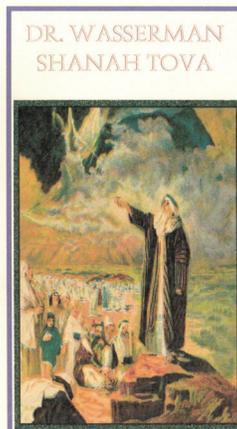
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Thank you Dr. Wasserman from grateful patient



By the Numbers (Jan. 2018- July 2018)

City	Ambassador	In Treatment	Completed
Atlanta	Michael Friedman	4	0
Boston	David Dano & Murray Miller	3	5
Chicago	Laurie Gordon-Shaw	11	28
Cincinnati	Dr. Glen Meyer	3	6
Columbus	Shaun Rotenberg	1	5
Dallas	Gary Solomon	0	0
Detroit	Jamie Feldman, Marv Sonne, Mark Luria	3	1
Florida	Dr Michael Eggatz - Broward	0	0
	Dr. Allen Ressler - Miami/Dade	1	-
Los Angeles	Paul Selski	6	3
Milwaukee	Stan Teplin	0	4
New York	Rada Sumareva	40	16
NYU College Dentistry		5	-
Phila./South Jersey	Bruce Silver	13	12
Phoenix	Irwin Feinberg	1	-
ASDOH	Irwin Feinberg	0	0
San Francisco	Jay Cohen	0	-
Seattle	Kal Klass	2	4
Washington, DC	Ben Williamowsky, Alan Singer	22	31
West Hartford		1	0
Calgary	Brian Sacks	0	1
Montreal	Jeff Tenser	-	5
Toronto	Gerald Pearson	25	3
Winnipeg	Gary Hyman	3	2
Temple/KleinLife		2	
TOTALS		146	156

FROM AO PROGRAM HQ

NOTE TO ALL AMBASSADORS AND DENTAL PANEL MEMBERS

This is a friendly reminder that if you have any Encounter Forms for 2018 that have not been submitted, please do so now. Record the appointment dates, the dental codes and patient initials and send to bedelstein@ao.org.
THANK YOU!!

Information about the program is online. Visit www.ao.org and click on the Holocaust Survivors Program tab. There, you will find all the program forms including the lab protocols and the Standard Dental Encounter Form. You will also find the program videos.

Jewish Family Services



Stacy Ehlers, MSW Family Care Director was interviewed.

How long has the agency been working with Holocaust survivors?

JFS has been working with Holocaust survivors since the end of WWII. Our Resettlement Department, which has evolved over time, was established in 1938. Once immigration restrictions were lifted following WWII, JFS served multiple clients who were relocating to the Milwaukee area, many of whom were Holocaust survivors. In 1977, JFS began serving clients from the former Soviet Union, and continued to assist with their relocation and settlement through the late 80s and 90s. In 2000, JFS became a grantee through the Claims Conference on Material Claims Against Germany to provide case management services to survivors in our community. The majority of our survivors qualify under the Hardship Fund.

Approximately how many survivors are in the Milwaukee area?

Approximately 400 survivors remain in the Milwaukee area, the majority of which are from the former Soviet Union.

How many receive services from the agency and what types of services do you provide? What are the greatest needs of the Holocaust survivors in your community?

On average, JFS serves 200-225 Holocaust survivors per year. Upon arriving in the United States, many of our clients struggled with learning English, obtaining employment, and adjusting to life in a new country/culture. Many of our clients, now older adults, are low-income and qualify for SSI and Medicaid. As our clients age, they are facing greater health issues and need assistance in managing their medical care and accessing long-term care services. They face additional challenges in not understanding the language and require assistance of translators for many appointments. JFS provides case management; interpretation and translation services; assistance with multiple public benefits including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, FoodShare, and Energy Assistance; addresses housing concerns; and assists with Immigration issues.

What has been the experience of your agency with the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program?

In the former Soviet Union, many of our clients did not have access to proper oral health care which has resulted in multiple issues later in life. As Medicare does not cover dental services, our clients are often uninsured or underinsured. There are limits to the care that our clients are able to access under Medicaid, and our clients have often struggled to either find dentists or discover that the procedure they need is not covered by Medicaid. Due to their limited financial means, our clients struggle to save the necessary money to cover the cost of dental services, often choosing to forgo this to pay for daily living expenses instead.

Our experience through the AO-HSC Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program has been tremendous. Our point of contact is Dr. Teplin, who has been great to work with! He has demonstrated the utmost compassion for our survivors and is responsive in evaluating their oral health needs. He has a great network of professional colleagues across multiple disciplines and this team works seamlessly together to ensure that the survivors' needs are met. All of the survivors served through the AO-HSC Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program have been extremely grateful to be able to access such high-quality care, which is often reserved for those with insurance or the ability to private pay.

Do you have a favorite story about working with Holocaust survivors?

We were serving a survivor from the former Soviet Union. As is common for many of our survivors, she had never accessed dental services earlier in life. She came to us in severe pain and was found to have an inflamed root canal. Dr. Teplin assessed her and referred her to a colleague who provided a very innovative, top of the line treatment to remove the inflamed root, and resolved the pain that she was in. The survivor was very thankful to have access to this program which provided such great care!

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