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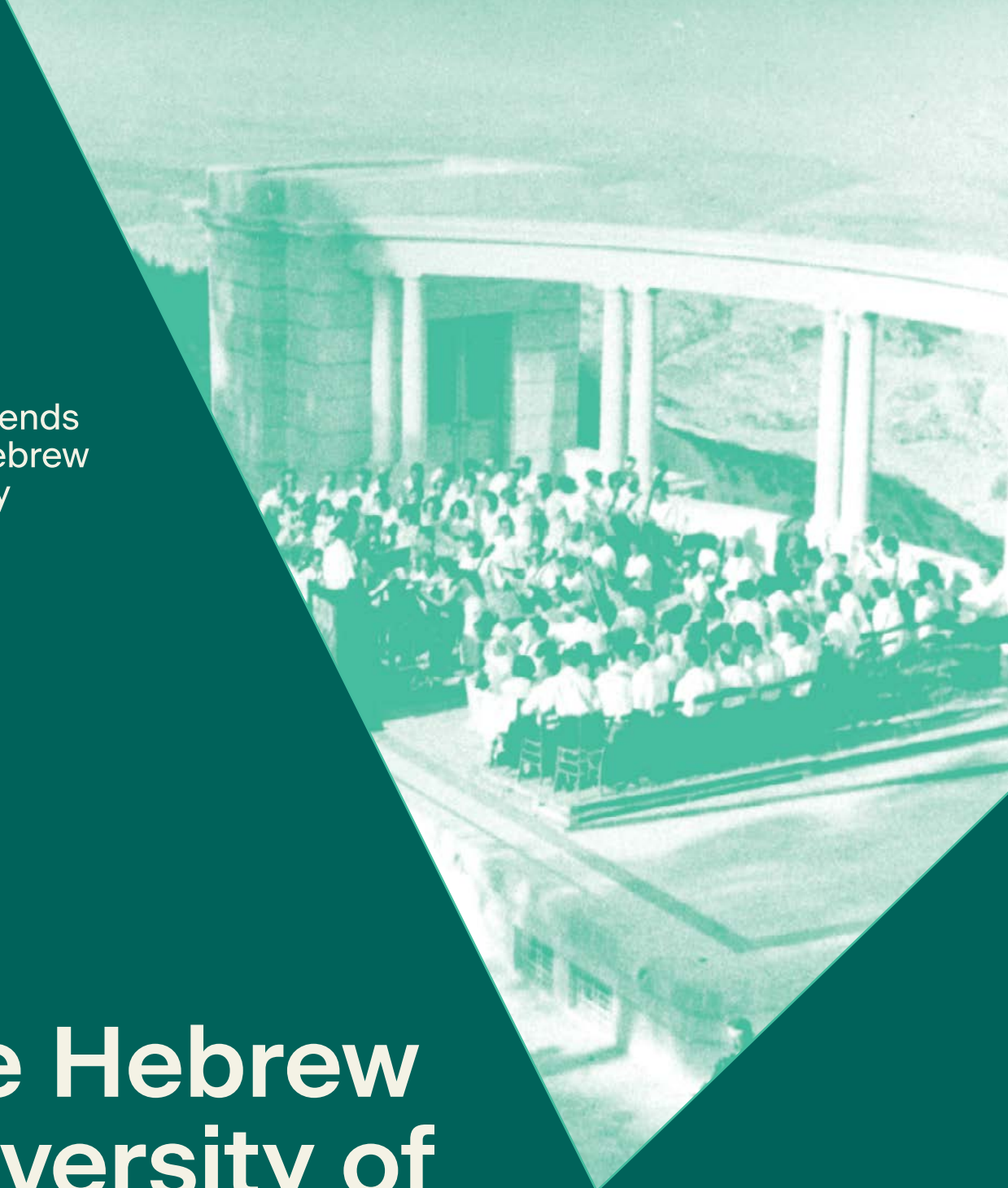


# The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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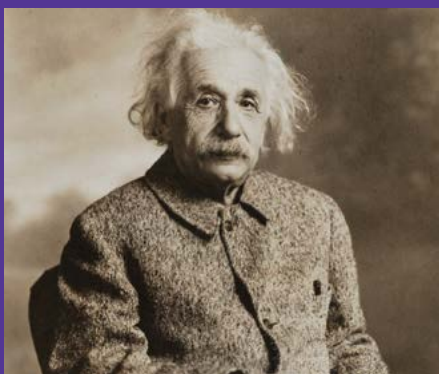
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“I know of no public event which has given me such delight as the proposal to establish a Hebrew University in Jerusalem”

ALBERT EINSTEIN,  
Nobel Laureate Hebrew University Founder,  
April 1921

(The Collected Papers of Albert Einstein)

Throughout FUTURE magazine the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is variously referred to as HU or HUJI and the British Friends as BFHU

# The Hebrew University in Numbers

## GENERAL NUMBERS

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| BA Students                    | 13,500 |
| MA Students                    | 5,600  |
| Preparatory (Mechina) Students | 350    |
| International Students         | 1,000  |
| PhD Students                   | 2,300  |
| Post-Docs                      | 350    |
| Total Students                 | 23,100 |
| Faculty Members                | 1,050  |
| Total # of Courses             | 6,250  |

## AWARDS & PRIZES

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Nobel Prize                         | 8   |
| Fields Medal in Mathematics         | 1   |
| Turing Award in Computer Science    | 2   |
| Abel Prize                          | 1   |
| Wolf Prize                          | 15  |
| Canada Gairdner International Award | 1   |
| Shaw Prize in Mathematics           | 1   |
| Rothschild Prize                    | 101 |
| Emet Prize                          | 63  |
| Israel Prize                        | 314 |

## YISSUM

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Patents            | 11,500+ |
| Licenses           | 1,140+  |
| Spin-off Companies | 200+    |

## RANKINGS

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Global Universities Ranking | top ½% |
| Mathematics*                | 22     |
| Communications*             | 15     |
| Law*                        | 50     |
| Public Administration*      | 51-75  |
| Political Science*          | 51-75  |

(\*ARWU worldwide data 2023)

## RESEARCH

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Researchers          | 1,422 |
| Research Centres     | 101   |
| 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.

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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.*

# Letter from the Chief Executive

Reaching the grand age of 100 is something to be celebrated; for the Hebrew University, its history is a story of triumph over adversity. On 1<sup>st</sup> April 1925 during the British Mandate, the vision of the early dreamers became a reality when thousands attended the opening ceremony in the amphitheatre on Mount Scopus. An illustrious gathering of dignitaries, politicians, academicians, clerics and lay leaders from all communities, local and overseas, bore witness to the fulfilment of the hopes of founders, including Einstein, Freud, Buber, Weizmann and Ahad Ha'am.

