

And finally...

The British Friends' newest group, led by Sara Nash, visited Divertimenti to participate in a cookery masterclass with Silvia Nacamulli. Silvia delved into her Italian Jewish family history to demonstrate some mouthwatering dishes. So in honour of Yonatan Elkind, another of this year's Kaye Prizewinners who successfully developed a pepper variety able to grow in the winter, now on sale in a supermarket near you! Here is one of Silvia's 'peppery' recipes.



Peperoni ripieni di melanzane

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Ingredients (serves 6 as starter or 4 as main course):

- 4 colourful bell peppers
- 2 roughly diced aubergines
- 8 slices fresh mozzarella
- Small bunch of hand cut fresh basil
- 7-8 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 180°C / 350°F / Gas Mark 4.

Warm the olive oil over a medium heat in a large frying pan and add the aubergine. Add salt and stir well until the oil is absorbed (don't add more oil even if they look dry). Cover the pan and cook for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the aubergines are tender. Remove the lid and leave the aubergines to brown for few minutes more.

Meanwhile, cut the peppers in half lengthwise, remove stems and seeds and wash well. Place the peppers hollow-side-up on a baking tray and sprinkle salt inside. Once the aubergines are cooked, remove from the hob, crush with a fork and add the basil. Stir and stuff into the peppers. Drizzle the baking tray with oil and a few tablespoons of water. Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes, then remove the foil and bake for a further 30 minutes.

When the peppers have shrunk and softened, place a slice of mozzarella on top of each. Bake for 10 minutes more. Turn on the grill for a few minutes at the end to brown the mozzarella.

Remove and serve with bread while still hot! And visit www.cookingforthesoul.com for more about Silvia and her culinary past.

EVENTS DIARY

Missions

Women's Group Mission 2006

9-14 November 2006 to Israel and the Hebrew University
Contact Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org

Living Legacy Mission 2007

March 2007 at the Hebrew University
Contact Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org

International Friends Meeting – Board of Governors 2007

1-6 June 2007 at the Hebrew University
Contact Jason Caplin on 020 7691 1471 or jason.caplin@bfhu.org

Culture Group

Tate à Tate

Sunday 22 October 2006, 1:30pm at Tates Britain and Modern
Contact Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org

Once Lost Now Found

Sunday 5 November, 3:00pm at LJCC
Contact Renna Markson on 020 7691 1475 or renna.markson@bfhu.org

Legal Group

The Agunah Problem

lecture in conjunction with Spiro Ark
featuring Dr Aviad Hacoen of the HU Faculty of Law
Monday 18 September 2006, 7:30pm at Spiro Ark, free admission
Contact Jason Caplin on 020 7691 1471 or jason.caplin@bfhu.org

Annual Legal Group Dinner 2006

featuring the Lionel Cohen Lecturer, Baroness Deech
Tuesday 31 October 2006 at Middle Temple Hall
Contact Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org

New Leadership Group

Sotheby's Cookbook Launch Brunch

featuring Laura Greenfield, Sotheby's resident chef
November 2006 at Sotheby's
Contact Jo Goldfine on 020 7691 1473 or jo.goldfine@bfhu.org

President's Week 2006

Welcoming President of the Hebrew University Menachem Magidor
20-25 November 2006 at various venues, to be advised on your invitations

Angels Cocktail Reception; 2006 Scholarship Awards Dinner;
Alumni Campaign Briefing; President's City Breakfast Briefing;
New Leadership Breakfast Briefing;

BFHU Annual General Meeting 2006

If you are interested in joining any events, and you do not receive an invitation, contact Renna Markson on 020 7691 1475 or orrenna.markson@bfhu.org

Study Opportunities

Florence Melton Adult Mini School

The worldwide Jewish study programme, created at the Hebrew University
Course starts October 2007 in Leeds and London
Contact Judy Trotter on 020 8457 5000 or melton@ljcc.org.uk

Limmud Conference 2006

featuring a raft of Hebrew University lecturers, alumni and friends
22-28 December 2006 at Nottingham University
Contact Jason Caplin on 020 7691 1471 or jason.caplin@bfhu.org

Winter Ulpan 2006

23 January-20 February 2007 at the Hebrew University
Contact Shoshana Bloom on 020 7691 1478 or shoshana.bloom@bfhu.org

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NEWS FROM BRITISH FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

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A flag for all nations



On a hill which overlooks Jerusalem and the West Bank stands a tall tower. It flies a blue and yellow flag which is not political and not national. The torch it depicts is one which burns for all students of all nations.

