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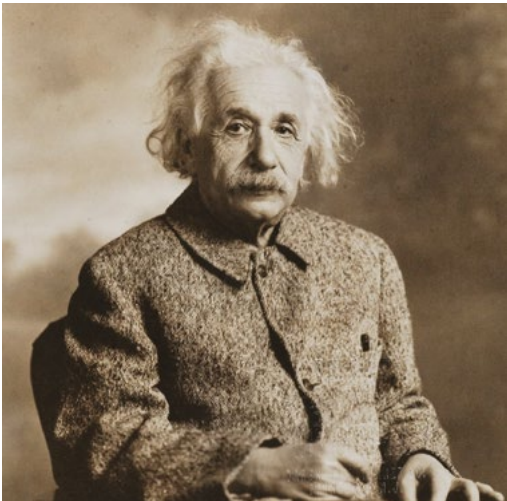


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The Hebrew University in Numbers

General Numbers

BA Students	13,750
MA Students	5,500
Preparatory (Mechina) Students	330
International Students	1,200
PhD Students	2,100
Post-Docs	600
Total Students	24,000
Faculty Members	1,050
Total # of Courses	6,100

Awards & Prizes

Nobel Prize	8
Fields Medal in Mathematics	1
Turing Award in Computer Science	1
Abel Prize	1
Wolf Prize	15
Shaw Prize in Mathematics	1
Rothschild Prize	101
Emet Prize	63
Israel Prize	310

Yissum

Patents	11,000+
Licences	1,140+
Spin-off Companies	200+

Rankings

Global Universities Ranking	Top ½%
Mathematics*	17
Communications*	17
Law*	30
Public Administration*	48
Political Science*	51-75

(*ARWU worldwide data 2022)

Research

Researchers	1,422
Research Centres	98
Research Projects	4,240
Research Grants	4,242
Affiliated Hospitals	6

International Data

256 academic agreements with institutions in **45** countries.

30 countries with student exchange agreements.

90 courses for the study of some **30** languages.

308 post-doctoral researchers from **34** countries.

An annual enrollment of approximately **2,000** students from **80** countries at the Rothberg International School.

The Hebrew University produces 1/3 of Israel's civilian research and is ranked 12th worldwide in biotechnology patent filings and commercial development.



Letter from the Chair

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem was founded on Einstein's vision of academic and research excellence, with the aim of developing and sharing knowledge for the benefit of humankind. As it nears the 100th anniversary of its establishment, few would argue that the Hebrew University has not exceeded expectations and been a resounding success.

But today, the Hebrew University is simultaneously facing up to some of the greatest challenges it has ever seen, both at an international level and, more unusually, domestically. The University sector in Israel has been in the eye of the storm stirred up by an increasingly polarised Israeli society. Presidents of Israel's higher education and research institutions have come together to express their collective fears and anxieties for academic excellence, freedom of speech and equality which might potentially flow from some of the political and judicial changes being proposed by the current government. The Hebrew University, led by its President, Prof Asher Cohen, has been at the forefront of this fight for the soul of Israeli academia and Friends around the globe, the British Friends included, continue to express support for the Hebrew University's leadership. Academic institutions cannot remain silent when democracy is under threat and specifically in the case of the Hebrew University when funding for the excellent preparatory programmes, the mechinot, for aspiring students from East Jerusalem, is frozen.

To our generous, often multi-generational supporters, to our trustees and committed professional team, thank you for stepping up to the challenge. Together, as part of the Hebrew University international family, we are all working to maintain the vital role played for decades by the Hebrew University both in Israel and beyond.

Handwritten signature of Alan Jacobs in blue ink.

ALAN JACOBS, CHAIR



Letter from the Chief Executive

The Hebrew University is just 2 years away from its centenary and is now one of the most important civil institutions in the City of Jerusalem and in Israel. Our founders including Einstein, Freud, Buber and Weizmann could not have imagined how the Hebrew University would thrive to be ranked in the world's top 1/2% of leading universities and a beacon of civil society.

The British Friends has been the University's partner for over 97 years continuing to help drive these high standards. Our marketing activities have sprung back into life after the difficult years of Covid – this edition of Future magazine is packed with stories about these events along with news items about the Hebrew University's ongoing building programme across all campuses.

The latest major development is The Center for Sustainability addressing many of the internationally recognised UN Strategic Development Goals. To quote HU President Prof Asher Cohen, "The academic community has a social and public imperative to take a leading role in facing humanity's greatest challenge."

Especially gratifying has been the increase in visitor numbers to the Hebrew University where everyone receives a warm welcome and leaves with a deep sense of pride.

Locally we're shaping our organisation to address new challenges and take advantage of new opportunities, but some things won't change, namely our commitment to the highest levels of professionalism in all that we do. Thank you for your generous support for a Hebrew University of which we're all proud.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nigel'.

NIGEL SALOMON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Extract from 1924 letter from Siegmund Warburg to Lionel and Anthony de Rothschild, thanking them for teaching him about business and 'the fine tradition of New Court, which combines business with humanity without neglecting either.'

Courtesy of The Rothschild Archive.

Interdisciplinary Research for the Planet



By Prof Yael Mishael

Since its founding in 2021, the Hebrew University's Center for Sustainability has been busy as a bee. Taking a three-pronged approach that encompasses research, teaching and outreach, the Center's most singular accomplishment has been crosspollination: fostering collaboration across departments, faculties and even campuses.

After issuing four research calls, the Center is proud to be funding six projects, which are bringing together researchers from history and geography to study how past civilisations coped with climate change; from social work and geography to explore ways to think globally and act locally; from geography and environmental economics to study tensions between solar farms and agriculture; and from plant science and international development to address food security. The complexity of environmental challenges requires interdisciplinary solutions. Thanks to the Center for Sustainability, Hebrew University researchers are demonstrating that cross-disciplinary research is not only possible but can also be extremely fruitful.

Another groundbreaking, interdisciplinary endeavour is the Center's new undergraduate minor in sustainability, climate and society. The track was created by five faculties and schools: social sciences, humanities, law, business administration and social work and is open to their students. Students enrolled in the minor will develop an awareness and concern for environmental matters, making them environmental stewards as they enter the workforce in their respective fields.

Lastly, the Center has built a number of successful partnerships, advancing sustainability on the local, national and international levels. The first, spearheaded by Jerusalem's Bloomfield Science Museum and in conjunction with the Jerusalem municipality, is a citizen science project for collecting climatic data from across the city—with the goal of developing evidence-based policies. Following its launch, the project was joined by a research team from Tel Aviv University and the European Union's I-CHANGE. Additional projects include developing a survey to identify optimal rooftops for solar panels or rooftop gardens, developing Jerusalem's geographic information system (GIS) and educational activities with schools, gap year volunteers and senior citizens. Grappling with climate change requires us to work together and think creatively.

This holds especially true in academia—often the source of much innovation, yet also where research historically takes place within a single discipline. By building bridges and working together, the Center for Sustainability is actively creating a future that is more sustainable, more collaborative and thus more beneficial for humankind.

Prof Yael Mishael directs the Hebrew University Center for Sustainability. She also heads the Department of Soil and Water Sciences.