The upheavals of the War of Independence left Mount Scopus an isolated enclave. By 1960 the Rehovot, Ein Kerem and Givat Ram campuses had opened. After the Six-Day War and the reunification of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus reopened its doors. Remarkably, despite further war in 1973, terrorist incidents, periodic international boycotts, financial and other challenges, the Hebrew University has flourished, ranked in the top ½% of global universities, committed to academic and research excellence, to pluralism and civil society, collaborating across every continent.

The horrific events of October 7 and the ensuing war have been an unsettling and traumatic period for Israeli society and the Hebrew University. Against a backdrop of hostages and many students mobilised, exceptional volunteerism has taken place with a commitment to multicultural campus life, while grappling externally with international boycotts.

The British Friends was a partner of the Hebrew University even before 1925. Our supporters, including multi-generation families and foundations, have stayed the course, funding generously, recognising the remarkable impact of the Hebrew University on the State of Israel.

This issue of *Future* attests to the resilience, achievements, aspirations and exciting future of the Hebrew University; it also reflects the commitment of our supporters and friends. We're all part of the Hebrew University family looking forward to the next 100 years and the next generation in this journey.

Do join us at the international gathering next June in Jerusalem to celebrate the University's foundation and its momentous centenary achievements.



NIGEL SALOMON, Chief Executive





# Thoughts on Leadership, Education and Zionism: with Alan Jacobs

Alan Jacobs' journey from Governor at University College and Henrietta Barnett schools in North-West London to Chair of the British Friends of the Hebrew University (BFHU) is testament to the importance he attaches to both education and Zionism. In an in-depth interview, Jacobs shared his insights on leadership, the role of philanthropy in the education sector, his own relationship with Israel and his passion for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Jacobs' dedication to education is clear from the start: "As an undergraduate at the University of Cambridge, I was lucky enough to receive one of the best educations money can buy and all for free. Wanting to give something back to the education sector comes naturally". Jacobs describes himself as a 'frustrated academic' and satisfied his personal itch for further education by earning a Master's in International Conflict Studies at King's College, London, with a dissertation examining Israeli society's relationship with its policy of nuclear ambiguity.

When the opportunity arose to join the BFHU board, Jacobs jumped at it. "My passion for education coupled with a lifelong commitment to Israeli causes made for a perfect fit" he says. "The more time I've spent immersing myself in the Hebrew University, the more I've fallen in love with it. I genuinely believe that HU represents everything that is great and good about Israel".

In 2021 he stepped up to the Chair of BFHU, succeeding Isaac Kaye, the distinguished, long-standing University

Governor and Member of its Executive Committee. Over three years under Jacobs' leadership, BFHU has seen significant changes. "I've focused on formalising processes and governance matters - evolution, not revolution - and rejuvenating and reinvigorating both the board and executive teams". Leadership for Jacobs is about being clear what we are trying to achieve and making the work engaging and collaborative. As a former lawyer, investment banker and entrepreneur he stresses "the importance of building strong relationships with other stakeholders. In BFHU's case this means working with the University's other Friends Organisations around the world. This collaborative approach underpins the UK team's growing influence and involvement with the Hebrew University".

Jacobs' connection to the Hebrew University is very personal. Reflecting on how it all began, he recalls "Before I took on the Chair of the Hebrew University in the UK, I had been a Governor of my former public school, UCS, and of a selective state academy, Henrietta Barnett. I was intrigued by the idea of

**“Both my family and Louise’s have always been involved in supporting Israel and Jewish causes and this upbringing instilled in both of us a strong sense of responsibility towards Israel and its institutions”**

doing something in higher education for the experience”. His wife, Louise Jacobs, until recently Chair of UJIA, plays a significant role in supporting Anglo-Israeli relations and Israeli causes and they have long had a home in Herzliya, which he describes as “their happy place” although Alan is quick to note that the current situation in Israel poses something of a challenge to that notion. “When we are in Israel, Louise immerses herself in work for UJIA and both the Jewish Agency and Birthright where she is a Trustee. Frankly, having a philanthropic interest in Israel to keep me busy had some appeal!”. And the fact that he was brought up in a Zionist home laid the foundation for his deep-seated commitment to Israel and its institutions. “Both my family and Louise’s have always been involved in supporting Israel and Jewish causes and this upbringing instilled in both of us a strong sense of responsibility towards Israel and its institutions”.

Since being engaged with the University, Jacobs has been on campus numerous times. Among his most memorable experiences is a moment that brought history to life. “I was looking through the Einstein archives and turning the pages of Einstein’s original handwritten General Theory of Relativity. I could feel the energy of Einstein through my fingertips – it was an amazing moment”.

Another highlight was meeting with students of the International Master in Public Health (IMPH) programme, who came to Israel despite the challenges posed by the October 7 tragedy. “Seeing the students from Africa, all qualified medical doctors, smiling and ready to continue their education in Jerusalem was a standout moment for me”.

Looking ahead, Jacobs acknowledges the challenges of engaging younger generations in philanthropy, especially in relation to Israel. “Future generations are less emotionally engaged with Israel, despite all the work that has been done to educate them and give them Israel experiences. They look more carefully at what they’re doing in terms of philanthropy in Israel, expecting to see impact and results rather than just giving for sentimental reasons. This shift necessitates a strategic approach on our part to demonstrate the tangible impact of contributions, ensuring that younger donors see the real difference their support can make”.

Jacobs sees the Hebrew University as a “beacon of excellence and a force for good in the world”. He is determined to ensure the University has the resources and support needed to thrive, continuing its role in solving global challenges and fostering international collaboration.

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# We are One Campaign



A few days after the outbreak of the Iron Swords War, Israel faced an unprecedented challenge. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, renowned for its academic excellence, swiftly launched the “We Are One” campaign to support the thousands of students, faculty and staff who had to leave their homes and academic duties for extended reserve service. Despite the war’s prolonged duration, the global community of friends and supporters, including those in Britain, responded with remarkable generosity. To date, more than \$9 million has been raised to fund various programmes, projects and initiatives that the University has implemented since the war began.





## Support for Students and Faculty

Around 6,000 students were called up for extended reserve duty and many in the University community were displaced. The academic year was delayed by 11 weeks, affecting thousands. The University's global network rallied to keep students on track without compromising academic standards. Online courses, flexible scheduling, additional academic sessions, expanded psychological services, subsidised counselling and accessibility adjustments, including flexible attendance and exam options, were provided. Financial aid and stipends were available and students who volunteered at Jerusalem's civic centre earned academic credits for their contributions.

## Honouring Sacrifices

As the toll of the war became clearer, with many lives lost and hostages taken, the University established a website to memorialise the fallen and remember those still in captivity.

## Expanding Outreach

To share knowledge and expertise, the University organised webinars on topics related to the war, covering historical context, trauma recovery, gender violence, war crimes, the Israel-Palestine conflict and more, featuring well-known University speakers. Recordings of some of the webinars are available on the BFHU website.