Twenty-four thousand of them – Israeli, Palestinian, and 70 other nations – pass under this flag each day, knowing they are entering a truly special place where they can make friendships and form lifelong bonds across borders and boundaries. Whatever their political views or preconceptions when they arrive, the years they will spend at the Hebrew University will give them the tools to understand the world beyond a mere degree.

Throughout its 80 years, and throughout the Middle East and the world, the University has always been committed to peace. At the heart of the University stand eleven separate centres, each with expert faculty, advisors and research students, each opening their doors to the next generation of activists, each of them allowing fledgling student minds to

grapple with the huge task of achieving peace. The Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, the Swiss Centre for Conflict Research, the Gilo Centre for Citizenship, and so many others spearhead the campaign to inspire dialogue and understanding.

"We are hosting all the overseas students and their families from Haifa University until the situation in the north improves"

"Many of our students have been called for emergency reserve service. They can't work this summer to cover their tuition and living expenses, so we will have to step up their financial support"

Prof Menachem Magidor, President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem



The University has an arsenal of educated, worldly spokespersons whose experience at the front line of peacemaking imbues their voices both in the classroom and on the nightly



news with an aura of statesmanship. I am proud to support them and their work. And we are all indebted to them for teaching our children the value of diplomacy, coexistence and compromise.

The Hebrew University flies its flag for reconciliation and freedom from politics, and provides a safe haven for intelligent cross-fertilisation of views from all ends of the spectrum. What is happening in Israel affects us all every day. What is happening at the Hebrew University gives us great hope for tomorrow.

Michael J Gee
Chairman



The BFHU website is now live: visit www.bfhu.org to see it in action!

After many months, BFHU is very proud and very excited to launch www.bfhu.org. The site is vibrant, engaging, dynamic, easy to use, accessible to all, a massive resource of information and a gateway to countless opportunities for raising awareness and funds for the University, or going to study there.

We genuinely believe it sets new standards for charity websites, and far exceeds existing models of online giving. And this is just the beginning! We will be highlighting new additions throughout the coming year as we offer you more and more things to do online...

So, to whet your appetite, here are ten reasons to visit www.bfhu.org today!

Wendy Pollecoff

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Executive Director

- 10 Book tickets quickly and easily for our next major event**
- 9 See photos of yourself at the last event you attended, and download the best for your album
- 8 Discover how to set up a page for you and your friends to donate in memory of a loved one**
- 7 Indulge your love of animals and find out more about the University's Koret Veterinary School – the only one in the Middle East
- 6 Set up a direct debit to make a donation monthly, quarterly or annually**
- 5 Find a Group to join – perhaps our new Book Group?
- 4 Set up your own personal page to celebrate a special occasion so your friends can make donations to the University on your special day**
- 3 Read up on the latest Hebrew University research and latest scientific breakthroughs
- 2 Make an instant, secure donation to any of our appeals online**
- 1 Join our e-mailing list and receive regular updates on upcoming BFHU and HU news and events

Living Legacy

Created by Geoffrey Simmonds ten years ago, our Living Legacy programme is unique in providing an opportunity to see for yourself what your legacy will support. Visit the University for free on a special private mission in Spring 2007 – for more information, go to www.bfhu.org and follow the links to Living Legacy, or call Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or email alison.friend@bfhu.org

Pictured right: Menachem Magidor with Geoffrey (r) at BoG 2002



Einstein's special theory of femininity



Albert Einstein was a founder and major benefactor of our University. This July, the University released his final collection of personal letters. Shedding new light on the man behind the genius, they reveal fascinating details about his personal life, his addiction to women, and his troubled family life. Although the University's archive team has analysed and catalogued them for many years, Einstein's stepdaughter Margot had asked for them to be kept from the public until 20 years after her death on July 8th 1986.

The 3,500 pages of correspondence cover a period of over 40 years, from 1912 to 1955. They span two marriages, one divorce and ten affairs, and hint at countless further meetings and trysts with women around the globe. Despite fathering three children and fostering two more, Albert Einstein was remarkably open with both his wives about his extramarital affairs, seemingly immune to their views and feelings.

But Barbara Wolff, the University's Einstein archivist, draws attention to the unusual relationship Einstein had with his children. "Nobody knows what happened to his first child," she notes, a daughter who was born out of wedlock to then-girlfriend Mileva Maric. Eduard, his second child, was diagnosed with schizophrenia, and Einstein commented that it would have been better "had he [Eduard] never been born". And after he divorced Mileva in 1918, he proposed to both Elsa Löwenthal and her teenage daughter Ilse. On marriage to Elsa, Ilse then became his stepdaughter along with her sister Margot.

"Albert Einstein attracted women like a magnet. Even Marilyn Monroe was said to fancy him and wanted his baby."

