

# The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem was opened by Lord Balfour on April 1, 1925, at a ceremony on Mount Scopus attended by leaders of world Jewry, distinguished academics and communal leaders. These included dignitaries such as Chaim Weizmann, Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Martin Buber, Chaim Nachman Bialik, Cyrus Adler, Yehuda Magnes, Ahad Ha'am and Rabbi Avraham Kook, who went on to form the University's first board of governors.

In 1931 the University awarded its first degree, the Master of Arts, to 13 graduates. Today, with 24,000 students, the Hebrew University is Israel's premier institute of higher education, working for the benefit of Israel, the Middle East and the world. It is the largest centre for basic and medical research in Israel, and owns 1,200 patents, including patents for the treatment for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and cancer as well as drip irrigation systems and long-life cherry tomatoes.

Alumni of the Hebrew University continue to make a substantial contribution to Israel's development. Among them are Presidents and Prime Ministers, current and past, Members of The Knesset and 11 of Israel's 15 Supreme Court Justices.

The 6 Nobel Prize winners in the past 6 years strengthen Israel's academic prowess around the world.



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