## Academic Boycotts and Diplomatic Efforts

In response to threats of academic boycotts, the University worked diligently to counteract these challenges. Efforts by key figures, including Professor Netta Barak-Corren from the Faculty of Law, Vice-President for International Affairs, Professor Oron Shagrir and former Rector, Professor Barak Medina, helped fend off boycott threats. The University also reached out to the European Union and sought legal counsel in Europe and the United States to protect its international collaborations.

## BFHU's Pesach Appeal

Thanks to generous donations from the British Friends, our Pesach appeal raised funds for two vital initiatives affected by the events of October 7. The Shared Society's Diversity Ambassadors programme, promoting unity among students from diverse backgrounds, received support, as did the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine, which has treated and fostered many canines from the south who were separated, injured or lost during the conflict.

## Ceremonies and Tributes

Throughout the year, the University held various memorial and tribute events. A memorial service at the Edmond J. Safra Givat Ram Campus marked one month from the October 7 massacre, honouring victims and calling for the safe return of all hostages. In January, solidarity rallies were held on each Hebrew University campus, concluding with the release of 100 yellow balloons symbolising hope. For Tu Bishvat, "Gardens of Hope" were planted at the Safra and Rehovot Campuses.

## Strengthening Ties with the South

The war severely impacted southern Israel, particularly its agriculture. The University mobilised volunteers from all campuses to assist with crop harvesting, while students and staff independently organised efforts to collect clothing and supplies for displaced families. University leaders visited affected areas, offering help and expertise in casualty identification, business support, trauma therapy and legal aid. Committed to education as a means of opportunity, the University partnered with Sapir College in Sderot to establish a joint school for acute medicine professions, which is currently awaiting government funding.

## The Future

As the conflict continues, the University remains committed to supporting its community, knowing that the need for assistance will persist. Through unity and resilience, the Hebrew University stands as a testament to the power of collective strength in adversity.



# Campus Life During a War



**BETH E. DEWING, English & History and intercultural communication exchange programme, University of Leeds**

Coming from a British Christian background, with a deep love of history and having a developing passion for interfaith dialogue, Jerusalem's mix of humanity, religious complexity and political history - embedded in its very stonework - was intoxicating.

Thanks to a grant from the British Friends, I had arrived at Hebrew U five weeks before the beginning of term to partake in an intensive Arabic course. Three days before my final exam, October 7 uprooted the life I had begun to slowly establish. I flew home on the 13<sup>th</sup>, leaving my idealism behind me on Mount Scopus. Term started (online) two days later.

As winter rolled in and online learning intensified, I hunkered down in a tiny house in Croatia with three friends from my Arabic class as we frantically tried to utilise our studies to understand what was taking place in Israel. In every Zoom class, the pain being experienced by staff and students was palpable, but despite the geographical divide some formational relationships began to be formed. My Jewish-Israeli Philosophy lecturer in particular can be said to have changed my life. Over multiple calls, he academically nursed me through an evolving faith crisis which was exploding into my essays, and in the process showed me the truth power that interfaith communication could have.

I spent the year's second semester studying in the Netherlands. But with a long summer before me, I applied for an internship in a reconciliation NGO back in Jerusalem. The idealism I left behind me has been rejuvenating slowly, though unsurprisingly with the occasional touch of cynicism. But I know that when I return to Leeds for my final year and take up the role of my church's interfaith coordinator, I will do so with a year of painful, beautiful and irreplaceable growth behind me that will shape the next years of my life.



**TOM COHEN, a law and economics graduate from the Hebrew University, moved to London to pursue an MBA at the London Business School (LBS).**

His journey took an unexpected turn when the war broke out in Israel on October 7, thrusting him into a challenging and emotional experience far from home.

While Tom was initially excited to explore the global business environment in London, the outbreak of the war left him and his fellow Israeli students struggling to maintain their academic routine amidst a profound sense of dislocation. “It became increasingly difficult to focus on studies and social activities” Tom reflects. “Thoughts about Israel were constantly on my mind, making it hard to fully integrate into daily life in London”.

The emotional strain was compounded by incidents on campus, such as when a student posted an Instagram image of Israel on fire with a swastika. “Reporting that incident to the school administration was necessary” Tom explains. “It highlighted the need to act and influence the school and manage the atmosphere in a balanced and respectful manner. Fortunately, we didn’t encounter any other problematic incidents like those seen at other educational institutions”.

Despite these challenges, Tom found support in the faculty and Israeli lecturers at LBS, which became a vital anchor for him during this period. Yet, the sense of isolation persisted, especially when attempting to engage others in conversation about the conflict. “There was often an awkward silence” he says. “People didn’t know how to approach the subject or ask how I was doing”.

Alongside these experiences, Tom secured an internship at a startup focused on the circular economy, a position he obtained through his Israeli network and LBS events. His experience in London during the war not only tested his resilience but also deepened his connection to his Israeli identity. As he continues his studies, he remains focused on making the most of the global opportunities available to him, despite the ongoing challenges.

Read the full story here



# Letters from our Medical Students

As every year, we bring here the stories of our medical students, both from the past and present, who received scholarships from BFHU. For both, the past year has been more challenging than ever. Here are their stories.



DEVORA AMAR  
4<sup>th</sup> year student

Starting my fourth year of medical school has unfolded in ways I could never have anticipated due to the devastating war in Israel and the challenges our country has had to face these last few months.

Navigating the clinical phase of my medical studies during these times has presented its own set of difficulties. Yet, In the midst of these challenges, I find great joy in the actual clinical work at the hospital and in the opportunity to interact with patients on a daily basis. The real-world application of my academic education is both enriching and humbling as I am reminded every day of how much work there is still to be done for me to become a doctor when I will be able to contribute to the well-being of others. And I look forward to dedicating the effort needed to acquire more knowledge and enhance my skills.



DR GANIT ELMALIACH  
Graduate

I am now a resident in the internal medicine department in Shaare Zedek, in my second year of residency, and I work long shifts (26 hours) in the internal medicine department and in the emergency department. I was elected to the position of departmental chief resident. In addition, I am starting to work on a small database research on new medications for inflammatory bowel diseases.

