“A Prescription for Peace Through Health and Science”

Dr. Sanford Kuvin is the founder of the Sanford F. Kuvin Center for the Study of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Founded in 1979, the Kuvin Center has been a leader in research in molecular biology in infectious and tropical diseases. The center has achieved international scientific excellence and has been a flagship of international cooperation, with collaborative programs with many international countries, including many Arab countries. He also founded the Kuvin Foundation in 1999 to support independent research of students studying in Israel.

Dr. Kuvin has an extraordinary history of facilitating cooperation in public health and diplomacy. In the 1980s and 1990s, Dr. Kuvin was instrumental in establishing the First Regional Cooperative Health Program ever between Israel and Egypt. The 10-year, $10 million Vector Borne Disease program became the paradigm for successful regional cooperation between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Dr. Kuvin believes in and advocates for the notion that health and science are the best prescription for peace in the Middle East, where as he says, “mosquitoes know no borders.” His talk will expand on his philosophy in this area as well as describe Center and Foundation projects, including the Egypt Project and most recently, the Malaria Project.

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