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Your Support Makes a Difference



GAL KRAMARSKI PhD candidate, University of Cambridge

Prior to my studies at Cambridge University, I received an MA in International Development and a BA in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. I am currently finishing the second year of my PhD, during which I conducted 12 months of fieldwork in East Jerusalem. My study focuses on the workings of development processes and the emotional experiences of Palestinians who are hired by the Israeli state to promote state-led development projects targeting their own Palestinian communities. In the following two years I will be writing an ethnography on that

subject and supervising undergraduate students of the Social Anthropology Department. BFHU's generous support back in 2020, allowed me to complete my MPhil studies at Cambridge, which later assisted me in being accepted to the department's PhD programme. The support I gained once again in 2022 allowed me to conduct my fieldwork in Jerusalem, a crucial part of my PhD. I would like to thank the British Friends for allowing me to follow my dreams and study at the Social Anthropology Department in Cambridge, which is ranked first internationally.



LIV GLENNY Social Policy and Sociology, Birmingham University

Originally from Dorset, I'm studying Social Policy and Sociology at the University of Birmingham. During my study abroad year at the Hebrew University, I was able to branch out from social sciences and also take Biblical studies, Arabic and Middle East History, which are topics I've been interested in for a long time. I can't overstate how valuable the BFHU scholarship has been. I would have

struggled to afford my initial rent without it and I am so grateful to have been given it. The year has been a profound experience for me, academically but also personally for my faith. I loved studying and witnessing all three of the Abrahamic faiths in action and learning about how they inform one another in everyday life. Thank you British Friends!



TAL AGRANOV 3rd year of postdoctoral studies, University of Cambridge

I am a theoretical physicist aiming to understand life using the quantitative tools of physics and I do so in the context of active matter. Active matter systems are composed of self-propelled creatures. They are ubiquitous in nature and display fascinating collective phenomena such as the swarming of bacteria, the flocking of birds, or the complex dynamics of human crowds. In my research, I borrow advanced analytical tools that I have mastered during my studies at the BSc, MSc and PhD programmes at the Hebrew University, to tackle the mathematical modeling of such

systems. I aim to unravel and explain novel collective behavior that these groups of creatures' exhibit. The support I received from the British Friends helped me to pursue my research in one of the world's leading research groups in active matter, based here in Cambridge, led by Lucasian Prof Mike Cates. Our family is grateful for the opportunity to live in this magical city of Cambridge with its stimulating academic atmosphere. We are fortunate to have experienced the rich British culture and to have travelled and hiked across the UK.

Letters from our Medical Students

These students, both from the past and the present, received scholarships from the British Friends' Medical Group Annual Appeals.



I am currently in the final two months of the pre-clinical phase of my studies, eagerly anticipating the beginning of my clinical rounds in the coming year. The curriculum has become more demanding and complex, presenting a higher level of challenge. However, I find it so much more interesting and that makes me genuinely excited about this significant next stage of my training. I am determined to complete this school year with as much knowledge and personal growth as possible and I try to give my best effort to achieve that. I'm grateful for the opportunity to pursue my passion for medicine and looking forward to what the future holds.

Sincerely, Devora Amar



I have now started my residency at internal medicine in Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. Residency is a challenging time in many ways. Thankfully I am surrounded by a professional staff who I am glad to also call my friends. I enjoy helping others, hopefully giving back some of what was given to me. Once again, thank you for your past support.

Sincerely, Dr Ganit Elmaliach



I'm pleased to share an update regarding my progress in medicine. In July I started a residency programme in orthopaedic surgery at Sheba Tel HaShomer hospital after finishing my internship this past February. My wife is 8 months pregnant and we are expecting a girl! Thank you again for your generosity; I would have never made it this far without your support.

Best wishes, Dr Gilad Neshet

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DR GADI GILAM The Institute of Biomedical and Oral Research at the Hebrew University, Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine.

Dr Gadi Gilam joined the Hebrew University-Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine in December 2021, after four years of post-doctoral research at the Systems Neuroscience and Pain Laboratory, at Stanford's School of Medicine. There he trained in the neuroscience and psychology of acute and chronic pain, focusing on the relationship between pain and emotions.

At the Hebrew University, Dr Gilam serves as senior lecturer at the Institute of Biomedical and Oral Research and director of the translational Social Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience Lab. His research

focuses on the causes, consequences and prevention of human suffering related to affective states, such as pain and anger, as they manifest at the intersection of mental health and chronic pain. These strongly co-morbid conditions are the leading factors contributing to years living with disability, resulting in incredible personal, societal and financial costs. To address these issues, Dr Gilam uses a combination of methods from cognitive neuroscience, experimental psychology and health informatics, from the synergistic perspectives of emotion science, social psychology and pain medicine.

Dr Gilam is the recipient of a grant from funds raised at British Friends' 2022 Gala Dinner themed 'Research for a Better World'



DR ARBEL HAIM The Racah Institute of Physics in the Faculty of Science at the Hebrew University.

Dr Arbel Haim is an accomplished physicist specialising in topological phenomena and materials, with a focus on their practical applications. He has made significant contributions to the fields of quantum computing, topological superconductivity, numerical quantum many-body physics and mesoscopic systems. Dr Haim's groundbreaking research has been published in prestigious scientific journals and he has received numerous awards and fellowships for his exceptional academic achievements.

With a thorough understanding of the fundamental principles and practical applications of topological materials, Dr Haim's expertise has the potential to revolutionise modern technology. "My research aims to harness the unique properties of topological materials to

develop more stable and reliable quantum computers, increase energy efficiency in electronic devices, improve data storage devices, enhance the speed and energy efficiency of electronics and advance light-based devices" says Dr Haim.

Arbel's exceptional academic achievements and cutting-edge research in topological materials have the potential to significantly impact industries and revolutionise modern technology.

Dr Haim's passion for teaching and mentoring is evident through his experience as a teacher assistant and tutor at renowned institutions. His dedication to both research and education demonstrates his commitment to advancing scientific knowledge and inspiring future generations of physicists.

Dr Haim is the recipient of a grant from funds raised by the British Friends' 2022 Rosh Hashana Appeal

What's New at HU?

1 AN ASTRONAUT INSPIRES AT HU EIN KEREM CAMPUS WITH SPACE MISSION INSIGHTS

Eytan Stibbe, a member of the University's Board of Governors, an Honorary Fellow and the second Israeli to travel to outer space, visited the Ein Kerem campus as part of the Rakia Mission to Send the Second Israeli to Space (in which Eytan participated). He engaged with University leadership, met researchers and inspirational students at the Faculty of Medicine, who shared potential experiments for outer space and delivered a fascinating lecture on his space mission to a large enthusiastic audience, leaving a lasting impression of scientific exploration and ambition.

2 AI AND THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY

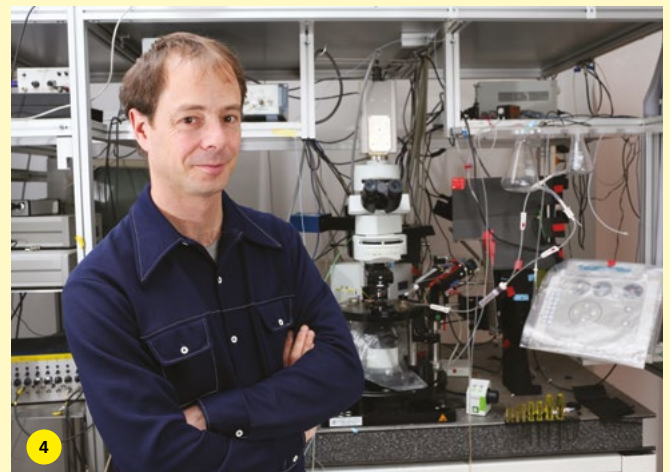
In a thought-provoking presentation, the renowned author and historian, Prof Yuval Noah Harari, delved into the future of AI and its potential impact on humanity. Highlighting the need for regulation, Harari emphasised that AI's mastery of language could reshape society in unprecedented ways. While dismissing the fear of sentient AI or physical domination, he warned that the new AI tools possess the ability to manipulate language with superhuman efficiency, leading to the creation of a world suffused with illusions. He urged for immediate action, proposing mandatory disclosure of AI identities and responsible regulation to prevent the loss of meaningful public conversations and the erosion of democracy.

