

International Nursing Course



Twenty nurses from Eritrea, Kenya, Rwanda, Cameroon and Cyprus participated in the first international course, of two months duration, on Emergency and Trauma Nursing Care, which took place at RMC's Beilinson Campus. Pictured are the international group, together with Dina Alboer, middle row second from left, Trauma Coordinator at Beilinson, and others of the Trauma Center team who planned the course.

Creative Construction Procedure Presented By RMC Engineer



Joseph Pinko, right, head engineer at RMC, presented a paper depicting the various stages of construction and reconstruction of the Gour Shasha Tower, at the Third Congress for Hospital Planning, which took place recently in Montreal. The theme of the congress was "Humanization and Hospital Planning". RMC's presentation emphasized the three-stage building plan of the tower and the fact that the reconstruction and enlargement took place while the inpatient departments continued to work at full capacity.



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A PRIME MINISTER, A SENATOR, A FIRST LADY, HONOREES, A JAZZ BAND and A "KING" 2003 Gala- A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



Barry Cohen (left), Chair of the Board of AFRMC, Yvonne Cohen (far right), and Larry King (center), the Dinner Emcee, congratulate the Dinner Honorees, Wendy Siegel and Stephen Siegel.

There is no shortage of events taking place on any given day in New York City. Sunday, November 2nd was no exception. AFRMC held its Fourth Annual Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in support of Rabin Medical Center's Cardiology Unit. The event, which drew more than 500 people, was second to none, and, in lightening speed, has become yet another great New York tradition.

A warm welcome by AFRMC Chair Barry Cohen opened the festivities as he paid tribute to the work of RMC and to the evening's stellar roster of participants. In announcing that Larry King, was serving as Master of Ceremonies for the second year running, he commented that Larry "...has been so very generous to this organization. Apart from volunteering his time to be with us, he has also

arranged that the Larry King Cardiac Foundation will join forces with RMC and that he will be making a special trip to Israel in April to implement plans for the new Larry King Cardiac Unit to be constructed in the hospital."

Mr. King then took charge of the balance of the evening's festivities- and quite literally brought on the music. Three top opera singers performed the national anthems of great Britain, Israel and the United States, respectively; Elaina Wachovia, of the New York City opera, Hadar Halevy, of the Israel National Opera, and, the world renown baritone Sherrill Milnes, of the Metropolitan Opera. And, on the heels of their appearance at the White House commemorating plans to establish the first museum of jazz, the Jazz Museum In



Major participants at the New York Dinner, left to right are, Larry King; Dr. Dan Oppenheim, CEO of RMC; Keynote Speaker, Prime Minister John Major; Nava Barak, President, Israel Friends RMC; and Barry Cohen.

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Woody Goldberg Honored: Served Seven Years as President

In 1995, Miriam Romm, the founding executive director of what is now AFRMC, asked Sherwood "Woody" Goldberg if he would help a fledging organization, being chartered in Washington, DC, by lending his name and signing some documents. Little did he know that gesture of help would lead to seven years as president, and to a very enriching and rewarding opportunity to help Israel's largest hospital and work with some wonderful people.

Most of those people, over 100 strong, gathered on November 1st at a cocktail party and honored Woody and his wife Susan for all their dedicate efforts. Mrs. Nava Barak, President of Israel Friends RMC was the first to offer thanks, followed by Dr. Dan Oppenheim, Barry Cohen and Burt Lazarow. They presented the Goldbergs with a magnificent Haggadah as a memento of their dedication and for Woody's leadership to AFRMC for seven years. Woody responded in a true volunteer spirit by sharing his current leadership role as Civilian Advisor to the Military for the District of Columbia and praising the dedication of America soldiers in Iraq who are risking and giving their lives for freedom.



Woody Goldberg and wife, Susan (left), received a special tribute and a gift of a unique Haggadah from Barry Cohen, Nava Barak and Dr. Dan Oppenheim.

Research Successes



*Dr. Dan Oppenheim
CEO of RMC*

It was my deepest pleasure to once again take part in the AFRMC's Annual New York Gala Dinner, which this year placed as its goal the advancement of RMC's Department of Cardiology. The construction of a new cardiology wing is a very important priority for our hospital, and, with the continued cooperation from our Friends, it will soon become a reality.

