‘A Prescription for Peace in the Middle East Through Science and Health’

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Today’s Outline

I. SFK Personal Bio
II. History of the Kuvin Center
III. Egypt Project
IV. Kuvin Center Projects to Date
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VI. Kuvin Foundation
Historical Context 1970:

- Richard Nixon was president
- Anwar Sadat was elected president of Egypt
- ‘Midnight Cowboy’ won the Academy Award for best motion picture
- Bell-bottomed jeans were in
- The Beatles broke up
- Other major bands were David Bowie, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd
1970 in Israel:

- The War of Attrition (Israel and Egypt) ended
- Only 3 years since the 6-Day War (1967)
- Golda Meir was the Prime Minister
- Population was just over three million people (today it is 7+ million)
Trip to Israel 1964
Sanford Kuvin, MD:

- Working in a private medical practice in Palm Beach after leaving the University of Miami professorship (in 1965)
The Kuvin Center for the Study of Infectious and Tropical Diseases

- Established as a research ‘chair’ in 1973 as part of the Hadassah Medical School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Became the Kuvin Center in 1975
Kuvin Center Regional Cooperative Projects:

- 1981-1991 the NIH, the Kuvin Center, Ein Shams University in Cairo

- Subject: Vector-borne diseases in Egypt
Rift Valley Fever

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Thomas Pickering shares drinks with Emmer Abaraka, the leader of the Kenyan centre, which has been working with the Kussi Centre since 1986. The Kussi Centre was established in 1986 to provide medical and support services to those living with AIDS. The centre currently has 3,000 clients, and provides medical care, counseling, and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Judy Siegel-Itzkovich
Scientist at the Kussi Centre, where the disease has been spreading at a rapid pace. The Kussi Centre has been working with the Kussi Centre since 1986 to provide medical and support services to those living with AIDS. The centre currently has 3,000 clients, and provides medical care, counseling, and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

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The Egypt Project was greatly received by the Israeli, American and Egyptian and Palestinian governments.
Kuvin Center Regional Cooperative Projects:

- 1999 Project with Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
Regional Cooperation with the Palestinian Health Leaders
1994
Lecture at Al Quds Medical School
Abu Dis, Palestinian Authority
Kuvin Center Collaborative Projects

Middle East & North Africa
- Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Tunisia, Turkey

Far East
- Australia, China, India, Japan, Uzbekistan, Thailand

Europe
- Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Portugal, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, Russia, United Kingdom

Africa
- Angola, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Zanzibar, Zimbabwe
Today the Kuvin Center is one of the world’s leader in infectious and tropical diseases.
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

- 2009-2014 - The first grant from the Gates Foundation funded in Israel
Focus on Malaria
World Malaria Conference
December 2013
Jerusalem
‘Diseases Know NO Borders’

Cooperation is a Prescription for Peace
In Conclusion…
Kuvin Foundation

Traveling Fellowships