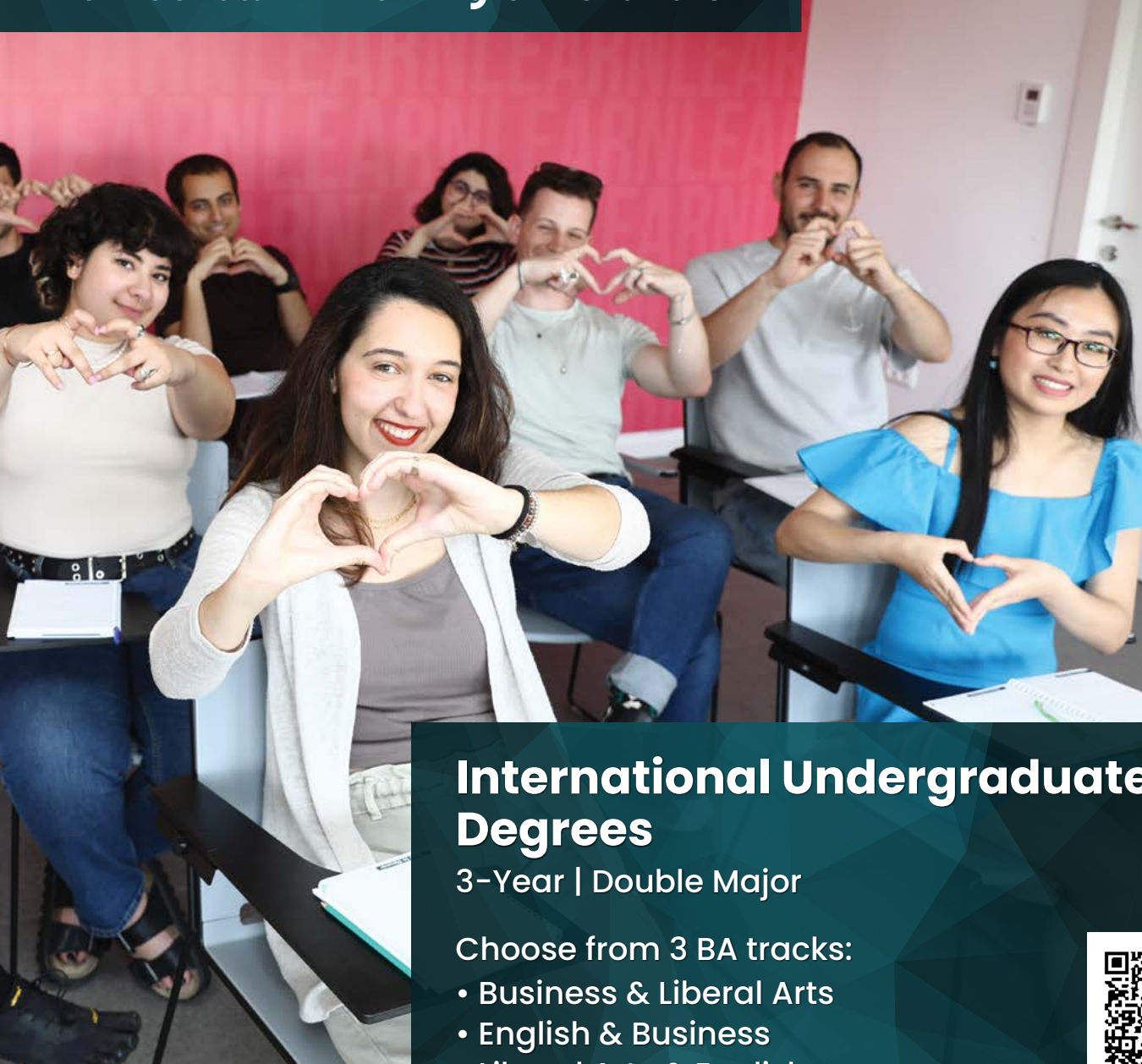


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Read Keren's full story here



## A Journey of Cultural Integration & Social Impact in Refugee Communities

Keren Szapiro, born in Colombia and raised in Israel, transitioned from financial analysis to international development, driven by her passion for social and environmental impact. After studying microfinance in Spain, she pursued a degree in International Development at the Hebrew University. Her belief in collaboration and prioritising local voices led her to an internship in Uganda with U-Learn, an NGO consortium supporting refugee communities, as part of her studies.

In Uganda, Szapiro focused on mapping energy providers in refugee settlements and fostering collaboration among stakeholders, including refugees, government officials and UN agencies. She was struck by the untapped skills of refugees, such as engineers and lawyers, saying, “The idea

was to see how we could harness this expertise—not just as a tool for economic empowerment, but also to help them regain a sense of purpose and dignity”.

Though her official role ended, she continues to volunteer, driven by her commitment to making a tangible difference. Reflecting on her time in Uganda, Szapiro explained, “The challenge is to see how this temporary situation can actually be beneficial for everyone—both refugees and the host community”. Her experience transformed her perspective, reinforcing her belief in grassroots initiatives and expanding her focus beyond Latin America. As she continues her journey from her homebase in Spain, she remains open to new opportunities, eager to apply the lessons she has learned to other parts of the world.

## Empowering and Healing Women Across Israel and India

Kerem Gil, a Cohort 13 alumnus of the MA programme in International Development at the Faculty of Social Sciences, has been highly involved in empowering women through art and community work. Born in Israel and raised in Canada, she returned to Israel to study in the School of Multidisciplinary Art at Shenkar College, however, her desire to engage directly with communities of particular concern led her to work at and eventually becoming the lead victim advocate and coordinator of a shelter for survivors of sexual violence. Seeking a deeper understanding of global issues, she joined the Glocal programme at HU.

“What drew me to Glocal” commented Kerem “...was the mix of people from

different fields coming together... the discussions and shared experiences that really deepened my understanding”.

For her internship, Gil worked in India with the Azadi Project supporting marginalised female refugees, particularly the Rohingya. She organised an exhibition on displacement and created a community development programme offering first-aid training to refugee women. “The training wasn’t just about learning to treat wounds, it was about creating a safe space where they could learn, connect and gain confidence” she reflected.

Her experience solidified her passion for international development, with a focus on influencing policies from a broader, global perspective.



Read the full story here





## The “Rescue Flight” from Johannesburg

When war broke out in October 2023, just before the academic year was due to begin, students from the 49<sup>th</sup> cohort of the International Master of Public Health (IMPH) programme faced significant disruptions. With flights to Israel cancelled, most students, many from Africa, had no easy way to reach Israel.

Recognising the urgency of the situation, Professor Hagit Hochner, Director of the IMPH programme at the Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine, acted quickly to keep the programme on track, with classes beginning on Zoom, despite the challenges of time differences and limited internet access. “Thanks to the support of British Friends, against all odds, we managed to book flights from Johannesburg, allowing twelve students

to land in Israel mid-November, whilst the rest arrived in the following days. We were the first programme at the Hebrew University, and probably in Israel, to do so. The alternative was to lose a full academic year” said Professor Hochner.

As always, classes were held at the Hadassah-University Medical Center-Ein Kerem. Despite the initial stress and concerns, students found a sense of normalcy and camaraderie, expressing relief and gratitude for the opportunity to continue their studies in person.

“Bringing students here during this time is quite challenging, but we are delighted we decided to open the semester for them. It gives us all a strong sense of purpose” summed up Professor Hochner.

Read the full story here



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).



## The Grand Finale

It has been a difficult and challenging year for everyone, especially for students in the international programmes who came to Israel to study but found themselves in an emergency situation in a foreign country. Despite the challenges and remote learning, with great support from academic staff who worked hard to open the academic year with adaptations and understanding, they made it.

In mid-September, the 49<sup>th</sup> cohort of the IMPH programme, and the 2024 MSc classes in Animal Sciences and Nutritional

Sciences at the International School of Agricultural Sciences celebrated their graduation in ceremonies held on the Ein Kerem and Rehovot campuses.