I am most appreciative to each and everyone who participated in the efforts to make this year's Dinner an overwhelming success, and, to all of you, dear friends, for your ongoing support.

Research and the use of advanced technologies have in recent years become an increasingly significant part of our activities. We have therefore established a unit dedicated to the advancement of the biotechnologies and cooperation between the hospital and outside institutions.

RMC staff publishes approximately 250 scientific papers, in a variety of fields, yearly, and our researchers enjoy the facilities of the 50 laboratories in our Research Center on RMC's Beilinson Campus. This Center is a Tel-Aviv University institute, further strengthening the ties between RMC, the Sackler School of Medicine and Tel-Aviv University.

I congratulate our researchers who have achieved international acclaim for their findings, among them Prof. Eldad Melamed, Prof. Benny Fisch and others. RMC will continue to encourage ongoing research among our staff, keeping us at the forefront of medical progress. Please read the accompanying article on this subject.

Research at RMC

RMC's staff's research findings and medical discoveries have been making waves in the medical field in Israel and elsewhere. These studies were presented at medical societies, awarded prizes and received coverage in the Israeli press.

Innovative Projects Presented at Research Days on the Two Campuses

A total of 40 research projects as well as 70 posters, were presented at the annual Research Days, which took place on RMC's two campuses.

The following prizes were awarded for excellency in research projects: The first prize at Golda-HaSharon Campus was awarded to the Nuclear Medicine Institute, headed by Dr. Moshe Malul, for the work comparing the level of D-Dimer in the blood (a protein secreted to the blood in various diseases) and the findings of lung scans in patients with suspicion of pulmonary embolism.

At Beilinson Campus, the following prizes were awarded: Best basic research project - to Miri Fish, Coordinator of Research and Computerization in Nursing, for her work on the origins of ethical decision-making among nurses.

The prize for best basic clinical research - to Dr. Daniel Offen, head of the Neurological Sciences Laboratory at the Department of Neurology,

for research headed by Prof. Eldad Melamed, Director of Dept. of Neurology, on the development of a new anti-acid that bypasses the blood-brain barrier in Parkinson's Disease models. Best work in basic sciences - to Dr. Idit Pazgal, from the Hematology Institute, for her work, done under the direction of Dr. Osnat Bairey, Senior Physician in the Institute, on the subject of creating new blood vessels (angiogenesis) in lymphatic cancerous tumors; and to Nehama Horev, Head Nurse in the Institute of Gastroenterology on the subject of "Suitable preparations for a proper outlook", on the improved preparation of hospitalized patients before undergoing colonoscopy.



Microscope, donated through AFRMC, which made possible the IVF research performed by Dr. Ronit Avir.

A Breakthrough in Research

Prestigious Prize Awarded to Staff of RMC's In Vitro Fertilization Unit Following presentation of their work, the European Society of Human Reproduction and Fertility at its Annual Meeting in Madrid, Spain awarded a prize to the staff of RMC's In Vitro Fertilization Unit for outstanding

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Save the Date

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Gour Shasha

In Memory of Gour Shasha

RMC's staff and patients mourn the passing of RMC's dear friend and benefactor

Gour Shasha, who donated 26 million dollars for the construction of RMC's new hospitalization tower, passed away recently at 88 years of age. Thanks to his deep generosity, the state-of-the-art tower, including 9 floors, 20 departments and 650 beds was built, symbolizing the beginning of a new era of health-care in Israel.

Gour Shasha was born in Iraq and lived a number of years in Iran. He was active in the Mossad in the 1950's and 1960's, and as one of the senior agents in the Gulf of Persia area, his contribution to the security of the country was immeasurable. During his later years he resided in Israel and the USA.

Dr. Oppenheim touched the hearts of many with his eulogy: "The tower was constructed thanks to this generous and modest man, humble and unassuming, whose donation is one of the largest received in Israel from a private individual to a public institution for the welfare of the citizens of Israel. The 4,400 staff members of RMC mourn his death... Tears of sadness and grief are in the eyes of us all, with the passing of a great friend who will be inscribed in our memories forever. Tears of great pain are conveyed over the passing of a quiet hero, a remarkable figure who is gone."

New Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory Recently Opened

A new Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory was recently opened at RMC, equipped with advanced technologies, dedicated to the use of innovative therapeutic modalities, as well as “standard” catheterizations.

