



Friends of the Israel Heart Society



The Holon Adloyada Parade, Israel's Largest Annual
Celebration of the Purim Holiday

Winter 2018 Newsletter



Over 40,000 athletes ran the 2018 Tel Aviv Marathon on February 23. Here the top three finishers celebrate: winner Ernest Kabani of Kenya, runner-up Solomon Birto of Ethiopia and Patrick Korir of Kenya.

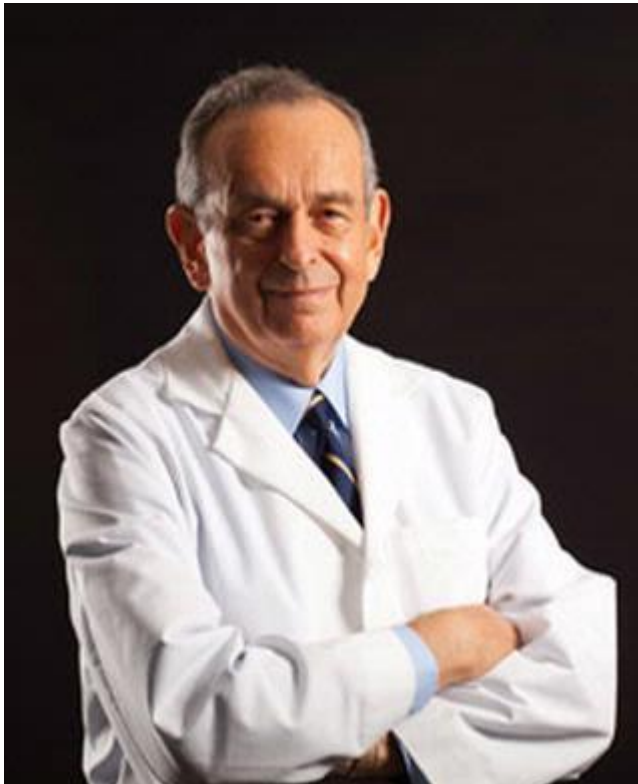
Dear Friends,

The Hebrew month of Adar brings many special events: Purim, the Tel Aviv Marathon, the Friends of the Israel Heart Society reception at ACC.18 and the Winter 2018 edition of [the Friends of the Israel Heart Society newsletter](#). Thank you once again to our extraordinary editor, Dr. Jack Stroh. Highlights:

- A report on how the efforts by Friends of the Israel Heart Society and our members helped persuade the Lancet to correct libelous information against Israel after an invitation to its editor, Professor Richard Horton, to visit Israel.
- Information on upcoming conferences in Israel including an overview of and invitation to The 65th Annual Conference of the Israel Heart Society in Association with the Israel Society of Cardiothoracic Surgery, under the Auspices of the Israel Cardiology Association from Dr. Ron Kornowski, President of the Israel Heart Society.
- An excerpt from the new memoir by FIHS Board Member and Founding President, Dr. Douglas Zipes, *Damn the Naysayers*, about his work in the early 1980's helping Soviet Refuseniks who were being prevented from practicing medicine and more.
- Research news: *The Prognostic Effects of Coronary Disease Severity and Completeness of Revascularization on Mortality in Patients Undergoing*

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement; and Anemia and the Risk of Life-threatening Ventricular Tachyarrhythmias from the Israeli Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Registry.

- FIHS efforts - and how you can help - to do more to help Israeli cardiologists. The Israel Health System currently does not have sufficient resources to provide advanced, subspecialty training in cardiology. Learn about the successful efforts of FIHS Board Member Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director of Cardiovascular Research at Lankenau Institute for Medical Research to help Israeli Fellows train in North America and bring their training back to Israel to share with other medical professionals and save lives; also see the inspiring new video from the Israel Heart Society explaining their needs.
- Grateful acknowledgement of our 2017 Sponsors for their vital support; *and more.*



Dr. Arthur J. Moss

On a sad note, long-time FIHS Board Member Dr. Arthur J. Moss passed away on February 14. Studies conducted by Dr. Moss led to new indications for implantable cardioverter-defibrillators exercised in thousands of patients worldwide. "Arthur was a man of absolute integrity, both of science and of character, and an amazing visionary who could see where the field of electrophysiology was headed long before others," said Dr. Wojciech Zareba, director of the Heart Research Follow-up Program at the University of Rochester Medical School, which Dr. Moss founded. FIHS is grateful for his support, and we send our deep condolences to his family.

If you will be in Orlando for ACC.18, please join us for the Friends of the Israel Heart Society's wine and cheese reception. RSVP by replying to this email.

Sunday March 11, 2018
The Rosen Plaza Hotel
[9700 International Drive](#)
[Orlando, FL](#)
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Come see friends and colleagues.
Kosher Wine, International and Domestic Cheeses and a Taste of the Middle East

Easily accessible, The Rosen Plaza Hotel is connected by the Gary Sain Memorial Skybridge to the Orange County Convention Center, West Concourse, home of ACC.18

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At the reception, we will announce the recipients of our annual fellowships. As always, you can help us provide opportunities to Israeli cardiologists with a credit card donation via [the FIHS website](#). You can also send a check to

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Warm Wishes,
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