Dr. Miriam Adelson

In her almost five-decade-old medical career, Dr. Miriam Adelson has saved and bettered countless lives worldwide. The devoted and advanced care that she has provided first-hand, or indirectly through extensive medical research sponsored in partnership with her late husband and Las Vegas Sands Corp. Chairman and CEO, Sheldon Adelson, has garnered her plaudits including the 2019 Presidential Medal of Freedom and numerous honorary doctorates.

Born and raised in Israel, Dr. Adelson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology and Genetics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She then served as a laboratory officer at the Israel Institute for Biological Research for two years, working on vital national-security projects that remain classified to this day.

They founded the Dr. Miriam Adelson and Sheldon G. Adelson Clinic for Drug Abuse Treatment and Research in Tel Aviv in 1993. Its methadone-based research and treatment program was the first in Israel to be affiliated with a hospital – the Tel Aviv-Sourasky Medical Center – which helped spread the message that addiction is a disease. The clinic has treated hundreds of patients and enjoys an excellent one-year retention rate of 75%.

Dr. Adelson has authored scores of scientific papers about the effects of addiction on the immune system as well as genetic links to addiction. She continues to serve on the faculty of Rockefeller University as a guest investigator and is a member of its Board.

As a medical investigator, Dr. Adelson has been a strong advocate against addiction, arguing that this supposedly “light” drug is a proven gateway to harder opiates and, when abused by the young, a hindrance to brain development. Hoping to spare American youth the risk of addiction, Dr. Adelson has campaigned for mandatory drug testing at schools – a policy long in place at the Adelson Educational Campus in Las Vegas, which she and her husband founded and which their two sons attended. She also advocates against proposals to legalize or decriminalize cannabis in the United States and Israel.

With her husband, she also founded the Adelson Medical Research Foundation, which sponsors collaboration among international experts in the search for breakthroughs in the prevention and treatment of drug addiction, as well as the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The Adelsons have a long history of philanthropy, including the 2019 Presidential Medal of Freedom and numerous honorary doctorates. Their philanthropy supports medical research, treatment, education and the arts. Dr. Adelson has been recognized for her work with numerous awards and accolades, including the 2019 Presidential Medal of Freedom and numerous honorary doctorates.

In her 2013 book, The Adelson Foundation and the Lessons of Addiction, Dr. Adelson shares her personal story and the story of her husband, Sheldon, who passed away in January 2021, after more than 32 years alongside Dr. Adelson. He was the love of her life. Together they raised four children and nine grandchildren.

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