



CHILDREN'S HEALTH ALLIANCE FOR ISRAEL

Supporting Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel

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Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to share our newsletter with you, including highlights of our meetings at Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel and celebrating the hospital's 30th anniversary.

Sincerely

Michael Lesser, MD
Chairman & President

Mindy Schneider
Secretary & Treasurer

CHAI mourns the passing of Ora Herzog, mother of Isaac Herzog, president of Israel, and wife of the late sixth president of Israel, Chaim Herzog. Mrs. Herzog served as the first president and chairperson of Friends of Schneider Children's and cut the ribbon at the official opening ceremony of SCMCI in 1991.

May her memory be a blessing.





CHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ISRAEL TRIP

SCMCI Marks 30th Anniversary

Members of the CHAI Board of Directors traveled to Israel in December to join the festivities celebrating SCMCI's 30th anniversary. In a gala attended by 500 guests—including the President of Israel and the Minister of Health—Mindy Schneider expressed her family's gratitude to the dedicated physicians, nurses, medical technicians, volunteers, administrators, and even the clowns, who deliver state-of-the-art pediatric healthcare to children at the hospital.



From left to right: Mrs. Michal Herzog, President of Israel Isaac Herzog, Dr. Harlev, CEO of SCMCI, Ms. Mindy Schneider, Dr. Michael Lesser



She emphasized that her parents, Irving and Helen Schneider, would be enormously proud of the medical excellence, innovations, and expanded services for which SCMCI is recognized today. In a nod to the hospital's pioneering past and bright future, the evening culminated in SCMCI's former and current CEOs joining each other on stage.



Over 30 years ago, my parents Helen and Irving Schneider had the vision to build the first hospital in Israel dedicated to children's health. It was important from the outset to have this institution provide state of the art care and function as a Bridge to Peace in the region. Here we are to celebrate 30 years of just that – a first class, tertiary care hospital for all the children in Israel and surrounding areas.

Mindy Schneider



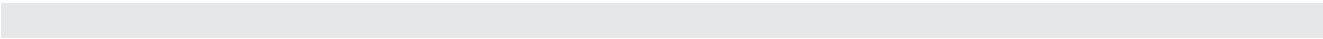
Update on New Southern Wing



While visiting SCMCI, the CHAI Board of Directors toured the construction site of the new Southern Wing, affectionately known as the Glass Building. The 400,000-square-foot building will add 70 hospital beds and drive clinical excellence and health sciences research at SCMCI.



The ribbon cutting ceremony planned for early 2023 will usher in a new era of advanced children's health care in Israel.



Yeladim Shelanu Volunteer Recognition Ceremony



From left to right: Ms. Mindy Schneider, Dr. Michael Lesser, Tal Danon Shenhav, Partner GKH Law, Dr. Harlev, Mrs. Iris Langer, Co-Founder, Yeladim Shelanu

A moving highlight of the trip was attending the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony of Yeladim Shelanu. Founded in 1993 by Helen Schneider and Iris Langer, the mission of Yeladim Shelanu (“Our Children”) is to improve the well-being of children hospitalized at SCMCI and their families. A committed corps of over 500 volunteers spends time with children at the hospital and distributes gifts to make their stay more comfortable.



From left to right: Mrs. Iris Langer, Dr. Harlev, Berry Sakharof, Mrs. Hilit Gilad, Director of Our Children, Ms. Mindy Schneider

The event was attended by the Japanese Ambassador to Israel Koichi Mizushima, SCMCI leadership and over 100 volunteers. Longtime volunteer, renowned Israeli singer-songwriter Berry Sakharof, performed at the event.



From left to right: Mrs. Rachel Magen, Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Yael Bronfeld, Pharmacy Manager, Dr. Harlev, Mr. Mauricio Segal, Volunteer, Ms. Mindy Schneider, Mrs. Iris Langer



From left to right: Mrs. Mizushima Asako, Mrs. Iris Langer, Ambassador Mizushima, Dr. Harlev, Ms. Mindy Schneider, Dr. Michael Lesser, Tal Danon Shenhav

CHAI – SCMCI Mental Health Pediatric Primary Care Initiative



Dr. Silvana Fennig, Director Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Dep.

Dr. Silvana Fennig, Director of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department, provided the Board of Directors an update on the Mental Health Pediatric Primary Care Initiative (MHPPC), alongside her colleagues at SCMCI. A partnership between CHAI and SCMCI, MHPPC is an effort to integrate emotional and mental health into all medical care while developing strategies for early detection of mental illness.

As a result of the pilot project, children admitted to the Day Treatment Center are now screened for mental health symptoms. A web site is being developed for physicians and caregivers to provide real-time diagnosis, follow-up, and referrals.

CHAI is proud to support this early intervention project that integrates primary care and behavioral health services to improve children's access to mental health care.