(Sunday Times, 16 July 2006)

Yet Albert was also a devoted father to his children, paying for Eduard's extensive medical treatment and writing to his two stepdaughters every day for twenty years. Over the coming years, archivists at the University will continue to explore his life and works, and publish their insights.

For more on the troubled genius, visit the Einstein archive at the University at www.albert-einstein.org



News Update: The BFHU Albert Einstein exhibition will be arriving at Leicester University on 27 September. For tickets to the special opening event please call Renna Markson on 020 7691 1475 or email renna.markson@bfhu.org

Stop Press! The Einstein Exhibition's national tour is the recipient of a major grant from a charity devoted to education like ourselves. We are grateful to them for their support – look out for more in the next edition! The grant will enable us to take the Exhibition around the country. If you are interested in having it visit your area, or could help support the Exhibition, please contact Jason Caplin on 020 7691 1471 or email jason.caplin@bfhu.org

Celebrating 80 years of philanthropy

Founded in 1926, The British Friends of the Hebrew University is the UK's oldest established Jewish charity in support of higher education. British supporters built the University from the ground up, providing crucial guidance, leadership and financial support throughout its early years.

Between the wars, we became famous for our tea dances and innovative fundraising methods. One of our long-standing groups, the Legal Friends, was instrumental in setting up the Institutions of the State as well as establishing the University's Legal Faculty. And, of course, all through our history we have benefited

from the support of some outstanding individuals. Dr Walter Zander, as our first Secretary, ran the Friends from a room above a pet shop; upon his retirement at 72 he became an Honorary Fellow and a Governor of the University. Today, the British Friends continue the traditions of sponsoring buildings, scholarships, academic exchanges and events. To find out more about our history visit www.bfhu.org and follow the links to 'About Us'.

We are hosting a number of events which celebrate our 80th anniversary, the Friends' rich history, and Britain's long-standing connection to the University.

Efraim Halevy gave evocative speeches at the Cabinet War Rooms and our Anniversary Dinner this June, and our '80th Birthday Bash' took place during the Board of Governors this summer. There will be more – look out for 80th Birthday events throughout the rest of the year.

At the Anniversary Dinner we recognised some exceptional British families whose dedication to the University has been unwavering throughout the Friends' history. In particular, we wanted to pay special recognition to the Alberman family in this Focus, since Kenneth Alberman, like us, celebrated his 80th birthday in 2006!

The Alberman Family and the Hebrew University

Albert Alberman made aliya to Jerusalem in 1904 at the age of 12, following his mother's parents and the family business. He returned to the UK in 1913 to recover from malaria, but four years later, he met Chaim Weizmann in Stockport and rekindled a Zionist commitment which he retained for the rest of his life – and set it in stone by co-founding the University's School of Chemistry. His son Ken, an active member of the British Friends' Executive Committee for many years, is instrumental in helping choose prizewinners for the annual Kaye Awards.



Remembering Joyce Cohen

Joyce, the daughter of the late Dolly & Aubrey Freed of Cardiff where she grew up, was educated and qualified as a pharmacist, a loving wife to Michael and the devoted mother of their five daughters. Even after moving to London, she remained a staunch supporter of the Cardiff Friends and maintained her extremely generous donations every year to the University. Her final, thoughtful bequest of £1000 earlier this year will be used to set up a scholarship for a visually handicapped student at the ALEH Centre for Blind and Partially Sighted Students at Mount Scopus.

All the Cardiff Friends extend very deepest sympathies to husband Michael, brother Geoffrey and all the family at their sad loss together with sincere gratitude and affection to her memory.

A Glittering Annual Dinner



1 Jacqueline Segal and Elayne Myers enjoying the canapes 2 Rosalyn Springer and Jackie Gee 3 Nathalie and David Pannick 4 Efraim Halevy and Jon Sopol in conversation 5 Efraim Halevy and Jon Sopol with Gordon Hausmann 6 Danny and Sara Nash

Whitehall's Banqueting House hosted 300 Friends at this year's glittering Annual Dinner. Guests, including Israeli Ambassador Zvi Heifetz, were enthralled by Jon Sopol's incisive interview with Efraim Halevy, head of the University's School of Social Policy (and past director of Mossad). And they were equally entertained by cantor Stephen Leas' rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday'!

