

PRESS RELEASE

British Friends of the Hebrew University

Alan Jacobs appointed Chair, Isaac Kaye appointed President

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British Friends of the Hebrew University (BFHU) is pleased to announce the appointment of Alan Jacobs as its new Chair, succeeding Isaac Kaye who in turn is appointed President.

Alan Jacobs was previously Chairman of the Jewish Chronicle and a trustee of UJIA and UJS. He is currently a trustee of The Jacob Foundation, owner of the Jewish News. He is founder and principal of London based investment and advisory firm, Jacobs



Capital. Alan is a Law graduate of Queens' College, Cambridge and is currently studying part time for a MA in International Conflict Studies at Kings College London.

"Alan brings a wide range of skills and experience to the British Friends, both from the business and community worlds as well as deep personal and family connections to Israel" comments outgoing Chair, Isaac Kaye. "Under Alan's leadership, BFHU will no doubt continue to build a broad community of Hebrew University supporters committed to Israel's foremost centre of advanced learning and research".

"I am honoured to be taking on this role" says Alan Jacobs, "working with our trustees and accomplished professional team, building on the outstanding track record of the British Friends whose support for the Hebrew University dates back close to 100 years. Few such organisations have achieved so much and left such an indelible mark on humanity with award-winning research, visionary leadership, excellent Faculty and dedicated students. This is in no small part

due to the extraordinary dedication of Isaac Kaye whose support for the Hebrew University spans 7 decades. I know that we will continue to benefit from his unparalleled experience”.

Commenting from Jerusalem, Hebrew University President Professor Asher Cohen added,

“Our Friends around the world are an integral part of the Hebrew University family. Isaac has been a remarkable and close friend to the University for so long who, I am sure, will continue to be actively involved in his new role as President. Alan will follow in Isaac’s footsteps with the same commitment to help fulfil our vision of a Better World, educating future leaders, producing scientific and technological breakthroughs, contributing to civil society in Israel while sharing our knowledge with the global community. The entire University leadership wish Alan every success”

Information to Editors

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HU) is Israel's foremost academic and research institution, serving more than 25,000 students from some 80 countries on 6 campuses. Founded in 1918 by luminaries including Albert Einstein, Chaim Weizmann, Sigmund Freud and Martin Buber, HU is ranked in the top echelon of the world's leading universities. To date, HU faculty and alumni have won 8 Nobel Prizes, 1 Fields Medal and 1 Abel Prize – a proud tradition of innovation and excellence, sharing knowledge internationally for the benefit of the global community

The British Friends of the Hebrew University (BFHU) has been a partner of the Hebrew University since its earliest days in the 1920s with charitable purposes aimed at funding capital projects, research and scholarships, supporting students in the UK who wish to study at the Hebrew University and generally promoting the achievements of the University

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