The state-of-the-art equipment will enable use of experimental interventional procedures and complex catheterizations, such as treatment of a number of arteries simultaneously as an alternative to bypass surgery, coronary irradiation to prevent restenosis, stem cell implants, and use of catheters with filters for vein bypass.

Dr. Ran Kornowski, Head of the Cardiac Catheterization Unit remarked, “We now have a sophisticated imaging system with advanced digital functions allowing, in addition to more precise imaging of the heart, imaging of additional veins and arteries, such as the kidney and leg arteries. This is a most important tool, giving vital information to the cardiologist”. The imaging system also has an electronic communications network.



New catheterization laboratory opens at RMC

Advanced Medical Technologies

Radio Waves Ease Pain

In the fourth of a series of meetings dealing with palliative care, planned by Dr. Rita Lekar, head of RMC’s Anesthesiology Department’s Pain Clinic, staff members heard about the advantages of treating chronic pain through radio waves. Use of this technique, where a needle is inserted adjacent to the nerve responsible for the pain while the patient is being x-rayed, and radio waves are transferred through the needle to the nerve, has positive effects on the patients and helps ease pain for longer periods of time.

Hip Joint Replacement - Peeling the Cartilage

A new technique for replacement of the hip joint, promising natural motion of the joint and proper functioning for a longer number of years, is being employed successfully at RMC, at the Department of Orthopedics, headed by Prof. Moshe Salai. According to Dr. Steven Volks, head of the Surgery of Joints Unit, and one of the leaders in the use of the technique in Israel, the joint is not amputated and replaced as has been traditionally done. Rather the outer layer of cartilage is “peeled” and “covered” with a thin metal covering, thus reconstructing the natural joint. This technique is intended for young people suffering from degenerative disease of the hip joint.

“Navigator” Ensures Safer Neurosurgery

For the first time in Israel, a Computerized Image-Guided Neurosurgery system is being used by the Department of Neurosurgery at RMC, providing neurosurgeons with a way to “navigate” through the body using 3-D real-time images as their guide. Until now, the surgeon would have to move the microscope away in order to mark the surgical area with identifiable markers and then check through the microscope to see if it is located in the correct direction and angle.

This cutting-edge technology takes images from a variety of traditional imaging sources, such as CT or MRI, transforming them into precise 3-D images, and merges them with real-time images of the patient during surgery, sent by sensors attached to the surgical equipment and captured by light emitting diode cameras within the system. Surgeons control the merging of data, providing the most precise images of the surgical area possible. The precision provided by the system allows the surgeons to map the safest, least invasive path to the target site in the patient’s body, and to focus on the exact location they need to reach during surgery, without compromising nearby muscle, tissue, nerves or blood vessels.

The “Navigator”, which was purchased thanks to the generosity of donors, is being used for various neurosurgical procedures, including surgery of brain tumors and head trauma patients. Its use enables shortened operating times, decrease in the size of the patient’s incision and reduction of the procedure’s invasiveness - all of which can lead to better patient outcomes and faster recoveries.

NEW RMC TIDBITS

“From Yesterday to Tomorrow – The Story of Rabin Medical Center”, a colorful and informative 100 page book, describing the fascinating history of RMC’s two campuses, intertwined with the history of the country of Israel, was recently published.

Dr. Arie Ariche, from the Surgical Division of RMC’s Golda-HaSharon Campus, was recently awarded membership in the Compagnons Hepato-Biliaires, a prestigious club whose members all worked at the Centre de Chirurgie Hepato-Biliaire in Paris, France, one of the leading centers in the world in the field of liver surgery and transplantation.

Prof. Mordechai Kramer, Director of the Institute of Pulmonary Diseases at Rabin Medical Center, was appointed Israel’s delegate to the European Respiratory Society.

IN MEMORIAM... Senator Paul Simon

Senator Simon joined the Honorary Board of AFRMC upon its founding and was an ardent supporter, through attendance at Board meetings, annual donations, obtaining gifts, and lending his name to public relations materials. He was courageous, generous, a true leader and a man of great principles. May his memory be a source of strength and inspiration for all who knew him.

research. Heading the research is Prof. Benny Fisch, Director of the IVF Unit, and his colleagues, Dr. Ronit Avir and Dr. Tal Biron-Shental.