Over £300,000 was raised on the night, and we thank all our guests for their generosity. **You can view highlights of the interview, buy the DVD and download photos from the night at www.bfhu.org** If you would like to know more about the appeal, or get involved in planning next year's Dinner, contact Jo Goldfine on 020 7691 1473 or email jo.goldfine@bfhu.org

Friends from around the world meet in Jerusalem

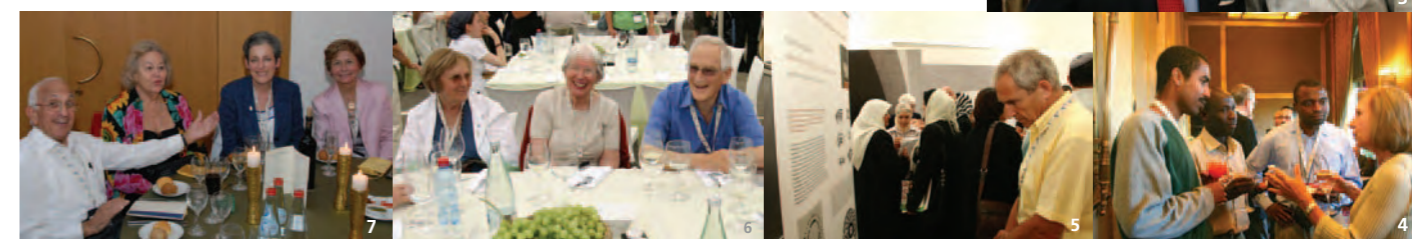
Supporters of the Hebrew University came together this June to visit the University, meet and share ideas from Friends' groups around the world. British support was out in force with gala ceremonies throughout the week. Alongside the Kaye and Polonsky awards (see p6), hundreds turned out to see Sir Sigmund Sternberg award his annual Prize for Interfaith Understanding to Cardinal Carlo Martini, who also received an honorary PhD from the University. BFHU celebrated its 80th with a 'Birthday Bash' at the King David Hotel, and Charles Fox and Jeffery and Joyce Rose applauded as Nita Fernandez saw her father's name inscribed on the Hebrew University's Legacy Wall of Honour.

For more photos from BoG 2006, visit www.bfhu.org

If you're interested in joining next year's tour, contact Jason Caplin on 020 7691 1471 or email jason.caplin@bfhu.org



1 Myrna Kaye and Louise Naftalin at the 80th Birthday Bash 2 80th Birthday Bash sponsor Joel Rabinowitz, director of Bank Hapoalim, with Gordon Hausmann 3 Isaac Kaye with 2006 Kaye Award winner Yehoshua Maor 4 Jackie Gee with the 2006 Pears Scholars 5 Michael Hacker at the Kaye and Polonsky Awards poster reception 6 Prof Yehudit Birk with Joyce and Jeffery Rose 7 Charles Fox, Josephine Urban, Alison Friend and Nita Fernandez



Focus on Awards

The annual ceremony for the Kaye Awards and the Polonsky Prizes was a memorable highlight of this year's Board of Governors mission, and an opportunity to recognise and celebrate research at the heart of HU. The prizewinners held a capacity audience of 400 in rapt silence as they announced a whole new generation of HU discoveries in what appeared to be highly technical language!

The Kaye Awards honour innovations in science and technology. Since 1994, British pharmaceutical industrialist Isaac Kaye has recognised the global implications and significant financial potential of investing seed money in research projects at the University, including glass printing, anti-epilepsy drugs and, of course, long-life tomatoes. In addition to Dr Touitou, Isaac Kaye presented awards to seven other researchers this year, covering subjects from koi carp vaccination to hardier pepper varieties.

The Polonsky Prizes bring the University to the forefront of humanistic research by investing in arts, social sciences, humanities and law. Dr Keren was one of three winners this year – her fellows were honoured for publications on tribal drug culture and early agricultural society. Dr Leonard Polonsky has long been a supporter of the Truman Institute for Peace, as well as providing the University with scholarships for international study, funding libraries and sponsoring visiting lecturers. This year, Leonard's son Marc spoke eloquently of the prizes' importance, and presented them on behalf of his father to carry the awards into the next generation.

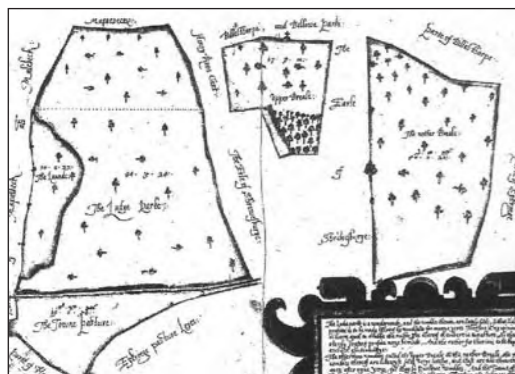


Isaac Kaye



Marc Polonsky

Is the British legal system still sexist?