We express our admiration to all the students for not giving up, for overcoming the obstacles and for successfully completing their studies. We are sure with the qualifications and expertise they have gained, they will undoubtedly make great strides in their careers and make significant contributions to their countries.

# What's New at HU?

## On Campus

### **\$27M DONATION FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE BUILDING**

A magnificent \$27 million gift from the Paulson Family Foundation was made for the construction of a new building at the Rachel and Selim Benin School of Computer Science and Engineering. The donation will enhance and enrich the experience of the School's students and researchers, who are in great demand by Israeli and international high-tech industries.



### **INNOVATIVE MASTER'S PROGRAMME FOR GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT**

A pioneering Master's programme in green energy technology will train future leaders and foster innovation in renewable energy. This initiative responds to the pressing global need for sustainable energy solutions and Israel's target to derive 30% of its energy from renewables by 2030. The programme will cover various aspects of green energy, fostering collaboration with local and global industries. It aims to contribute significantly to Israel's green energy sector, including advancements in solar energy production, solar fuels, green hydrogen and energy storage solutions. Through collective expertise, the University aspires to address climate challenges and pave the way for a greener, more sustainable future.

### **DIVERSE VOICES: CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS FROM THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

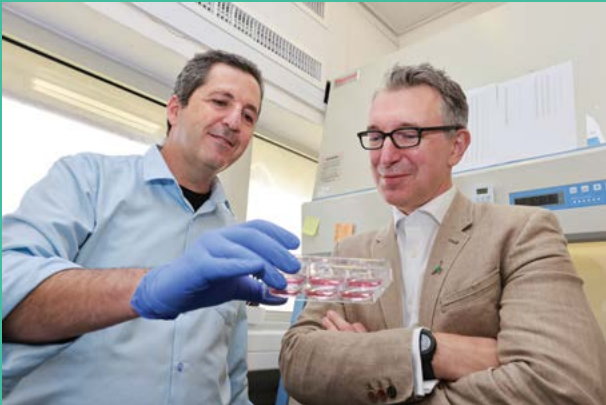
A new art exhibition opened at the Faculty of Medicine on the Ein Kerem campus, which included support from UK HU Governors, Ruth and Noam Tamir, aims to reflect the diversity of the Faculty and create some escapism from the world outside. The exhibition features paintings, photographs, prints and embroideries created, by faculty students, lecturers, researchers, doctors, staff and emeritus professors.



## Groundbreaking Research

### **BREAKTHROUGH IN COST-EFFECTIVE CULTIVATED MEAT PRODUCTION**

A recent study led by Professor Yaakov Nahmias introduces a cost-effective method for producing cultivated meat. This approach, utilising continuous manufacturing, addresses scalability and cost issues, potentially making cultivated meat more accessible and promoting a sustainable, ethical food system.

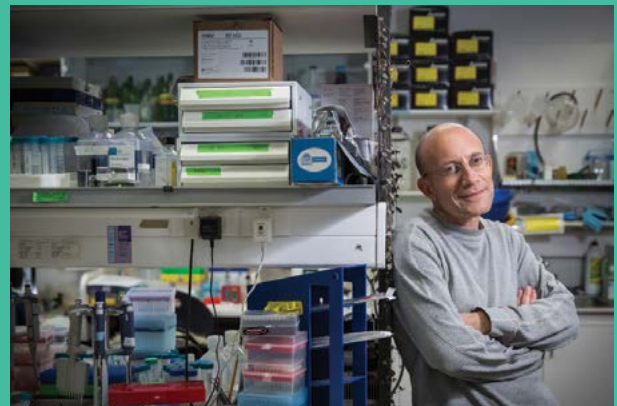


### **FOLLOWING HAMAS' OCTOBER 7 ATTACK: FIRST-EVER STUDY OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF WAR ON AUTISTIC CHILDREN**

In the wake of Hamas' October 7 attack, Dr Judah Koller's study provides the first-ever analysis of the psychological impact of war on autistic children. The research reveals that both autistic and non-autistic children experienced significant post-traumatic stress, with autistic children showing more pronounced symptoms. Parents of these children also faced increased depression, anxiety and stress, highlighting the urgent need for specialised mental health services for these families.

### **NEW DNA METHOD ENHANCES PRECISION IN DIABETES RESEARCH AND TREATMENT**

The recent research of Professor Yuval Dor was published in Diabetes. It unveils a new DNA methylation-based method for accurately assessing cell composition in the pancreas. This technique surpasses traditional protein marker-based methods, offering precise identification of cell types and improving understanding of beta-cell dysfunction in diabetes. This method also has potential applications in molecular biology and diagnostics.



### **PLANT LIFECYCLE INSIGHTS: BIG DATA CAN PREDICT CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT**

A study published in Nature explores how big data can predict climate change impacts on plant life cycles. Researchers created a new database that integrates distribution and lifecycle datasets, enabling predictions about how climate change affects annual plants and their global distribution. This approach offers new insights into the effects of human disturbance on plant life cycles worldwide.

## Global Achievements and International Collaboration

### HU CLIMBS 2024 SHANGHAI UNIVERSITIES RANKING

HU has risen five places to 81<sup>st</sup> position in the 2024 Shanghai Ranking placing it among the top 100 universities worldwide. The prestigious Shanghai Ranking evaluates around 2,500 universities based on research quality and other key indicators, making this an exceptional achievement for Israeli academia.



### TWO SIGNIFICANT COLLABORATIONS WITH GERMAN INSTITUTIONS

The University, in partnership with Leipzig University and the Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture, has launched the first-ever joint doctoral school in the humanities, named the “Belongings” programme. This innovative initiative focuses on Jewish culture in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and involves 22 research students engaged in interdisciplinary studies across history, philosophy, literature, cultural studies and art history.

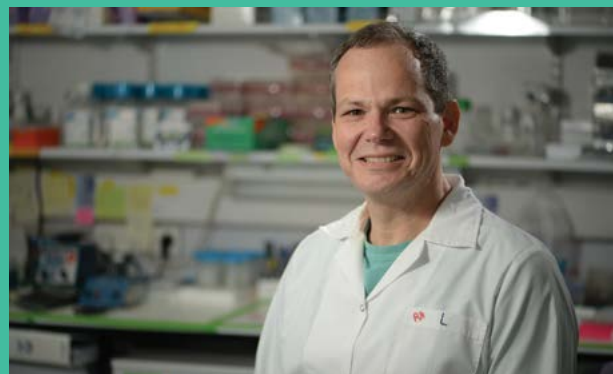
Additionally, HU and Goethe University Frankfurt have formalised their collaboration through a new agreement to establish the Center for Childhood and Child Welfare in Context. This center represents a major advancement in their ongoing partnership, which includes joint research projects, support for early career researchers and excellence in teaching. Key initiatives under this agreement involve the International Study of Children’s Well-Being, the International Society for Child Indicators and research into child sexual abuse in both Germany and Israel, complemented by an annual German-Israel master’s seminar since 2016.