The study, exploring the mechanism underlying the maturation of ova in the fetal and adult ovary, is part of an ongoing research project that deals with mechanisms of ova egg maturation. For the first time in the laboratory, human ovarian tissue from fetuses was cultured for several weeks, while keeping the viability of the tissue and hormone secretion, and showed evidence of the beginning of the maturation of the ovum. The presence of ova in the process of maturation enables the investigation of this maturation process.

Understanding the factors related to this process might allow the in vitro maturation of the ova, thus helping many women who are now unable to conceive. "We will, for example, take out tissue of the ovary from a woman suffering from cancer, before chemotherapy treatment, freeze it, and when the patient is cured, mature the tissue in the laboratory. Until today, it is possible to freeze the immature eggs, but the procedure of thawing and in vitro maturation is yet unknown", explained Prof. Fisch. "The woman's body knows and is able to mature the ovum, but, until now, doing the same thing ex vivo was impossible".

RMC's Prof. Eldad Melamed Invited to be Member of Prestigious Scientific Advisory Board of Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Michael J. Fox, the well-known American actor suffering from Parkinson's disease, established the 100 million dollar foundation, dedicated to finding a cure for this dreadful disease. Fox chose a group of leading Parkinson's researchers and clinicians to comprise the Scientific Advisory Board. Its members are actively involved with all the strategic meetings, grant review sessions, and other activities that guide the Foundation's scientific and research policies.

Prof. Eldad Melamed, Director of RMC's Department of Neurology, and a leading researcher in the field, was invited by Michael J. Fox to be a member of this prestigious Board. Prof. Melamed: "It is a great honor, and a rare opportunity to research the disease extensively and in depth. This is, without doubt, one of the most important Boards on which I have participated."

Promising findings broadcast on Israeli News Reports

Recently, Prof. Melamed, together with Prof. Daphne Atlas from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Dr. Daniel Offen from RMC and Tel Aviv University, announced their promising pre-clinical findings from animal model studies, regarding a novel drug that crosses the blood-brain barrier, and could be the treatment for neuro-degenerative disorders like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and multiple sclerosis (MS) that have long eluded researchers.

The molecule AD4 was found to mimic a natural compound found in the brain connected to triggering many neuro-degenerative disorders. Preclinical trials have demonstrated that AD4 is a very effective treatment in animal models of Parkinson's disease and MS. Intensive toxicological and pharmacological studies have proven that AD4 is non-toxic and can now be tested in humans.

Phase I trials are expected to commence in 2004, and they will be conducted partly in Israel. If successful, a Phase II study will start by the end of 2004. The drug, which

will be delivered orally, could be on the market within five years and used either to prevent these diseases or to halt progression when symptoms emerge.

Rupture of the Pectoralis Major in the Elderly – Discovery of New Variant Alerts Caregivers to Risks

At a study presented at the Israel Geriatric Society Meeting held in September 2003, and published in four American medical journals, Dr. Yichayaou Beloosesky of the Department of Geriatrics at Rabin Medical Center, presented his findings relating to the rupture of the Pectoralis Major, a large anterior chest muscle, in the elderly. Such a rupture is a rare disorder reported to date mainly in young sportsmen and women and manual workers. It occurs when the already maximally contracted chest muscle is subject to a sudden overload or trauma, causing a severe muscle tear. This leads to a large hemorrhage in the pectoralis area and in the muscle.

For the first time, a follow-up of 13 cases of pectoralis major rupture in elderly patients was described, mostly women living in nursing homes, concluding that the disorder was most likely due to too-severe pressure or pulling movements when caring for elderly patients. Because their muscles are atrophic and stiff, they can easily be torn or ruptured by inadvertent, sudden or wrong movements. It is important to stress that the injury is not necessarily due to intentional abuse or poor care, and most of these 13 patients seemed well cared for. The discovery of this new variant may have considerable influence on the treatment and care of the elderly. Nurses, caregivers and family members of elderly patients should be alerted to this risk, and transfer and other care procedures might need to be reevaluated.