Four hundred years after the birth of British law, Dr Hila Keren chose to revisit the cases that first established Britain as a benchmark for countries worldwide, and ask: Is the British legal system still as sexist today as it was in 1604? Her investigation into the Countess of Rutland case, a classic case in English law, lends new insights to continuing discussions on the inequality of modern legal systems, particularly with regard to the rights of women.

In the late 1500s, Edward 3rd Earl of Rutland inherited his late father's estate. Edward had shown that he was keen to protect his daughter and wife, Isabel, but in the absence of a will, the law prohibited his estate from passing to anyone other than a male heir. Upon his death, the court rejected significant evidence proving his intention to pass his land to Isabel, instead transferring his estate to distant (male) cousins.

The case seems outdated, but is still used today – most recently to remove a widow from a house she and her late husband occupied throughout his life. By reappraising the facts of the 1604 case sociologically, Dr Keren has made valuable insights into institutional sexism within the British legal system, and her work was published in the prestigious *Journal of Gender* earlier this year. The award of this year's Polonsky Prize gives further credence to her research, and will help Dr Keren with her future publishing and speaking commitments.

To find out more about legal research at the University, and to get involved with the Legal Friends, visit www.bfhu.org or call Alison Friend 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org

Israel's Finest Minds

Four University researchers were awarded Israel's highest civilian honour, the Israel Prize, on Israeli Independence Day this year. For many years, members of the University faculty have been honoured with the Prize, but even Menachem Magidor, President of the Hebrew University, was moved to comment that this year the University 'swept the board' in the prize ceremony.

Professor Zvi Rappoport was honoured for his pioneering research into the field of physical organic chemistry, examining how changing vaccines' structures altered their effects. **Professor Nachum Kedar** was recognised for contributions to hi-tech agriculture which have had significant impact on the Israeli export economy. **Professor Chaim Adler** was rewarded for his research into educational integration and education-deprived communities in Israel. And **Professor Ruth Lapidot** received the prize in thanks for her role in representing Israel on the international legal stage over the last 50 years.

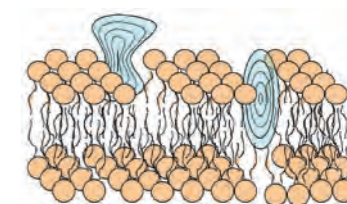
RUB IN CANCER CURE



Dr Elka Touitou at the University's School of Pharmacy has invented a molecule which allows drugs to be carried deep down into the skin to fight skin cancer, as well as skin infections, erectile dysfunction and even cellulite removal.

Her new approach uses ethosome, a molecule she has specially designed to pass through the skin straight to the cancer site. No previous research has been able to target cancer in this way, and this breakthrough heralds a totally new generation of cancer treatments to work alongside traditional chemotherapy, radiotherapy and surgery.

Although Dr Touitou has only just completed her research, pharmaceutical companies are already expressing huge interest. Clinical trials are now underway with Yissum, the University's technology transfer company. The excitement is understandable: imagine just rubbing in a cream made of tiny ethosome bubbles, and watching it instantly sink into the skin to target and kill cancerous cells.



Isaac Kaye honoured Dr Touitou by recognising that she and her research could become 'two of the University's most prized possessions.' He continued: 'This is a truly incredible discovery. It opens the door to a whole new range of cancer treatments. And it happened at the Hebrew University.'

You can find out more about Yissum at www.yissum.co.il. To support cancer research at HU – and to ensure that the work of pioneering scientists like Dr Touitou can continue – visit www.bfhu.org or contact Julia Markson on 020 7691 1474 or email julia.markson@bfhu.org

The 2006 Sternberg Prize

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, stalwart supporter of BFHU and the University, travelled with the Board of Governors to present Cardinal Carlo Martini with the 2006 Sir Sigmund Sternberg Prize for Interfaith Understanding. Sir Sigmund, accompanied by HU President Menachem Magidor, honoured Cardinal Martini for his work with Jewish and Christian leaders, as well as his giving credit to his open-minded views on the role of the modern Catholic Church.

Cardinal Martini, emeritus Archbishop of Milan and twice-tipped successor for the Papacy, delivered a lecture in Italian, Hebrew and English weighted with decades of experience. He talked of love as 'the common denominator of peace,' and of the new Pope's commitment to facilitate dialogue across religious boundaries.

Martini was also honoured by the University itself, "in recognition of his special contribution to Jewish-Christian dialogue, and his warm and constant friendship of the State of Israel and the Hebrew University." He received his honorary PhD at Convocation this June.