3 'IRON DOME' FOR CANCER DEVELOPED BY ISRAELI AND SPANISH RESEARCHERS

An international team from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Instituto de Microelectronica in Barcelona have developed metal iron-based biodegradable MAgnetoPlasmonic nanocapsules (MAPsules) to eradicate tumours via remote-controlled local delivery of chemotherapy at ultra-low drug concentrations. This works while also boosting drug therapeutic action and minimising damage to surrounding tissues. "Our unique method enables us to remotely control the molecules with the help of a magnet, deliver drugs to the precise location of the tumor and control drug release rates." Says Arnon Fluksman, a doctoral student at HU's School of Pharmacy and Faculty of Medicine who leads the study.

4 MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH TO REDUCE MEDICATION DEPENDENCY

Research conducted at the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences reveals insights into the brain's potential ability to regulate the urge to consume the highly addictive opioid fentanyl along with other synthetic drugs and could provide a path to treatment. "In breakthrough that could lead to treatment, we learned that turning neurons in claustrum structure on and off causes mice to either binge on the drug or ignore it" said Prof Ami Citri to the Times of Israel.



5 HU AND MOROCCAN UNIVERSITIES FOSTER COLLABORATIONS TO DRIVE INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Two years after signing the first Memorandum of Understanding, Morocco's Mohammed VI Polytechnic University welcomed a delegation led by HU Rector, Prof Tamir Sheafer and Amb Yossi Gal, VP for Advancement and External Relations. The two institutions were the first to sign a collaboration agreement following the historic Abraham Accords. Simultaneously, the Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez has signed partnerships with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and two other Israeli universities, paving the way for joint advancements in robotics, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, water issues and agriculture. These initiatives mark significant milestones in fostering innovation and knowledge exchange in the wake of the historic Abraham Accords.

6 HU STUDY SHOWS FIBRE OPTICS COULD SAVE LIVES IN FUTURE EARTHQUAKES

Hebrew University study in Scientific Reports peer-reviewed journal shows fiber optic cables could provide 30 to 40 second advanced warning before a quake at the bottom of the sea. For the first time, fiber optics could do more than just connect us to the internet, but also give us advanced warning of a quickly approaching earthquake. "The fact that so many earthquakes these days originate at sea was the catalyst for this study," says Dr Tzahi Lior who leads the research. "Most of our seismic detection equipment is on land, so we only notice the earthquake through the waves crashing on the beach. That difference can be what helps us prevent damage to critical infrastructure and more importantly, it can mean the difference between life and death."

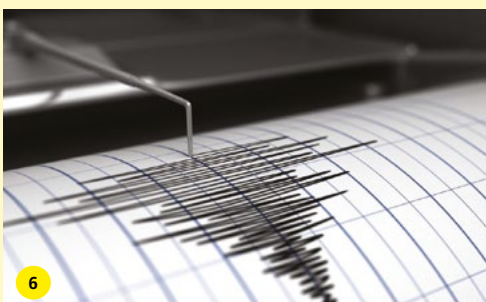
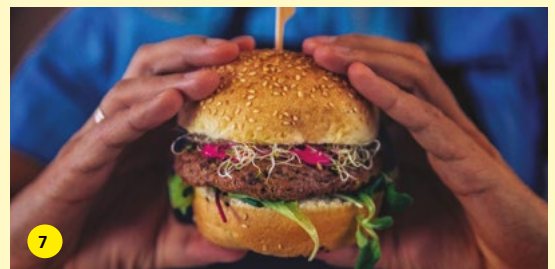
7 LEADING SUSTAINABLE AND CUTTING-EDGE PROTEIN ALTERNATIVES RESEARCH

Israel's alternative protein industry attracted over \$1 billion of investment in the last two years, second only to the USA. Sixty per cent of all the funds invested in food tech in 2022, went towards developing plant-based alternatives to meat, poultry, fish, seafood, milk and eggs. Israel is accelerating its efforts to research alternative proteins.

HU along with two other Israeli academic institutions launched innovative alternative protein courses at the world's first multidisciplinary research centre for alternative proteins at The Technion in Haifa, delving into both the scientific and industrial aspects of this transformative industry. With their collective expertise in sustainability research, the Hebrew University is leading the charge in Israel's pursuit of sustainable and cutting-edge protein alternatives.

8 INDONESIAN STUDIES AT HU CELEBRATES 10 YEARS WITH VIBRANT EVENTS

The 2022-2023 academic year marked a decade of Indonesian Studies at the Hebrew University, the sole Israeli university offering this programme despite no diplomatic ties with Indonesia. To celebrate, a series of events were organised to raise awareness. These included conferences, an exhibition and an Indonesian night with Indonesian students. Prof Ronit Ricci, Chair of the Department of Asian Studies and Sternberg-Tamir Chair in Comparative Cultures, commented "The highlight was an Indonesia day open to the public, featuring talks on Indonesia, live gamelan music, Indonesian snacks, art activities and souvenir stalls. This milestone year showcased the programme's resilience and commitment to fostering understanding and cultural exchange."

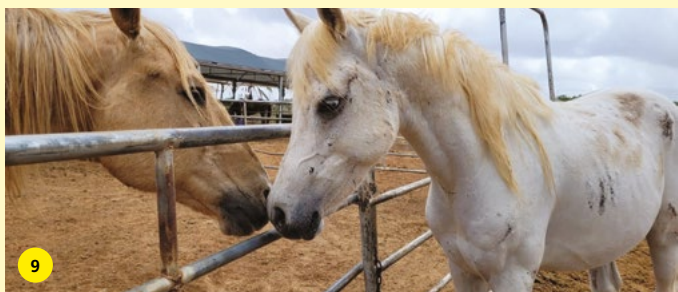


9 COMPASSION FOR OUR ANIMAL FRIENDS

The Hebrew University's veterinary teaching hospital is unique in Israel, offering 24/7 clinical services to a variety of animals and doing so with the highest level of professionalism and compassion. After a superb winter Zoom presentation from Dr Efrat Kelmer, Senior Clinical Lecturer, Department of Emergency & Critical Care at the veterinary teaching hospital, British Friends rapidly donated sufficient funds for 2 hi-flow Vapotherm units which provide a non-invasive way to deliver high flow rates of warmed and humidified oxygen to cats, dogs even foals – less stress to unwell animals and improved prospects of speedy recovery. The machines arrived quickly and have been in service daily since then. Last year we shared the news of the Arab Stallion, abused and left for dead in a field 2 years ago who was brought to the Vet Hospital and underwent intensive long-term care and treatment. Our equine friend is back in full health.