Head of Mission of Egyptian Consulate at RMC

Dr. Ihab El Sherif, Head of the Mission of the Egyptian Consulate in Israel and a distinguished Egyptian diplomat, writer and photographer, visited RMC as an honored guest of the Association of Friends, showing an interest in the co-existence and close cooperation between Arabs and Jews within the medical center. He met with **Dr. Oppenheim**, CEO, with whom he discussed the relations between their two countries. They found a common acquaintance - **Dr. Johannes Rau**, President of the Federal Republic of Germany and an old friend of the hospital, who presented Dr. El Sherif with the Mark of Honor from the government of Germany for his efforts in the advancement of peace. He also met with leading physicians.



Dr. Ihab El Sherif, right, with Dr. Ryad Magadla, Deputy Director of the Department of Emergency at RMC, are shown conversing in their mother tongue, Arabic.

A Year of Achievements



Barry Cohen
Chair, AFRMC

The broad range of people that participated in this year's annual event is again testimony to the fact that AFRMC has truly taken its place on the busy American philanthropic scene.

We are in a better position than ever to make material contributions to the future of the hospital. Staff and volunteers have been working around the clock on behalf of the organization, and net fundraising in 2003 has reached a new high water mark.

This year, I was personally thrilled to recognize Woody Goldberg for his contributions to AFRMC. He is the founding president of American Friends Rabin Medical Center and a lifelong intimate friend of the organization here and in Israel. We are most grateful for the foundation he set forth and for his continued support.

I am also proud of the fact that AFRMC is being established and recognized as an important entity here in the U.S. This is because everyone associated with it knows that Rabin Medical Center itself is of such profound importance at this crucial time in Israel's history. Through its many research complexes, it is capable of even more discoveries both in therapeutic and diagnostic fields. (Please see the research related articles in this issue of Vital Signs). In this way, RMC will continue to be an integral part of the best that is Israel, and that it can be expected to add to the already many truly important contributions it and Israel has made to the world at large.



Judit Solel, Director of Israeli Friends of RMC, Barry Cohen, Chairman of AFRMC and Conrad Levy from England.

AFRMC'S South Florida Chapter Gears Up For Season With A New Director

In mid-October Steven Siegel, of Plantation, Florida, became RMC's part-time director in South Florida. With twenty years of Jewish Communal fund raising experience, the last 15 in South Florida, he is well equipped to assist in enhancing AFRMC's presence and in contributing to the success of increasing fund raising ventures there. A number of programs and activities have already taken place or are being planned for the months ahead by the AFRMC Chapter in South Florida.

On November 12th, AFRMC participated in an all day symposium co-sponsored by the City of Coral Springs and the Coral Springs International Partnership. The title of the event was "A Response to Terrorism: The Israeli Model." Dr. Michael Stein, Director of Rabin Medical Center's Trauma Unit was the keynote speaker. Over three hundred South Florida residents attended the evening Dinner program. As a result of the event, RMC's Trauma Unit received an important and expensive piece of equipment, an Auto Transfusion Cell Separator.

The Chapter is recruiting participants to run in the Miami Half Marathon to be held on February 1st. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Charles Trobman Data Cancer Research Project at Rabin Medical Center. Chairing this event will be Phyllis and Malcolm Trobman.

Plans are also in the works for an Inaugural Gala Dinner to be held in Boca Raton on March 21, 2004. Dr. Robert Bregman has been coordinating a large committee planning this event.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to assist or participate in any of these events is urged to call the Rabin Medical Center office at 1-800-646-2616 or Steve Siegel at 1-954-476-7250.



Daniel D. Cantor, seated, presented a check to Dr. Mickey Stein, right, for the purchase of Cell Separator for the Trauma Unit at RMC, at a Dinner in Coral Springs, Florida in November. Looking on, left to right, are Bruce Berger and Dr. Gerald Sussman.

Barry Cohen Visits RMC

Barry Cohen, AFRMC's indefatigable chairman, visited Rabin Medical Center to witness the hospital's newest developments and hear of its future plans. He received a personal update from the CEO, Dr. Oppenheim, who also shared with him the effects of the troubled economic times in Israel on the hospital. Furthermore, he toured the Department of Cardiology where he perceived the need for reconstruction and enlargement.

The climax of his visit was in the new entrance hall to the Gour Shasha Tower, which is adorned with remarkable works of art. A sculpture, "Totem II", by Israel's renowned sculptor, the late Eli Ilan, was dedicated by Barry and his family to the patients and friends of Rabin Medical Center.