Cardinal Martini receives his honorary doctorate from HU Rector Haim Rabinovitch and President Menachem Magidor



Carlo Martini's acceptance speech



Lady and Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Cracking Parkinson's

We received an overwhelming response for further information on Parkinson's research at the University when we ran our Jewish Chronicle 'Parkinson's: have we cracked it?' advert. We are pleased to bring you an update and highlight two foci of research here.

Professor Hagai Bergman works within the Department of Physiology. His research centres on the subthalamic nucleus, part of the brain responsible for mental-physical co-ordination. His team has developed a unique 'pacemaker' that restores function in the part of the brain damaged by Parkinson's and effectively eliminates its symptoms. So far, this

surgical procedure has been carried out on ten thousand people worldwide. Most report that their symptoms have diminished, and many talk of 'miraculous' ongoing relief from the incapacitating symptoms of the disease. Prof Bergman's team is working tirelessly on developing more refined and sensitive treatments to bring this treatment to millions more.

Dr Ronit Sharon works within the Department of Cellular Biochemistry, and is investigating how changing diet can affect 'Lewy bodies', one physical sign of Parkinson's in the brain. Her investigations show interesting results: polyunsaturated fats, whilst having positive effects on the

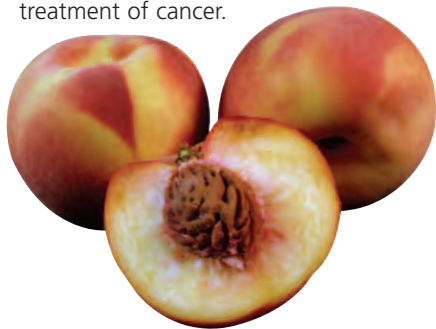


heart, could potentially have negative effects by creating 'Lewy bodies' in the brain. She is now trialling special diets for Parkinson's sufferers – which we will report on in the near future.

You can read more on these and many other HU success stories at www.bfhu.org. If you'd like to support research into Parkinson's disease at the Hebrew University, please contact Julia Markson on 020 7691 1474 or email julia.markson@bfhu.org

A peach of a cancer treatment

While conducting experiments aimed at improving the quality of peaches and nectarines, researchers at the University's Faculty of Agriculture have chanced across a promising new approach for the treatment of cancer.



Professor Oded Shoseyov and his team were studying actibind, a protein well-

known in food technology for its actions in stopping cell growth. Prof Shoseyov was initially interested in how actibind could improve the quality of peaches and nectarines, but then discovered an actibind-like protein, RNaseT2, which has the same growth-halting effect on human and animal cells. This 'human' actibind blocks the tumours' blood supply, and so stops malignant cells from spreading to other parts of the body. Experiments show that actibind reduces the ability of colon cancer, breast cancer and melanoma cells to form new tumours, and stops existing tumours growing.

Crucially, this new approach does not affect healthy cells and, like the ethosome method described on the previous page, is

free from the severe side-effects associated with radiotherapy and chemotherapy. These findings have raised broad interest in scientific meetings and amongst potential investors. According to Professor Shoseyov, "RNaseT2 represents the basis for a new class of drugs, which could form a new front-line therapy in the fight against cancer."

The Board of Governors visited the University's unique Faculty of Agriculture this year. To find out about this and other trips to the University, or about its groundbreaking research into hi-tech farming, call Jo Goldfine on 020 7691 1473 or email jo.goldfine@bfhu.org

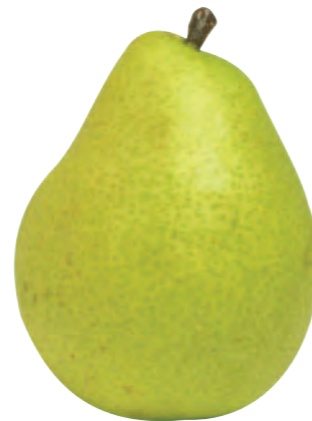
Sex is in our genes

Our sexual desire is determined genetically – that's what researchers at the University's Scheinfeld Centre for Human Genetics have concluded. The team, headed by Professor Richard Ebstein, hopes their findings will shed new light on the treatment of sexual disorders. Their research adds a new scientific element to the psychology of our sex drive.

The researchers examined the DNA of hundreds of Israeli students. They found students' opinions of their sexual desire and function were strongly linked to variations in their DNA. Through their research, we now have proof that gene D4

is responsible for determining our sex drive. The results showed that around 60% of the population carries a mutation in D4 leading to less sex drive than average, and only 30% have an above-average drive.

Amazingly, only in the last few years has this field of study shifted away from psychology towards hard science. University researchers are now working out how to mimic the function of D4 in the brain to improve a weak sex drive. As Professor Ebstein commented, "not since Freud have we made such a breakthrough in understanding sexual behaviour."