11 CUNEIFORM TABLETS FOUND IN IRAQ GIVE FIRST GLIMPSE OF HEBREW PRECURSOR

The ancient tablets, uncovered 30 years ago during the Gulf War and forgotten until now, offer a first glimpse of the Amorite language from which the Hebrew language developed. The two cuneiform tablets have been dated to 1800 BCE, 3,800 years ago, the era of Hammurabi, the Babylonian king known for the Code of Hammurabi – the most comprehensive codex of laws in the ancient East, which scholars liken to the laws of the Torah. This language manual, which also includes sentences related to meetings between people, to addressing a king, to food preparation and to situations from everyday life, is practically the only documentation of the Amorite/Canaanite language and the fullest example of it to date.



10 LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM OF PLASTIC

With less than 10% of the world's plastic being recycled, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Dr Lianet Noda-Garcia is taking a different approach. As an evolutionary biochemist, she studies the chemical structure of life, from its origin to the present diversity. In her lab, she's mimicking evolutionary processes and working to engineer bacteria that are capable of digesting or breaking down plastic, which currently lack a known solution for degradation. Ultimately, she hopes to clean up decades worth of plastic debris from our planet.

12 ANCIENT DNA FROM MEDIEVAL GERMANY TELLS ORIGIN STORY OF ASHKENAZI JEWS

While converting the 15th-century granary into a parking garage in Erfurt, Germany, graves from the Jewish cemetery underneath were uncovered. After a rescue excavation to move the remains to a 19th-century Jewish cemetery nearby an international group of scientists excavated ancient DNA from teeth and peered into the lives of a once thriving medieval Ashkenazi Jewish community. The findings, shared today in the Journal Cell, show that the Erfurt Jewish community was more genetically diverse than modern day Ashkenazi Jews.

Visit our website for full stories and to keep track of all the captivating stories of brilliance and exciting events hosted by HU or BFHU.



Awards, Grants, Scholarships and Prizes

Shai Carmi, PhD (Life Sciences) won the **2023 Blavatnik Awards for Young Scientists in Israel** for his fundamental contributions to the fields of population and medical genetics.

The distinguished **Polonsky Prizes for Creativity and Originality in the Humanistic Disciplines** was given to five exceptional scholars and undergraduates: Dr Karma Ben Johanan received First Prize Researcher Award; Dr Yakir Paz honoured with Second Prize Researcher Award; Dr Nora Derbal recognised as First Prize Post-Doctoral Researcher; Mr Ami Asyag and Mr Yakir Ariel Awarded in PhD or MA Students Category.

The prestigious **Kaye Innovation Awards** mark their 29th year with four exceptional prize winners. The prestigious 1st Prize Researcher title was awarded to both Dr Lior Nissim and Prof Nurit Argov-Argaman and the distinguished 2nd Prize Researcher honour went to Prof Roie Yerushalmi and Dr Haitham Amal. Dr Haitham Amal is a Hebrew University Autism Researcher who's the first researcher outside the US to be awarded the \$400,000 Eagles Autism Foundation Grant.

Five Hebrew University students received the **Prestigious President's Scholarships**. The theme of the award for the 2021-2022 academic year was "Between Israel and the Nations: History, Memory and Thoughts in the Light of the Holocaust and its Effects".

Prof Mona Khoury, Vice President for Strategy and Diversity and Prof Meir Buzaglo from the Department of Philosophy, were awarded the **Presidential Medal of Honour** which is given by the President of Israel to a number of individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to the State of Israel, the Jewish people and all humanity.

Sternberg Prizes for Interfaith Understanding were awarded in 2023 to four outstanding students of the of the Hebrew University engaged in the study of religion: Myson Fourani, MA student in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies and Comparative Religion; Hamutal Cohen, an advanced MA student who is writing a thesis on German Protestant diaconates; top BA student Adi Marer who plans to continue for an MA in Christianity; BA student Amichai Clymer who studies ancient religions between Mesopotamia and Egypt.



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The Hebrew University's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship leverages the potential of innovation at the Hebrew University in order to solve significant problems through entrepreneurship. The centre promotes the University as a supportive environment for entrepreneurs, instills an entrepreneurial mindset and skills into students and researchers and serves as a catalyst for the development of startups and social enterprises.



AVERTO WINS HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S ASPER PRIZE STARTUP AWARD FOR 2023

In 2023, the highly competitive Asper Prize startup competition, which celebrates and recognises young startups leveraging innovative technologies to create a profound and positive global impact, featured 45 competing startups. Ultimately, Avertto, a startup in the health field, emerged as the winner, receiving a NIS 100,000 award from ASPER-HUJI Innovate, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center and the Asper Foundation. Avertto was honoured for its groundbreaking work in developing a device and monitoring system that creates an alert in the event of the imminent risk of a stroke, showcasing the power of innovative technologies to make a positive global impact.

ASPER-HUJI INNOVATE PARTNERS WITH NUCLEATE ISRAEL TO IGNITE STUDENT INNOVATION IN BIOTECHNOLOGY WORLDWIDE

ASPER-HUJI Innovate hosted the opening event of Nucleate, their new innovative community in collaboration with Nucleate Israel. Nucleate is an international, non-profit student organisation that promotes the fields of biotechnology, innovation and initiative among students around the world. The organisation promotes collaborations among students at the world's leading universities (Harvard, MIT, Oxford and many others) as well as their global hackathons. Active students in the organisation have established several startups in the field. Nucleate's first event at HUJI exceeded the expectations! The launch event attracted some 100 participants who had the opportunity to listen to incredible speakers from the Israeli and global biotech industry.

FACULTECH STUDENTS' ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB HOSTED A ROUND TABLES EVENT: "MEET THE AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY"

FaculTech, the centre's innovative community of agriculture, food and environment at Rehovot campus hosts events, meetups and workshops in the field of AgriTech and FoodTech in Israel and worldwide. 60 participants, students, alumni and researchers, attended and heard 12 key speakers from leading companies in AgriFoodtech share their knowledge and experience at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment speakers shared their unique knowledge about the industry, career advice, potential positions and most importantly networking!

Read more about ASPER-HUJI Innovate www.en.innovate.huji.ac.il



THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY'S TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER COMPANY

It's been an incredible year for Yissum, the technology transfer company [TTO] of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Founded in 1964, it serves as a bridge between cutting-edge academic research and a global community of entrepreneurs, investors and industry. Yissum's mission is to benefit society by converting extraordinary innovations and transformational technologies into commercial solutions that address our most urgent global challenges. With over 11,500 Patents, 1,140 Licensing Deals, 3,490 Inventions, 245 Portfolio Companies, YISSUM is the foremost TTO in Israel and a leader internationally.

BETTER JUICE ACHIEVES SUGAR REDUCTION IN FRUIT JUICES

Better Juice, an Israeli FoodTech start-up, has successfully completed pilot trials to reduce simple sugars in natural berry and other fruit juices. Partnering with GEA Group, a leading food processing technology supplier, Better Juice hosted fruit juice manufacturers from around the world to test their groundbreaking sugar-reduction technology. With promising feedback, Better Juice anticipates sugar-reduced berry fruit juices to hit the shelves early next year, giving consumers healthier options while retaining the delicious taste they love.

NOT ONLY SOYA, OAT OR ALMOND MILK: \$6M INVESTMENT FOR "LETTUCE MILK" STARTUP

A startup that's working on lettuce milk as the latest non-dairy alternative has announced \$6 million in early-stage funding. Pigmentum is developing technology that uses "plants as factories" to produce much-needed flavours, colours and proteins for the food, cosmetics and other industries. It grows GM lettuce in hi-tech greenhouses, which it then squeezes into a juice that looks, smells and tastes like cows' milk – and which, unlike any other dairy substitute, contains the casein needed to make "real" cheese. Tal Lutzky, Co-Founder of Pigmentum, said: "The ability to produce dairy components from plants has the potential to change the dairy industry and positively impact the world as a whole".

