

News Release

Distinguished political scientist gives annual Neuberger Memorial Lecture

Jerusalem, January 27, 2008 – The distinguished Irish political scientist Prof. David Farrell delivered the ninth Prof. Albert Neuberger Memorial Lecture entitled 'If Electoral Reform is the Solution, What is the Problem?' to a packed hall on Mount Scopus last week. Prof. Farrell, Head of the School of Social Sciences at Manchester University, is a vigorous opponent of attempts in Britain to establish an academic boycott of Israel. He was hosted by Prof. Reuven Hazan of the Hebrew University's Department of Political Science and met with University President Prof. Menachem Magidor, fellow researchers and political science doctoral candidates. He also visited the Knesset, where he met with former Hebrew University Rector, Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson MK, who serves as Chairman of the Constitution, Law and Justice Committee, and with the Chairman of the Internal Affairs and Environment Committee, Ophir Pines-Paz MK.

Prof. Albert Neuberger was a leading British biochemist and a fervent supporter of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. For decades he served the University as a Governor, Chairman of its Academic Committee and Chairman of the Executive Board of the British Friends. The annual memorial lecture was established by the Neuberger family with the aim of encouraging and enhancing academic and fraternal links between British academicians and universities and the Hebrew University. Albert Neuberger's widow Lilian, who annually came to Jerusalem for the lecture, died in 2007. University Rector, Prof. Haim D. Rabinowitch, under whose auspices the lecture is held, eulogized Mrs. Neuberger, who was made an Honorary Fellow of the University shortly before her passing.



Left to Right: Prof. Reuven Hazan, Prof. Avner de Shalit, Prof. David Farrell, Prof. Haim D. Rabinowitch

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