For more on how Hebrew University researchers improve the quality of lives throughout the world, call Julia Markson on 020 7691 1474 or email julia.markson@bfhu.org



Calling all Alumni

Hundreds of British students have studied at the Hebrew University since 1926. Even more have participated in Hebrew University programmes in the UK, including the Florence Melton Adult Mini School (see enclosed leaflet for details of this year's course). **We want to hear from all of you!** Whether you were a HU student for a two-week summer course or a three-year PhD, please contact us so that we can continue building our alumni network.

You can enter all your details online – and post messages in our Alumni Forum at www.bfhu.org. If you're interested in helping us reconnect with your classmates, contact Shoshana Bloom today on 020 7691 1478 or email shoshana.bloom@bfhu.org.

Very Important VIPs

This summer, we welcomed two new UK alumni, Joshua Rozenberg and Melanie Phillips, both renowned writers and journalists in the Jewish and international press. Both became VIPs at the Hebrew University's Very Intensive Programme for Modern Hebrew, spending three exhausting weeks on the Mount Scopus campus. Joshua took time out to report on their experience...

Did you have a relaxing holiday this summer? When we leave Jerusalem in a couple of days' time, Melanie and I will undoubtedly find ourselves answering that question from friends and colleagues.

We can expect some pretty strange looks when we tell them that for four mornings a week we have been getting up early to make it to our classroom for 8:30 ready for the teacher and a morning of struggle with the finer points of modern Hebrew.



Our three-week course attracted a pretty eclectic mix of students. There was a jolly woman in our class who turned out to be a Lutheran priest. I regularly found myself sitting next to an ardent Zionist German Christian whose parents, as I hazily understood during Hebrew conversation practice, had named him Claus after Father Christmas! The elderly French widower whose English was even worse than our French, and the Italians whose Hebrew sounded like a recipe for spaghetti, added even more colour to our sessions.

To provide some relief from this and longer courses throughout the summer, the University had laid on a full programme of visits, tours and social events. The closest we got to the war were the headlines we were asked to decipher, printed in a special newspaper designed for those of us still learning Hebrew.

My classmates were courteous enough not to laugh when I made the most basic of mistakes – such as getting my own gender wrong. They regularly turned a blind eye when I turned innocent phrases into colourful expletives by simply mispronouncing the vowels. It often felt as if my classmates had a much better command of Hebrew than I had grasped on my 'absolute beginners' course in London last year.

Relaxing, then, is not the term I would use to describe my summer break. Stimulating? Certainly. Demanding? Undoubtedly. As everyone will tell us when we get back to London, it was a pretty unusual way to spend a summer holiday.

Hebrew U through student eyes

Daniel Domb has just returned from spending six months of his gap year at the Hebrew University, and has recorded it on a blog for all to share in lurid detail! You can read about his experiences and see his photos at Travelpod – type in <http://tinyurl.com/nq576>

If you are interested in following in his footsteps next year, call Shoshana on 020 7691 1478 or email shoshana.bloom@bfhu.org for information on all our student programmes, including gap year opportunities at Hebrew U. You will also find links to the University and other useful sites, as well as a wealth of information for all prospective students, at www.bfhu.org



Top: Daniel on campus
Above: Daniel with friends in the dorms

Focus on British Friends

Top up your scholarship



Over 350 British families provide individual scholarships to deserving students at the Hebrew University every year. BFHU invests their endowment funds carefully so that in many cases the annual interest alone is used to fund the scholarship, and the endowment fund stays intact for many years.

However, a growing number of our established endowments now fail to yield enough interest to support a student through a year – in some cases yielding only enough for a few days' study! We are therefore appealing to all our scholarship families to top up your scholarships now so we can help thousands of students at the University complete their studies without financial hardship.

Annual costs at the University range from £2,000 for undergraduates to £6,500 for doctoral students. Over two-thirds of the University's students need a scholarship to allow them to complete their studies. To set up a scholarship – or top up an existing one – please call Alison Friend today on 020 7691 1476 or email alison.friend@bfhu.org

Jonny Fraser UPDATE Scholarship Fund

We featured the moving story of Jonny Fraser – and his parents' incredible pledge to create a scholarship in his memory – in a previous edition of Focus and many of you have asked how the fund is progressing. Daniel Grant completed the London Marathon for Jonny, raising £6,500, and so the overall total now stands at more than £21,000. The first recipient of the Jonny Fraser Scholarship Fund will be arriving from Africa this coming year to take up a one-year intensive MA course at the Hebrew University. To help the Fund and the cause – contact Alison Friend (details on the left) or visit www.bfhu.org and click on 'Campaigns'.