ISRAEL-BASED CLEARMIND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES TWO R&D PROJECTS WITH YISSUM

Clearmind Medicine Inc. is a biotech company focused on discovery and development of novel psychedelic-derived therapeutics to solve major under-treated health problems. They have recently announced the successful completion of two R&D projects with leading scientists from multiple disciplines at the Hebrew University as part of a collaboration established with the University's technology transfer company, Yissum.



HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDY SETS NEW TRANSPARENCY STANDARDS FOR GMO-FREE PRODUCTION OF CULTURED MEAT

In a groundbreaking study led by Hebrew University Prof Yaakov Nahmias, who also serves as the Founder, President and Chief Technology Officer of Believer Meats, researchers have achieved a significant milestone. They have created immortal cell lines of chicken fibroblasts, utilising a revolutionary process of spontaneous immortalisation patented by the company just last year. Unlike other approaches in the field, this breakthrough doesn't involve genetic modifications, ensuring that the resulting product is truly non-GMO. This innovative process not only maintains the integrity of the product but also notably enhances manufacturing efficiency, leading to a substantial reduction in the cost of producing cultured chicken.

For further reading please visit YISSUM's website www.yissum.co.il

International Students

International students come to the Hebrew University to gain world-class knowledge and skills with a Masters degree, later using their new-found expertise back home to improve health, nutrition, food supply and general living conditions. For example, over a period of 40 years, some 1,000 students from 110 countries have graduated in public health.



BETU ANNA

The Glocal International Development Studies Programme

My journey towards the Hebrew University in Jerusalem was shaped by six years of dedicated service to displaced individuals from countries such as Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Burundi, Ethiopia and Eritrea. Working tirelessly in six different refugee camps in Uganda and Rwanda, I've strived to help these resilient individuals rebuild their lives with dignity and security.

My path to Glocal was coincidental; I crossed paths with a Glocal intern in 2022 while collaborating with the Danish Refugee Council in Rhino Camp Refugee Settlement, Uganda. In my extensive humanitarian experience, I yearned for sustainable, long-term solutions for refugees turned residents. Glocal was the beacon of hope I sought in a master's programme, providing a comprehensive blend of theory and practice in migration and international development.

Israel has been a transformative experience, where I've been immersed in diverse dimensions – from development approaches to cultures, socio-economics and the unwavering support of the Glocal staff and the university community. My time at the Hebrew University has not only broadened my knowledge but also expanded my social capital, fostering bonds with classmates, individuals beyond my cohort and the larger community.

The Pears Foundation Scholarship has reinvigorated my dedication to the humanitarian and development sectors. It has armed me with invaluable insights, skills, a robust support system and an extensive network, empowering me to make a profound impact in the lives of displaced individuals. I am now better equipped than ever to contribute meaningfully to their journey towards a brighter future.



We remain grateful to all sponsors of the international students, including Pears Foundation for their significant ongoing support for international scholars in all three programmes: public health, agricultural sciences and Glocal (local community development).



Honouring Sir Trevor and Lady Daniela Pears, Celebrating Graduates

The Hebrew University was thrilled to host Sir Trevor and Lady Daniela Pears along with Dina Gidron, Pears Foundation representative in Israel, as special guests for a number of ceremonies in September 2023. Their presence reflected the Foundation’s ongoing support for three flagship international masters programmes. Ceremonies were attended by Ambassadorial delegations, ‘Mashav’ (Israel’s Foreign Ministry overseas aid division) and University leadership along with family members of Pears scholarship recipients.

In addition to the two graduation ceremonies, the visit included the dedication of the Pears Garden,

a beautiful open space on the Rehovot campus of the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Speaking at the dedication ceremony and the unveiling of the plaque, Sir Trevor commented “for our family, these international programmes reflect our values of giving back to the world, exactly in line with the Hebrew University founders and leadership today. Our support started with an informal discussion with the British Friends in London. Now, fast forward some 20 years, our commitment remains strong, it gives us great pleasure to see students graduate with ambitious plans ahead to help their own communities back home; we salute them for what they’ve done and for what they’re going to do”.

How Do We Make a Significant Impact on Society?

Led by a multidisciplinary team of University staff and researchers headed by Prof Nadav Katz of the Racah Institute of Physics, the Green Campus Initiative has overseen and spearheaded significant changes on campus, from improving recycling and energy conservation, to advocating for green transportation. The Building and Infrastructure Division of the University was instrumental in implementing these initiatives:



SOLAR PANELS

The 1.2 megawatts of energy from the Mount Scopus roofs make it the largest system at an Israeli university



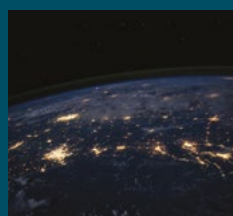
HOT WATER

Solar-powered water heating systems in the dorms and energy-efficient showerheads, save 28,000 cubits of water per year and 513,000 NIS in energy and water costs



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

For encouraging energy and water conservation and other behavioural changes



ENERGY-EFFICIENCY

Introducing technologies, including VRF systems, VAV hoods, HR chillers, 5T LED lights, heat pumps and using LPG instead of diesel fuel



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For student and faculty-led sustainability initiatives



GREEN CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

New buildings built according to LEED SILVER: The Suzanne and Charles Goodman Brain Sciences Building on the Safra campus and the Institute for Advanced Studies on Mount Scopus.



LIGHT RAIL

The University is working to extend the Jerusalem light rail lines to connect all three campuses to encourage the usage of electric public transportation and thus reduce emissions.



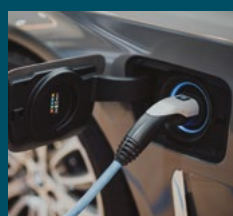
RECYCLING

The Green Campus Initiative installed a pool of reusable dishes and silverware for departmental usage on the Mount Scopus campus.



TEMPERATURE CONTROL

A water condenser on the Safra campus provides 24/7 heating and cooling to save 660,000 NIS/year. Computerised controls for fume hoods mean 50% reduction in energy usage, with 15,000 NIS savings per ten fume hoods.



ELECTRIC CARS

The University installed electric vehicle charging stations on the Mount Scopus and Edmond J. Safra campuses, as well as bicycle maintenance facilities on all four campuses.

Measured for the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking, Hebrew University's total carbon footprint in 2019 was 75,642 metric tons, mainly from electricity usage. In 2022, the University was ranked #381 of 1,050 and #1 in Israel.

The Impact of HU

Universities are central for the community as they serve as hubs for education, innovation and research and provide opportunities for individuals to develop the skills and knowledge needed to contribute to society's advancement. The communities related can be the University itself, or are composed of many communities (students, faculty and the many sub-groups within).

The Hebrew University is a central fixture in the Jerusalem ecosystem. The city is known for its strong academic-industry-government synergy and has a thriving Artificial Intelligence/Big Data and Life Sciences ecosystem. On the other hand, it has double the poverty rate of the rest of the country. According to a 2016 report by Professor Shlomo Hasson for the

Shasha Center for Strategic Studies at the Hebrew University, the University's impact on Jerusalem can be divided into the following categories: direct economic impact, benefits to individuals and society, knowledge creation. According to the research, these lead to quality jobs and business creation, higher aggregate incomes and a higher quality of life for residents.