## New Appointments

### PROFESSOR ELI PIKARSKY, NEW DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Before becoming Dean, Professor Pikarsky headed the Pathology Department at the Hadassah-University Medical Center and was a researcher in the Department of Immunology and Cancer Research at the Faculty of Medicine. Professor Pikarsky sees a larger School of Medicine offering a wider variety of study programmes and specialisation options; more students in each cohort; more physicians among the Faculty’s teaching staff and, consequently, an expansion of physical infrastructure to accommodate such initiatives.



### PROFESSOR ORLY SADE, NEW DEAN OF THE BUSINESS SCHOOL

Professor Sade brings extensive experience and expertise to her new role, with a focus on analytical and experimental finance, financial market structure, fintech and crowdfunding. She currently holds the Albertson-Waltuch Chair in Business Administration, is a Professor of Finance at the Department of Finance in the Business School and a member of the scientific board of the Experimental Finance Society.



## Prestigious Prizes and Awards

### HU CELEBRATES FOUR ISRAEL PRIZE RECIPIENTS AMONG ITS FACULTY

Dr Cochav Elkayam-Levy from the Faculty of Law, was awarded the Israel Prize in the field of Solidarity (Arvut Hadadit) for her work to raise awareness of Hamas' crimes against humanity, against Israeli women, children, men and families.



Professor Gershon Ben-Shakhar from the Department of Psychology was honoured for his research on the development of reliable and valid tools for measuring complex psychological behaviours and processes.



Fellow honorees were Professor Ya'acov Ritov from the Department of Statistics and Data Science, for his significant contributions to statistical theory and Professor Hagai Bergman, a neuroscientist and physician at the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences (ELSC) and the Faculty of Medicine, for his groundbreaking research, particularly in the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

### 2024 BRAIN PRIZE AWARDED TO HU PROFESSOR BY THE LUNDBECK FOUNDATION

Professor Haim Sompolinsky, a physicist and neuroscientist at the Safra Center for Brain Sciences (ELSC) and a professor at the Center for Brain Science (CBS) at Harvard University, received the 2024 Brain Prize for his groundbreaking work in theoretical and computational neuroscience. He shares the €1.3 million prize with two US colleagues.



### ERC GRANTS AWARDED TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

Dozens of Hebrew University researchers were honoured with European Research Council (ERC) grants, positioning HU scholars prominently on the global stage. The University secured a total of €11.5 million in ERC Consolidator Grants, awarded to six researchers for their innovative work in various fields. Additionally, ERC Proof of Concept Grants, valued at €150,000 each, were given to three researchers to advance the practical application of their research in diagnostics and therapy. Furthermore, three researchers received ERC Advanced Grants, each approximately €2.5 million, for their pioneering contributions in their respective disciplines. Lastly, five early-career researchers were awarded ERC Starting Grants, each valued at around €1.5 million, to support their promising research endeavours.



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# Innovation



## ASPER-HUJI Innovate

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.

### FOR THE FIRST TIME, HUJI ASPER 'RISING START-UP' AWARDS GO TO TWO STARTUPS: GYNTOOLS & HYDROX

The prestigious Asper Prize 2024, "The Hebrew University Rising Startup" award, established by the Asper Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship with the Asper Foundation, is one of the most important events at the Board of Governors.

The competition featured over forty startups from diverse sectors aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The five startups that made it to the final stage competed for the coveted annual prize awarded by Gail Asper, who this year also had the honour of being included in the distinguished list of Benefactors of

the Hebrew University for her generous contributions over the years to excellence in entrepreneurship.

After the presentations, followed by Q&A sessions with the judges, the audience participated in choosing the most successful project. However, this year, two startups – GynTools and HydroX – received the same number of votes from the audience. Instead of conducting another poll or competition, Gail Asper decided that, for the first time, each outstanding project would receive the 100,000 NIS prize, thereby doubling the prize funds for 2024.

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## THE STUDENT WHO TALKS TO PLANTS

Matanel Hipsch is nearing the completion of his PhD in Plant Sciences and Genetics at the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment. His research in Dr Shilo Rosenwasser's lab led to the development of a method for early-stage detection of plant stress and diseases using molecular biological sensors. These sensors, which can enter plant cells and detect potential diseases, allow for early identification through non-invasive external scans. Fluorescent images from these sensors help track the plant's physiological state.

In 2021, the lab team joined OPEN, ASPER-HUJI Innovate's startup programme and founded Plantell. Led by Matanel, now CEO, alongside Dr Rosenwasser and Dr Nardy Lampl, Plantell aims to develop biological materials to promote plant health and reduce damage. Their technology includes an algorithm that analyses fluorescent images to distinguish healthy leaves from diseased ones. Plantell aspires to produce biologically-based agricultural materials, enhancing plant health and supporting Israeli agriculture.

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# The Minds Behind the Best Inventions for 2023-24

They all studied at the Hebrew University and discovered during their research that they could also be entrepreneurs. With the support of Yissum, the tech transfer company of HU, which assisted them in commercialising this science from the lab to the world, they all launched startups and are developing products that are achieving success on the international stage.



## SALIVA PREGNANCY TESTING – THE NEXT BEST THING

Four former PhD candidates from HU are behind Salistick, the world's first rapid saliva-based pregnancy test, now available in UK pharmacies. After completing their studies, Guy Krief, Omer Deutsch, Raluka Cohen and Yoav Neuma, guided by Professor Aharon Palmon — an expert in saliva research and Vice-President of the University's Research and Development Authority – founded the Israeli startup Salignostics, which specialises in revolutionary saliva diagnostics products. Salistick detects the beta human chorionic gonadotropin hormone with 95% accuracy in just 10 minutes and was named one of *Time* magazine's best inventions of 2023. In addition, this exceptional group has teamed up with ARC Innovation to develop a saliva-based test for early detection of oral cancer, potentially transforming cancer diagnostics worldwide. Keep following their remarkable work!

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### **BREAKTHROUGHS IN SESAME CULTIVATION**

Professor Zvi Peleg from the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment has advanced AgTech with his innovative research on sesame cultivation. Awarded the 2024 Kaye Innovation Awards Researcher Prize, Peleg developed herbicide-resistant sesame cultivars by inducing mutations in the SiALS gene, addressing weed control challenges.

These high-yield cultivars are suited for mechanical harvesting, revolutionising sesame farming. His work supports crop diversification, carbon sequestration and sustainable agriculture, with the new varieties now commercialised in Israel and globally.