Happy Birthday Stella

Stella Lucas celebrated her 90th birthday in July and to mark the special occasion the BFHU Women's Group Committee held a surprise party in her honour, at the home of Irene Gee. A certificate marking over 50 years of dedication to the Women's Group – including her six years as Chairman and current role as Vice-President – was presented to her by Lady Jakobovits.



Stella (l) with daughter Susan and Lady Jakobovits

The Women's Group is currently raising funds for the University's Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine. **There are still spaces available on the 2006 Women's Group Mission**, visiting the University from 9 to 15 November. The mission includes a behind-the-scenes visit to the Braun School. To join the Group and book your place, contact Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org – or book online now at www.bfhu.org

Young Legal Breakfast

Professor Ruth Gavison, Professor of Human Rights at the University's Faculty of Law, gave a breakfast lecture to 40 members of the BFHU Young Legal Group at Rooks Rider Solicitors this March. Drawing on thirty years of legal experience in human rights, she spoke passionately and informatively on Israel's contribution to the global human rights debate and the very timely topic of Israeli ethics in wartime.

Professor Gavison fielded a wide selection of questions from the floor, and put great thought into providing nuanced and sensitive answers. Her words had a great

effect – one fledgling barrister in the audience was heard afterwards to comment that "if I could defend my clients as well as she speaks for hers I'd have High Court judges eating out the palm of my hand."

The event raised money for Jerusalem Street Law, run by legal students at HU. The Young Legal committee welcomes new members – if you are interested in organising fundraising events in the UK, and gathering ideas and guests for next year's Legal Mission to the University, please contact Alison Friend on 020 7691 1476 or alison.friend@bfhu.org

Legal Friends Annual Dinner

BFHU Legal Friends will be holding their Annual Dinner featuring Baroness Deech, who gave the Lionel Cohen Memorial Lecture, at Middle Temple Hall on October 31st. If you are interested in attending, or in hosting a table, please contact Jo Goldfine on 020 7691 1473 or jo.goldfine@bfhu.org as soon as possible – places are limited. Proceeds from the event support the Jerusalem Street Law project, organised by legal students at the Hebrew University.

Financial Summary

for the year ended 30th September 2005

British Friends of **The Hebrew University** bfhu.org

Reg. charity no 209691

Statement of Financial Activities

	2005 £	2004 £
Incoming Resources		
Donations, Gifts & Legacies	3,565,861	3,944,043
Fundraising events	159,486	232,409
Investment Income	780,290	729,491
Total Incoming Resources	4,505,637	4,905,943
Resources Expended		
Direct charitable expenditure	3,688,343	3,355,328
Fund Raising Expenses	446,925	379,207
Management and administration of the charity	228,900	224,222
Total Resources Expended	4,364,168	3,958,757
Net Incoming Resources	141,469	947,186
Investment Gains (Losses)	1,612,060	(265,900)
Net Movement in Funds	1,753,529	681,286

Fund Movements and Balance Sheet

	Funds at 1st October 2004 £	Movement for the period £	Funds at 30th September 2005 £
Unrestricted Funds	137,201	(90,973)	46,228
Restricted Funds	398,309	(105,066)	293,243
Endowment Funds	19,931,018	1,949,568	21,880,586
	20,466,528	1,753,529	22,220,057
Tangible Assets	21,461	(2,747)	18,714
Investments	19,574,210	1,662,647	21,236,857
Net Current assets	870,857	93,629	964,486
Net Assets	20,466,528	1,753,529	22,220,057

Statement by the Trustees

The summarised accounts are a summary of information extracted from the annual accounts and certain information relating to both the statement of financial activities and the balance sheet. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information, the full annual accounts and the trustees' annual report should be consulted: copies of these can be obtained from the BFHU offices at 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NE.

The full annual accounts have been subject to external examination by an independent auditor and have received an unqualified report. The annual accounts were approved by the trustees on 25 May 2006, signed on their behalf by Michael Gee and Michael Hacker, and have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

Independent Auditors' statement to the Trustees of the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

We have examined the summarised financial statements of the Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised accounts in accordance with applicable law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summarised financial statements with the full financial statements and Trustees' Report. We also read the other information given with the summarised financial statements and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summarised financial statements.

Basis of opinion We conducted our own work in accordance with Bulletin 1999/6 'The auditors' statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom.

Opinion In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements and trustees' report of the Friends of the Hebrew University for the year ended 30 September 2005.

Gordon Leighton, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, Third Floor, 20-23 Greville Street, London EC1N 8SS. 16 August 2006