Hebrew University's Contribution to Jerusalem and the State of Israel in Numbers (Based on a 2016 report)

10

Companies founded every year by faculty (many remain in Jerusalem, employing 100s of workers)

4.2B

Direct economic contribution of the Hebrew University to the State of Israel

12.7%

Of total salaries in Jerusalem come from Hebrew University salaries (assuming 80% of employees live in Jerusalem)

~2.4B

Direct contribution to Jerusalem from the University

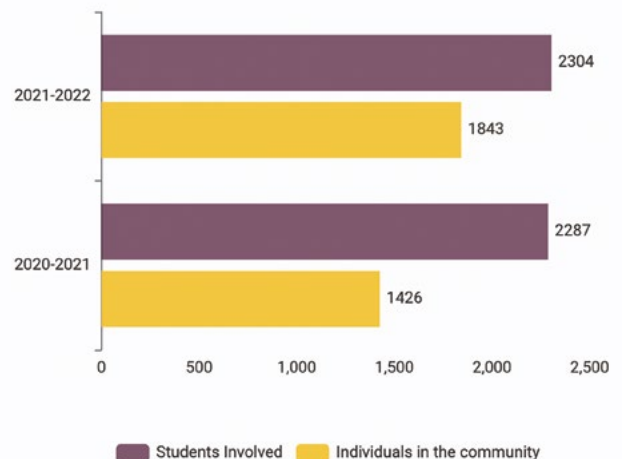
292%

University's return For every 1.0 NIS the University receives from the Planning & Budgetary Committee, the University returns 2.92 NIS (the original investment plus 1.92 NIS)

Through a variety of programmes, students are encouraged to be involved in their local communities, whether it is working one-on-one, or with groups of different people, Hebrew University students answer the call to be involved and make an impact. 83 University programmes are involved in community outreach.

The Dean of Students Office houses the Unit for Social Involvement, which provides scholarships to students who are involved in various university-community initiatives. The initiatives are focused on educational, social and economic disparities in Israeli society. As the next generation of leaders, students are encouraged to participate in the discussion, insights and activism for social change and a more egalitarian society, based on values of justice and social rights.

These numbers represent participants in the Unit for Social Involvement initiatives. It does not represent community events that are held for larger groups. Individuals who are directly working with the students, this number does not include community events that are held for larger groups.



Source: read the full Impact Report



The 86th Hebrew University International Board of Governors

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is recognised as a global leader tackling some of the greatest global challenges - global warming, clean environment, green energy, food security and protein substitutes. The theme of this year's Board gathering was 'Sustainable Planet', a field of research that the Hebrew University has rapidly developed in the last decade with our scholars working towards a better world.

Over a period of four days, friends around the world joined together on 3 of the main HU campuses. Attendees enjoyed a day of festivities on the Rehovot campus, featuring a HUJI market and updates on the latest sustainable research, topped off with a festive cocktail party. The first plenary session reviewed HU's research and academic achievements including the Kaye Innovation Awards, the Polonsky Prizes for Creativity and Originality in the Humanistic Disciplines and the Asper Prize Startup Award.

At a variety of ceremonies, the gathering recognised many honourees from across the world, friends and academics who have helped to ensure the critical element of excellence for which the University is known. These included :

- the conferring of an Honorary Fellowship on Sir Jonathan Cohen KC marking his family's multi-generational support nurturing connections between the UK judiciary and the Faculty of Law in particular the annual Lionel Cohen law lecture, initiated in 1953
- honouring his parents, Barbara & Yehezkel z"l and their support for the specialist Revivim teacher training programme, Dr Harry Sieratzki attended the ceremony inscribing their names on the Wall of Life, located on the edge of the Mt Scopus Campus facing Jerusalem's Old City
- recognising her ongoing close collaboration between the Hebrew University in her field of Social Psychology and LSE, Prof Sonia Livingstone OBE FBA was conferred an Honorary Doctorate



Relive the international gathering
in a fantastic 3-minute video







Cornerstone Laying of the New Einstein House

to be opened in 2025, marking the University's 100 years

Undoubtedly the highlight of the gathering was the closing event, an outdoor Gala Dinner, marking the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Einstein House, featuring President of the State of Israel, Isaac Herzog, President of the Hebrew University, Prof Asher Cohen, Mayor of Jerusalem, Moshe Leon, art collector and donor, Jose Mugrabi and renowned architect Daniel Libeskind. The new building will house Einstein's treasures, his personal and academic papers including the original hand-written theory of relativity, all bequeathed to the Hebrew University when Einstein died in 1955.

"The Hebrew University is acting as the beacon of knowledge, as the frontier of inquiry, as a bridge to discovery, for people in Israel and around the world, in just the way Einstein himself envisioned", remarked President Herzog at the ceremony. "We have a treasure of immense cultural importance" said Prof Hanoch Gutfreund, Director of the Einstein

Centre. "Thanks to the generosity of the Mugrabis, the Hebrew University is able to fulfil a long-term dream and plan to make the Einstein archives available and accessible to the general public". The distinctive building will highlight the impact of Einstein's discoveries, his involvement in humanitarian and civil rights issues, as well as his deep commitment to the Hebrew University, the State of Israel and global Jewish community. The building is due to be opened to the public by 2025, precisely in time for the Hebrew University's centennial celebrations. "Designing a building which is dedicated to this amazing person, who is so fascinating beyond just being a great scientist, being a great humanitarian, a Zionist, was a thrill for me" says Daniel Libeskind, architect of the Einstein house. "It's really unprecedented and just a once in a lifetime opportunity". "I think this is the best thing I have done in my life for Israel and the Hebrew University where I hope a few more Einstein's will be discovered!" concluded Jose Mugrabi.



Albert Einstein – a new home in Jerusalem, 2 November 2023 at JW3.

Join an unforgettable evening featuring Prof Hanoch Gutfreund and architect Daniel Libeskind. See www.bfhu.org/events





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Visitors to and from



PROF YUVAL SHANY ENGAGES YOUNG AUDIENCE AT LIMMUD UK

Renowned legal scholar Prof Yuval Shany, the Hersch Lauterpacht Chair in international law and former dean of the law faculty of the Hebrew University, captivated a young audience at Limmud UK in December 2022. In his thought-provoking lecture titled "Human Rights for the Digital Age," Prof Shany presented a comprehensive analysis, outlining three distinct 'generations' of rights: reinterpretation of existing rights (privacy, speech), introduction of new rights (right to be forgotten, internet access) and the emergence of new right holders and duty holders (virtual persons and online platforms).



MEETING THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY TZAMERET ELITE MILITARY MEDICAL STUDENTS

In May, the British Friends Medical Group was given a rare opportunity to meet in person four Tzameret Students, in an event hosted by HU Governors Ruth and Noam Tamir at their London home and moderated by Dr Barry Ferris. These students are part of Israel's only elite Military Medicine Study Track, a partnership between the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) and the Hebrew University. The students shared their experiences in the programme, which offers additional courses for the very best medical students, focusing on special rigorous medical training for the military environment and trauma medicine.



EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN ACTION

On one of September's hottest Sunday evenings, a small group gathered to listen to Amal Khayat, a Hebrew University doctoral candidate from East Jerusalem, who dedicates her life to building bridges and working with young Palestinian women to break through glass ceilings and pursue their dreams. Amal has never given up on her future and has pursued higher education at the Hebrew University that opened a door to a world that she did not know existed. It was truly inspiring to hear from Amal.