Larry King to Lead Delegation to RMC in April

At the NY Dinner on November 2 Larry King announced that he will be formalizing the relationship between Rabin Medical Center (RMC) and the Larry King Cardiac Foundation, during a series of visits to RMC while he is in Israel from April 26 to May 1, 2004. Mr. King, and the leadership of his Foundation along with leaders and other friends of AFRMC, will meet the hospital staff tour the facilities and community it serves and conduct a series of his CNN broadcasts from RMC and other Israel venues.

Friends of RMC are welcome to join Larry King on this visit to Israel and to RMC, and should contact Éty Jinjikhashvily at AFRMC 212-279-2522.

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The Best is Yet to Come

A close look between the lines and behind the pictures in this issue of Vital Signs suggests that AFRMC has moved to a new dimension in its growth and in its service to RMC. While the NY Dinner pictures may convey the glamorous good time everyone had, what it truly reflects is that for four consecutive years the organization's event has grown in quality, numbers, income and, most importantly, continued community support. AFRMC is now an established social presence in NY.

Further, you will read in this newsletter that new activities are underway elsewhere in the country and that there are new staff members to help assure the success of these ventures. They have joined us at no major budgetary commitment, to make sure that the help RMC needs, to serve the people of Israel, is generated throughout the country.

Most importantly, the articles about our hospital convey that their activities in treatment, research, physician awards and honors, and the completion of construction of many new departments and the planning for further services and facilities, are giving RMC a new dynamic image throughout Israel and the medical world.

However what this issue does not convey is the horrendous effect of the economic crisis on hospitals such as RMC. One example... the only equipment RMC has been able to purchase in the last 17 months came as a direct result of specific gifts made for that purpose by donors, foundations, Jewish Federations, organizations and businesses- through AFRMC's fund raising efforts. And, with all that we did do... we did a lousy job, because we were unable to get most of those who reading this column to help.

So, because the needs are so great, and the stakes even greater, I am making a brazen plea in these last few written words. Please assist us make more funds available to the hospital. The impressive groundwork we are engaged in, as conveyed in this newsletter, both here in the States and at our hospital in Israel, must result in a new level of support, and we are counting on your contribution to this effort. Send a check, call in a credit card payment, or reach out to me or our other staff and volunteers and offer your participation.

Thank You!



Burton Lazarow
Executive Director
AFRMC

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Harlem All Stars led by the band's founder and museum's president, Lawrence Schoenberg, played a number of fabulous selections throughout the evening.

"I hope that together the U.S. and Israel will not only demonstrate what it means to stand against terrorism," said Hillary Rodham Clinton at the podium, "but also what it means to be builders as well. This medical center means the world to me because of what it exemplifies for the world to see."

Nava Barak, president of Israel Friends Rabin Medical Center thanked her friend Senator Clinton and conveyed her appreciation to Former Prime Minister John Major saying that, "We have not forgotten that while you were Prime Minister, you were personally responsible for advancing the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce and that the weapons embargo was canceled during your tenure." She touched on the tremendous difficulties Israel is facing and said, "We share with you, our dear friends in America, a love of life and a strong will to survive, both as a nation and as individuals." Next, Mrs. Barak shared her personal experiences this past year, sitting at the bedside of her father in the Department of Cardiology at RMC. "I was witness to many touching moments as I watched those highly skilled miracle workers care for patient after patient, always with warmth, consideration and respect. They actually saved my father's life, and we know we could not have received better care anywhere in the world."



Senator Hillary Clinton and Larry King enjoy a light moment at the podium following Senator Clinton's greetings to the more than 500 attendees at the Dinner.



Dr. Dan Oppenheim and Hillary Clinton congratulate Robert Ivanhoe, Dinner Chair, while his wife looks on.

Mr. Siegel brief comments ended on the note that if they could bring one additional source of support to RMC, they will have done something of great importance. Wendy Siegel gave a wonderful talk on the many reasons that Americans should support Rabin Medical Center. In a touching moment she said, "We would like to dedicate this honor to our children, and symbolically to all children of the world because they represent the future. And like our children, RMC also represents the future. It is playing an absolutely indispensable role the health and well-being of future generations."

Then Dr. Dan Oppenheim, CEO of RMC, spoke and said that every project at RMC is important, and that every donation saves lives. He also said, "We have the right people to realize our dream and we'll realize it with these people and with your help."

