

# The Orthodontic Program at the Hebrew University—Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem

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*The Orthodontic Program at the Hebrew University—Hadassah School of Dental Medicine (HUJI) is the most prestigious post-graduate dental program in Israel. Every three years, a few selected resident dentists are accepted to this 3½-year program and I feel fortunate to be one of the seven residents studying towards graduation in 2012.*



## **The Program**

The Orthodontic Program at HUJI has at least four considerable strengths in comparison to other programs worldwide: faculty, additional practical clinics, an interdisciplinary approach, and Jerusalem as the program's home. The program's faculty consists of accomplished orthodontists who have excelled in both practice and academia worldwide. Coming from diverse backgrounds and having published numerous research papers, our professors bring to the classroom various philosophies and approaches to orthodontics. The high ratio of professors per resident at the program adds to the state-of-the-art orthodontic education. This is especially true in practical aspects; we practice different treatment techniques in small groups of residents with several faculty members directing us in a truly hands-on fashion. This constitutes a big advantage for our learning experience.

## **Practical skills and interdisciplinary approach**

In addition to the rigorous syllabus and practice required at any established program, the orthodontic program at HUJI includes additional specialized clinics that are aimed at honing our skills at specific situations and innovative techniques. Renowned practitioners train us in areas such as impacted teeth, treatment of adult patients, cleft lip and palate, lingual orthodontics, and orthognathic surgery. Such clinics allow us valuable experience in diagnosis, treatment planning, orthodontic therapy, and patient management in diverse circumstances. Another great aspect of the program is its interdisciplinary approach. We are constantly encouraged to learn about different ways of doing things and to then choose the approach that works best for a given situation. In addition to constructive dialogues with our professors, we get access (and responsibility) to discuss cases with professors across the School of Dental Medicine and School of Medicine in HUJI, all located at the same academic hospital campus. We collaborate with specialists in periodontics, endodontics surgery, pediatric dentistry and other departments. In addition, a mandatory rotational program at other departments rounds up our ability to un-

derstand the big picture and give our patients the best treatment.

**Jerusalem**

Last but not least, the program’s location in Jerusalem makes for an unmatched competitive advantage. Israel is a young country (63 years) composed of many exiles from literally across the world. Jerusalem, Israel’s capital and the home for many breathtaking holy sites of three religions, demonstrates vividly the diversity of Israel’s population, bringing together old and new, people of different ages, cultures, religions and ethnic groups. Such diversity obviously presents itself in the patient community we welcome on campus every day. Planning treatments that take into account the unique genetic and cultural backgrounds of patients is a truly humbling and enriching experience. Having practiced dentistry in three countries, I came to find that there’s no place like home. I really enjoy my residency at the Orthodontic Program at HUJI and I invite you to visit Israel and our lovely campus in Jerusalem.

**International Postgraduate Orthodontic Program: Hebrew University—Hadassah School of Dental Medicine**

The International Postgraduate Orthodontic Program at the Hebrew University—Hadassah School of Dental Medicine in Jerusalem begins on March 1, 2012 and will be entirely in English. General dentists (DDS, DMD, or equivalent) from a recog-

nized academic institution are invited to submit their applications directly to the secretary of the Orthodontic Department. Next admissions in September 2014, deadline February 2014.

**For more detailed information on the program please see:**

- [www.hadassah.org.il/departments/orthodontics](http://www.hadassah.org.il/departments/orthodontics)

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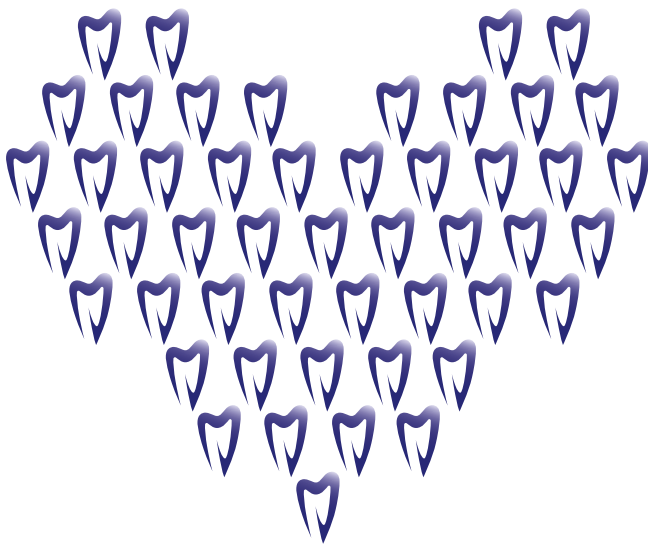
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