SIR HERSCH LAUTERPACHT QC HONoured WITH BLUE PLAQUE

English Heritage has unveiled a blue plaque at the former north London residence of Hersch Lauterpacht, a prominent 20th-century international lawyer, where he resided for a decade, starting in 1923. The plaque hails him as “An architect of modern international law and human rights”. His legacy was already honoured at the Hebrew University through the Hersch Lauterpacht Chair, established by his son, Sir Elihu Lauterpacht CBE QC and presently occupied by the esteemed Prof Yuval Shany.



100 YEARS SINCE EINSTEIN'S HISTORIC VISIT TO JERUSALEM

Marking Einstein's first and only visit to the Hebrew University in 1923, BFHU trustee Ben Stowe hosted an 'at-home' with guest Chaya Becker, Hebrew University Albert Einstein archivist. To the delight of guests, Chaya shared many rare photos and images also explaining that Einstein's lecture on campus on the Theory of Relativity was delivered in French. Einstein never returned but identified closely with the Hebrew University throughout his life “I know of no public event which has given me such delight as the proposal to establish a Hebrew University in Jerusalem”.



A NOTABLE APPEARANCE AT THE LONDON DESIGN BIENNALE

The Hebrew University made a significant impact at The London Design Biennale in June 2023, themed “The Global Game: Remapping Collaborations” at Somerset House. It was part of a design group called “The Automorph Group,” comprising designers, architects, physicists and engineers working together to introduce self-morphing to various structures. Prof Eran Sharon of the Racah Institute of Physics at the Hebrew University and Dr Arielle Blonder of the Faculty of Architecture and Town Planning at the Technion led the group and together they developed self-morphing concepts, theories and initial realisations. Their collaboration resulted in high-level scientific papers and exhibitions in Israel, attracting an international network of self-morphing experts. Prof Sharon delivered an engaging talk at the Creative Differences Workshop, exploring the geometrical and mechanical principles of self-morphing, providing practical examples and shedding light on the field's future directions. This event highlighted the Hebrew University as a world leader in self-morphing, a field with potential high impact on our lives, with British Friends of the Hebrew University playing a pivotal role by supporting the event's funding.



ISRAEL'S CONSTITUTION – WHERE NOW?

As part of the JW3 lecture series, an engaging conversation took place between Prof Yuval Shany from the Hebrew University and Crossbench Peer in the House of Lords, Lord Pannick KC who chairs the British Friends legal group committee. The discussion delved into the overall trajectory of Israeli constitutional law and examined the extent to which observers, both inside and outside Israel, should be concerned about its long-term democratic well-being.



THE 14TH ALBERT NEUBERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE

The Handel Hall at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace on the Mount Scopus Campus was close to capacity, when a large audience gathered to hear the Psychology Department's 14th Albert Neuberger Memorial Lecture series. This year's lecture, titled 'The Pattern Seekers: How Autism Drives Human Invention', was given by Professor Simon Baron-Cohen FBA FBPsS, a British clinical psychologist and a Professor of developmental psychopathology at the University of Cambridge. Simon also serves as the Director of the Autism Research Centre and is a Fellow of Trinity College. His family's connection to HU is multi-generational.



A WORTHY TRIBUTE TO RABBI LORD JONATHAN SACKS ZT"l

It's not every day we get to hear an inspiring lecture held by a Revivim Programme graduate, here in London. The Bloomstein Hall at the Western Marble Synagogue in Central London, where Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l had served before his appointment to Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, was the fitting venue for a wonderful evening attended by Lady Elaine Sacks and an audience of distinguished guests. Chananya Rothner's lecture "Textual Innovation in Times of Crisis: Understanding Isaiah 13", was based on his thesis that was dedicated to Rabbi Lord Sacks zt"l and was supported by the Batya Sieratzki z"l Revivim Scholarship Fund.

The photo shows from left to right Chananya Rothner, Luba Selzer (née Sieratzki), Lady Elaine Sacks, Dr Harry Sieratzki.



BRITISH AMBASSADOR SIMON WALTERS VISITS THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

British Ambassador to Israel, Simon Walters, made his first visit to the Mount Scopus Campus of the Hebrew University since he took office in August. The purpose of the visit was to discuss scientific collaborations between the UK and the University. After meeting with University officials at Mount Scopus campus, Ambassador Walters visited Prof Yaakov Nahmias's MicroTissue lab at the Edmond J. Safra campus, where he had the chance to look through a microscope to see the "beating human heart" on a chip. We extend our best wishes to Ambassador Walters in his new role as the British Ambassador to Israel and eagerly anticipate further visits and prosperous collaborations between the UK and Israel.



THE 2023 LIONEL COHEN LECTURE

Prof Richard Susskind OBE KC (hon), President of the Society for Computers and Law and Technology Advisor to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, visited the Hebrew University in May. In front of a gathering of over 100 law students, Prof Susskind delivered the Faculty of Law's 2023 Lionel Cohen Lecture on 'Artificial Intelligence in the Law: The 2nd Quarter of the Twenty-First Century.' On the topic of AI, Prof Susskind was interviewed by Joshua Rozenberg KC (hon) for his long-running BBC Radio series 'Law in Action'.



ELNET UK HOUSE OF LORDS DELEGATION MEETS THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

Prof Mona Khoury, Hebrew University VP Diversity, Inclusivity and Strategy, addressed a delegation including 22 UK House of Lords members along with British Friends Chair, Alan Jacobs. Peers heard in detail about the University's ongoing plans creating a campus environment where minority groups can feel welcomed and engaged.

To listen to the interview,
go to 21:50



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captivating stories of brilliance
and exciting events hosted
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British Friends News and Events

1 **BRITISH FRIENDS 67TH ANNUAL LEGAL DINNER AT MIDDLE TEMPLE HALL**

Chaired by Lord Pannick KC and attended by over 170 guests, the event featured The Right Honourable The Lord Burnett of Maldon, Lord Chief Justice of England & Wales, in conversation with Joshua Rozenberg KC (hon) as the guest speaker. Prof Tomer Broude, Dean of the Hebrew University Faculty of Law, expressed gratitude for the 70-year relationship with the British Friends and emphasised the importance of their generous support. The Dinner raised funds for the Clinical Legal Education Centre and financial assistance to the Hebrew University students participating in the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies programme in London.

3 **UNVEILING OF BIBLICAL-THEMED PERSIAN SILK CARPET DONATED TO THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY**

The Hebrew University unveiled a remarkable 19th century Biblical-themed Persian silk carpet, once owned by the Litchfield family who fled from Dusseldorf to England in 1939. The carpet was donated in their memory to the BFHU by their children, Stephen Gavin Litchfield and Felice Betty Rose-Litchfield.

5 **JEWISH LABOUR MOVEMENT**

British Friends Chief Executive, Nigel Salomon addressed the Enfield & Barnet Branch of the Jewish Labour Movement, hosted in the home of its local chair, Brian Harris. The talk covered the history, achievements, impact and quest for peace of the Hebrew University including a display of archive material of the British Friends dating back to its earliest days in the 1920's. Brian presented to BFHU a rare copy of the speeches of the University's first Chancellor and later President, Yehuda Magnes; the book was published in 1936 and will be added to the British Friends archive.