After dinner the keynote speaker, the Rt. Hon. John Major, CH, took over the podium. In doing so, he recalled being in New York during 9/11 noting the resilience of the city saying, "I'm proud to be here tonight to pay my tribute to New York and New Yorkers." He then shared his thoughts on the crisis in the Middle East, noting that "wicked men have encouraged foolish young men and women to become human bombs in Israel and the carnage has been frightful." But all in all, his message was one of great optimism saying that peace, though slow in the making, would undoubtedly become a reality thanks to leaders such as Ehud Barak and Yitzhak Rabin.

Senator Joseph Lieberman, Governor George Pataki, and Mortimer B. Zuckerman served as Honorary Chairs for the evening.

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Wendy Siegel



Robert Ivanhoe; Stephen Siegel; and Wendy Siegel



Jazz Museum of Harlem All Stars



Kitty Carlisle-Hart; Hadar Halevi De Vito; Sherrill Milnes; and Elaina Bochorova

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Dr. Dan Oppenheim, CEO of RMC; Larry King, Dinner Emcee; Prime Minister John Major; Nava Barak, President, Israel Friends RMC; Barry Cohen, Chair, AFRMC Board of Directors; and Amb. Alon Pinkas, Consul General for Israel



Yvonne Cohen; Larry King; Wendy Siegel, Dinner Honoree; Prime Minister John Major; Nava Barak; Stephen Siegel, Dinner Honoree; Robert Ivanhoe, Dinner Chair; and Barry Cohen.



Nava Barak; Stephen Siegel; Wendy Siegel; Prime Minister John Major; Cassie Siegel; Jonathan Siegel; and Jared Siegel.



Denise Cohen; Larry King; Steven & Yvette Pomerantz; Prime Minister John Major; Yvonne Cohen; Daniel Cohen; Patti Gross; and Barry Cohen.



Harry Snyder; Prime Minister John Major; Tamar Hershl Snyder; and Larry King.



Prof. Alexander Battler, Director, Cardiology Dept., RMC; Dr. Dan Oppenheim; Larry King; Prime Minister John Major; Nava Barak; Eli and Dalia Hurvitz; and Barry and Yvonne Cohen.



Shimon and Hava Topor; Prime Minister John Major; and Larry King.



Anne Ivanhoe; Wendy Siegel; Prime Minister John Major; Lilliane Shalom; Arlene Strelitz; and Jeannie Gerzon.



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Iris Cohen; Prime Minister John Major; and Ilan Cohen.



Larry King; Leah Bregman; Prime Minister John Major; Nava Barak; and Dr. Robert Bregman.



Walter Weiner; Prime Minister John Major; and Nina Weiner.

New York Dinner - November 2, 2003



Seated L - R - Tammy Lieber; Raquel Ramati; Dr. Bilha Fish; and Lillian Rosenthal - Standing L - R - Dr. Jerome and Tsiky Rosenthal; Stephen and Wendy Siegel; Prime Minister John Major; Nava Barak; Naomi and Ehud Houminer; and Seymour



Steven Hirth; Stephen and Wendy Siegel; Hadar Halevy De Vito; Anne Ivanhoe; Prime Minister John Major; Sherrill Milnes; Robert Ivanhoe; Maria Milnes and First Counselor (Political) Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN, Giamberto



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Cynthia Lazarow; Prime Minister John Major; and Burt Lazarow, Executive Director, AFRMC.



Harold Cohen; Pearl Donshick; Senator Hillary Clinton; and Wendy Siegel.



Prime Minister John Major; Raquel Rosenfeld; and Larry King.



Tressa Weg Recanati; Senator Hillary Clinton; and Alan Blackman.



Tammy Lieber; Tzipi Oppenheim; Rachel Chesner; Dr. Bilha Fish; and Jordana Fish.



Abe and Mali Biller; Avi Assa; Dr. Dan Oppenheim; and Lily Assa.



Elaine Thomas; Mathew Thomas; Marianna Paolo; Larry Siedlick; Phyllis & George Della Latta; Robin and Hank Nordhoff.



Chris and Bobbie Williams; Barry Cohen; and Greg and Nancy Cash.



Stephen and Wendy Siegel; and Gary and Linda Jacob.