2 **BFHU WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEE, JEREMY AMIAS**

Jeremy Amias is Vice Chair at international banking group Standard Chartered Bank. He was until recently based in the USA and was Chair of their Diversity and Inclusion Council and was recognised on the 2021 Empower 100 Ethnic Minority Executive List for his impact on enhancing inclusion at the bank. "I am delighted and honoured to have been asked to become a trustee of the British Friends", said Jeremy as he began his new role. As a new trustee, he has taken on the role as Chair, BFHU investments committee.

4 **TIME FOR A CHANGE**

After 15 years in Supreme House, the British Friends team has a fresh start – a move to a new and more modern office, only 100 meters away from the old office. Come and meet us at Marlborough House. Phone numbers and the friends email address remain unchanged. See back page for the full new mailing address.

6 **THE MOUNT SCOPUS ROSE GARDEN**

With the generous support of Anthony & Jacira Maurice in partnership with the British Friends, a beautiful Rose Garden has been planted on The Mount Scopus campus, in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The garden is expected to come into full bloom in the Spring of 2024. The location of the garden is of particular significance as it lies almost in line of sight of the Convent of Saint Mary Magdalene in Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives where Princess Alice, mother of Prince Philip is buried. She was named 'Righteous among the Nations' by Yad Vashem, having saved a Jewish Greek family during the Shoah.



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- **Scheduled daytime flights from and to London**
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- **Expert guided tours of Jerusalem and its environs in air-conditioned coaches with English-speaking guides**
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- **Relax in a safe, secure and welcoming environment**
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To qualify, you must be over 60, agree to participate in the full programme and willing to commit to a legacy to The University of £15,000 per person (£25,000 per couple).

For the first time, we will be joined by a group from the Australian Friends of the Hebrew University.

For more information about the Mission contact Gill Benson on **020 8349 5757** or email gill.benson@bfhu.org

Legacy Mission excludes travel insurance.

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Our Future is Here

A Journey in Time

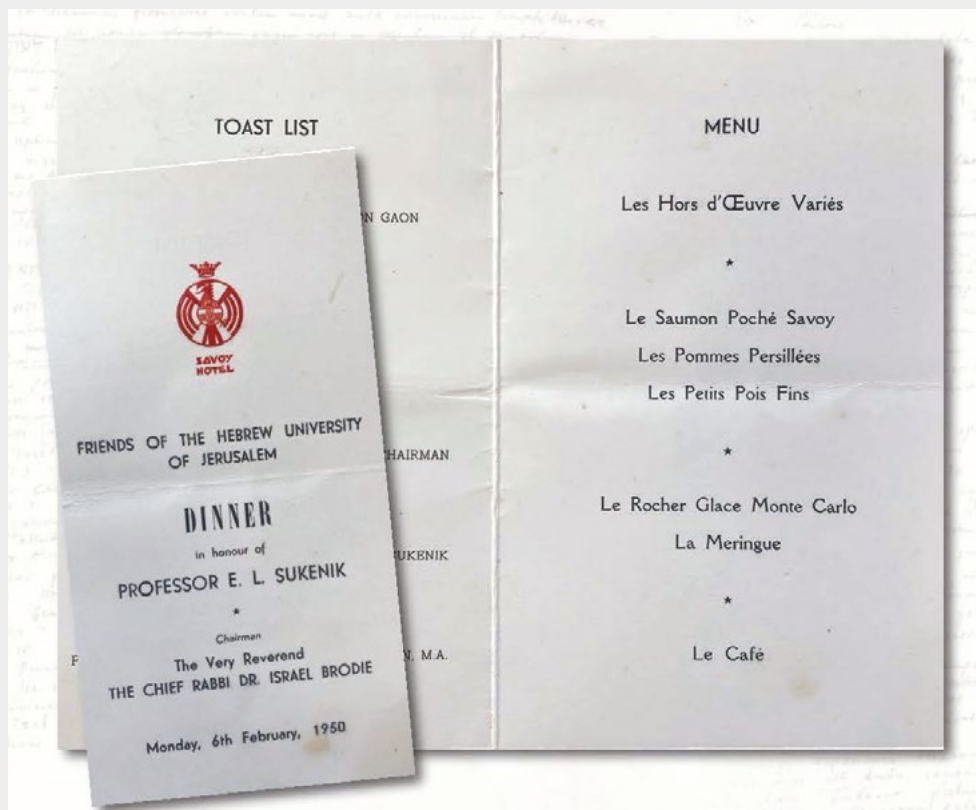
In 1950, in a distant country, far away from London, in a newly formed state led by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and President Chaim Weizman, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem marked its 25th anniversary. At the time, the city of Jerusalem was divided, rendering the Mount Scopus campus inaccessible. To compensate, over 50 new temporary locations emerged in the city.

Back in London, imagine the early 1950s: George VI reigned, while Clement Attlee served as Prime Minister in between two of Churchill's terms of office. It was a time when televisions and washing machines were making their debut in households, the baby boomer generation was on the rise and the standard of living was steadily improving after the years of war and rationing.

The British Friends, ever committed to the Hebrew University, organised a celebratory fundraising dinner at the prestigious Savoy Hotel. Guests were treated to exquisite French cuisine and raised toasts to three distinguished individuals.

Fast forward to 2023: As we packed our belongings before relocating to a new office just 100 meters from the previous one, we stumbled upon a treasure trove of archive documents that filled us with nostalgia. Among them was the menu from the 1950 dinner.

In two years, in 2025, the University will celebrate its 100th anniversary and this presents a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with individuals from the past or to forge new connections with those who knew them. Do you happen to know anyone who attended this event? Please share any information you may have with us at friends@bfhu.org



Save the Date

OCTOBER 2023

10/10
HU (UK) Alumni community
inaugural event



25/10
Alpha-Omega/Landes family
Dental Faculty plaque
unveiling at HU



NOVEMBER 2023

02/11
HU speaker series at JW3:
'Albert Einstein: a New Home
in Jerusalem', also marking
100 years since Einstein's first
and only visit to HU.
With Prof Hanoch Gutfreund,
renowned architect Daniel
Libeskind, moderator Julia
Hobsbawm.



12/11
The Hebrew University's
Virtual Open Day

12/11, 14:00 Israel time
Ellis & Alma Birk Prizes
ceremony, at HU.

DECEMBER 2023

6/12, 17:00 UK TIME
Joint Zoom event: BFHU &
Anglo-Israel Archaeological
Society 'The Dawn
of the Aleph Bet'



22-27/12
Winter Limmud UK



TBC
Sacher Memorial Law Lecture
at HU: Prof Samuel Moyn
(Harvard).

JANUARY 2024

JAN 2024
Webinar with UCL's Institute
for Jewish Studies



FEBRUARY 2024

26/2-4/3
Jewish Book Week including
HU faculty both virtual and
physical. With Prof Elisheva
Baumgarten, Prof Moshe Idel,
Prof Arnold Davidson/Zalmen
Gradowski, Dr Lea Taragin-
Zeller.

MARCH 2024

TBC
The Sir Sigmund and Lady
Hazel Sternberg Prizes for
Interfaith Understanding,
at HU.

12/3

HU speaker series at JW3:
Prof Mona Houry, Creating
a diverse and inclusive campus
at the Hebrew University
of Jerusalem. In memory of
Hebrew University Honorary
Fellow Thea Zucker z"l



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BFHU Medical Group event-
HU Tzameret elite military
medicine students



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A wonderful free trip to
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