### **INNOVATING BIOMEDICINE TO COMBAT CANCER, VISION LOSS AND BEYOND**

Professor Ofra Benny, a prominent biomedicine researcher and entrepreneur at HU, has been awarded the 2024 Kaye Innovation Awards Researcher Prize for her groundbreaking work in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Her research addresses complex health issues across various fields, exemplified by her launch of multiple start-ups: Pre-Cure offers a cancer diagnostic platform with a 3D-printed biochip for personalised treatment. Emris Pharma, co-founded with Dr Sharon Merims, developed a novel cream for severe skin problems derived from cancer treatments. Benny also co-founded OrSight Pharma with Professor Itay Chowers to target retinal diseases, such as age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Her multidisciplinary approach aims to enhance patient outcomes and drive healthcare innovation

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### **The Hebrew University's Technology Transfer Company**

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.

# Wartime Reflections: the Hebrew University's 87<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors, June 2024

A personal view by MORIAH AHARON.

Marketing Lead of the British Friends, born and raised in Jerusalem and a Hebrew University alumna.

Despite challenging circumstances, security concerns, insurance and travel difficulties, the 87<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors took place with participants from Israel and Friends organisations worldwide.

A bitter-sweet gathering. On the one hand, it was good to be in Jerusalem in particular and in Israel in general. Expressing solidarity with the people and with our colleagues – faculty, administration, students, alumni and friends from around the world is of immense importance. However, just a few hours' drive from the breezy landscapes of Jerusalem, a war is still raging on at least two fronts. The pair of yellow chairs, along with images of the abductees Sagui Dekel-Chen, son of a HU professor and MA student Carmel Gat z"l (whose later murder in captivity caused heartache beyond measure), were permanently placed on each stage, serving as a constant reminder of our commitment to bringing our people back home.

The dedication of awards, grants, achievements and recognition to all those affected was deeply moving, particularly, the closing event, where the extraordinary stories of heroism from the University family were shared, leaving not a dry eye.

The Board of Governors opened at the new National Library in Jerusalem, where an exhibit of empty chairs behind a glass wall symbolised the hostages' absence.

A book reflecting the interests of the missing individuals was placed on each chair. The visit included the library's reading rooms, rare books section and a demonstration of the robots managing over four million books.

The following day, we travelled to the Gaza envelope region to show solidarity with the western Negev communities.

The University reaffirmed its commitment to supporting these areas and advancing research and societal contributions, especially in peripheral regions.

This including a proposal to establish a branch of the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment in Ofakim. The visit to Regavim Agricultural School and the City's Science Centre highlighted Ofakim's vision to become Israel's agro-tech hub.

At the Nova site near Kibbutz Re'im, we toured the memorial for the victims of the October 7 massacre and heard a survivor's story. In Kibbutz Alumim, Esther Marcus shared heroic tales of the emergency response team. British Friends



Top left:  
The Friends  
cocktail evening  
at the Truman  
Institute



Top right:  
The Lux Family  
at the Wall of Life



Bottom right:  
Visiting the  
Nova site



trustee, Ben Stowe spoke for all of us when he said, “It was a meaningful and profound day, very important we had the opportunity to come here and support the community, it’s especially important that we witnessed it so we can share with the world what we saw with our own eyes”.

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Over the next two days we participated in the ceremonies and events that are held at the Board gathering each year, including the Wall of Life ceremony on Mount Scopus, the Lux family honouring Simone Lux z”l with the establishment in her memory of an annual scholarship Master’s Programme in the Jews of Spain and the Middle East. The Asper Prize, Kaye Innovation Awards and Polonsky Prizes celebrated groundbreaking research and innovation, highlighting the University’s dedication to excellence. The British Friends cocktail evening, hosted with European and South American Friends at the Truman Institute, was a moment of unity. “We are here to

show our solidarity, closeness, unity, call it what you will, with Israel. We know that the support of the Diaspora is more important than ever right now. Wherever we are from, we can all state ‘We Are One’ in our commitment to Israel and to the Hebrew University” said BFHU Chair Alan Jacobs.

The Board of Governors meeting concluded at the Wise Auditorium on the Safra Campus, where we heard moving stories of heroism from the University community. This was a special, important and memorable Board of Governors supported by a substantial UK delegation. We look forward to better times and sharing plans for the centenary of the University, which will be celebrated during 13-19 June 2025.

*L’Shana Haba’ah B’Yerushalayim!*

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# BFHU News and Events



## SPECIAL EVENING AT JW3 HIGHLIGHTS NEW EINSTEIN HOUSE PROJECT IN JERUSALEM

In the week marking Einstein's 145<sup>th</sup> birthday, two special guests in London – world-renowned architect Daniel Libeskind, designer of the new Einstein House, being constructed on the Edmond J. Safra campus, and Professor Hanoch Gutfreund, Director of the Einstein Archive and former President of the University – teamed up for a spectacular evening at JW3, moderated by Vivienne Stern, Chief Executive of UUK. Before a packed auditorium, they discussed the project with humour, while delving into the life of Einstein and sharing anecdotes about the planning of the House. During their visit, Hanoch and Daniel were given a private tour of the Royal Society building and participated in a lunch hosted by BFHU at the Tony Page Island Grill restaurant.

## BRIDGING GAPS: A CONVERSATION ABOUT SHARED SOCIETY ON CAMPUS

In early July at JW3, we explored how the University promotes inclusivity and diversity among its community during both stable and challenging times. Edward Isaacs, outgoing President of the Union of Jewish Students (UK and Ireland), moderated the discussion. Professor Mona Khoury, Vice-President for Strategy and Diversity at HU, highlighted the University's commitment through various workshops, programmes and initiatives designed to foster dialogue and mutual understanding among students, faculty and staff. The event was generously supported by HU alumnus Marc larchy in memory of his grandmother, Thea Zucker z"l, an Honorary Fellow of the University. While in London, Professor Khoury enjoyed meetings with the leadership of several UK universities, HU donors and alumni.





### **STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE COURSE DURING WARTIME IN ISRAEL**

Four medical students from HU's Tzameret elite military medicine programme recently completed an accelerated emergency medicine course at the Royal Center for Military Medicine - Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. At a British Friends medical group event in London, they shared their experiences and impressions of the UK's healthcare system and their future roles in the IDF. When on reserve duty in the army, they shared how their knowledge assisted IDF forces in treating battlefield casualties and expressed hope for a future without conflict.

### **THE 2024 LIONEL COHEN LAW LECTURE**

The annual Lionel Cohen Lecture, inaugurated in 1953, was delivered on Mount Scopus in late May by the Right Honourable Lady Rose of Colmworth DBE. Her lecture, 'Breathing Life into the Law: Achieving Access to Justice in the Modern State,' focused on civil rather than criminal access to justice, examining three longstanding challenges faced by court systems. A recording is available on the BFHU website.





### DON'T REJECT - EMBRACE

In a fascinating lecture held at Fladgate Partnership's offices – thanks to Avram Kelman, a Fladgate partner and HU alumnus, who is a member of BFHU's Legal Group – Professor Richard Susskind OBE KC (Hon) delved into “The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Professions – Friend or Foe?” During his lecture, Professor Susskind encouraged attendees to embrace the use of AI for their professional and personal benefit and not to fear new technologies that might compete with human labour.

### LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

On the fifth night of Chanukah, a gathering of close friends of the University took place in Hampstead for an evening of reflection, light and togetherness. Guests of honour were HU's former President & Rector, Professor Hanoch Gutfreund, Director of the Albert Einstein Archives, and Professor Jürgen Renn of the Max Planck Institute of Geoanthropology in Jena, and also the Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. For a few hours, guests stepped out of darkness into light, reminding themselves of the importance of our University and the wonderful friends we have around the world, especially in Germany.



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# In Memorium



## LORD JACOB ROTHSCHILD Z”L

In February, we mourned the passing of Lord Rothschild z”l, a towering figure in many fields, including generous philanthropy in the UK and Israel, which included the Hebrew University. Lord Rothschild, a guardian of a long philanthropic tradition that began during the time of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, was a man of vision and realisation. In addition to being a businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist, Lord Rothschild supported and promoted art and culture. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy by HU as well as Honorary Fellowships from the Israel Museum and the Municipality of Jerusalem. Lord Rothschild’s contributions established public institutions and innovative initiatives, enriching Israeli society and advancing research, innovation and culture in many profound ways.



## BERTHA “BETTY” SHANE Z”L

Bertha “Betty” Shane was born in 1932 in Belgium, the youngest and last survivor of seven children. Her family remained in Belgium until May 1940, when they fled just as the Nazis invaded. Her adored father Max (Moishe) Shayngesicht remained, but eventually died in Auschwitz.

Betty found refuge in England and taught English and poetry for over 22 years. Her relatives described her as a fiercely independent woman, a thoughtful poet, a spirited teacher and a devoted friend. Tragically, she passed away in a fire at home aged 91. Her will established the Max Shayngesicht Prize for English Poetry at the University.

For information about the Prize contact the British Friends at [friends@bfhu.org](mailto:friends@bfhu.org).



## STELLA LUCAS MBE Z”L

Stella Lucas MBE, President of BFHU’s Women’s Group, passed away at the age of 107. Known for her leadership and dedication to the State of Israel and the Hebrew University, Stella was a longtime Patron and cherished member of our Women’s Group. She delighted in the University’s achievements, especially in innovation and science. Her generous support focused on projects, such as student scholarships at the Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment reflecting her deep commitment and passion for our cause.

**May their memories  
be a blessing**



# העברית היא תמיד בית

בשנת המאה של האוניברסיטה העברית, אנו מברכים את חברי וחברות קהילת הבוגרות והבוגרים הישראליים בבריטניה ואת הבוגרים שיגיעו בקרוב, ומזמינים אתכם ואתכן להצטרף לקהילה המשגשגת.

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As we mark the Hebrew University's centennial, we extend our greetings to Israeli alumni in the UK and alumni who will be coming soon, and we invite you to join our thriving community.

The HU Alumni Community promotes gatherings and mutual activities, fosters connections in the professional, business, academic and social worlds among community members along with senior faculty and students, helps to expand professional and social networks, and facilitates research collaborations and unique opportunities to leverage expertise and connections.

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# Hebrew University Builds Strong Alumni Network in the UK



A first-of-its-kind initiative has been launched by the Hebrew University, to connect with its extensive alumni network in the UK, as part of a global strategy to strengthen ties with graduates worldwide.

“We aim to create value for our alumni by offering social and career opportunities, access to quality content and fostering a stronger bond between the University and its graduates” says Merav Shany, a Hebrew University alumna based in London and the head of the initiative.

The first event, hosted at Salesforce Tower in London by alumnus, Omri Chosnek, Regional Vice-President of Salesforce UK, featured successful entrepreneurs Moria Barak and Eli Rezinsky, who shared insights on entrepreneurship. Another event hosted at the residence of BFHU Chair Alan Jacobs, explored “The Future of Food” with Professor Benny Chefetz, former Director of the Center for Sustainable Food Systems (FOOJI) and alumnus Shahr Hatan.

In July, alumni gathered at King’s College Transnational Law Institute to hear HU President, Professor Asher Cohen, describe the University’s challenges amid the current conflict and efforts to strengthen alumni connections. The core of the evening was a conversation between Professor Mona Khoury, HU Vice-President for Strategy and Diversity and alumna, Iris Margulis, EU Quality Director at Amazon, who discussed diversity management and preparing graduates for the modern workforce.

“There’s a growing sense of pride among Hebrew University alumni in the UK, with many eager to host future events and form meaningful connections” Shany notes.

As the Hebrew University approaches its centennial, the UK alumni community looks forward to joining in the global celebrations.

# The Centenary: From Vision to Reality



On the ground floor of the Sherman Administration Building on the Mount Scopus campus, a plaque reveals the Hebrew University's age. It bears the names of the members of the first Board of Governors who convened for the first time in 1925 soon after the formal opening ceremony when thousands gathered to mark a unique moment in history.

Illustrious names are displayed on the golden plaque, linking themselves to the new research institution established long before the State of Israel was founded: James De Rothchild, Harry Sacher, Sir Herbert Samuel, Sir Alfred Mond and many more, a university which would eventually become Israel's foremost centre of advanced learning and research, producing leading minds responsible for myriad, illustrious achievements and international awards.

A quick glance at the members of the Board of Governors reveals that about a third were British, reflecting the

profound connection of Britain's Jewish community to the Zionist movement and the establishment of the University, while paving the way for the creation of a Jewish state that would emerge 23 years later.

Today, nearly a hundred years later, we stand in awe of the vision of those individuals, witnessing first-hand what they foresaw at that time; we continue to support their legacy.

In 2025, the Hebrew University will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, an institution noted for pluralism, multiculturalism, civil society, a century of education, excellence, progress, initiative, community contribution, and above all – pride. Could those illustrious founders 100 years ago have imagined to what extent their dream would become a flourishing reality?

Come and celebrate with us in June 2025 as we mark the big 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Hebrew University.

# Save the Date

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## NOVEMBER 2024

**18 November**  
HU Speaker Series at JW3:  
Panel: Prof Yuval Shany, Prof Philippe Sands, Nomi Bar-Yaacov  
Chair: Lord Pannick KC



## DECEMBER 2024

Winter Limmud UK



## JANUARY 2025

Sacher Annual Memorial Law Lecture, at HU

## FEBRUARY 2025

Biennial Neuberger Lecture, at HU

HU Speaker Series at JW3



Webinar with Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society



## MARCH 2025

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

BFHU Medical Group event – HU Tzameret elite military medicine students



Jewish Book Week including HU faculty both virtual and physical



## APRIL 2025

Webinar with UCL's Institute Jewish Studies.



British Friends Legacy Mission to Israel – TBC

## MAY 2025

Legal Group Dinner, marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HU Faculty of Law

HU Speaker Series at JW3



Ellis & Alma Birk Prizes ceremony in Law & Agriculture, at HU

## JUNE 2025

Lionel Cohen 73<sup>rd</sup> Law Lecture, former President of the Supreme Court Dorit Beinisch, Lord Pannick KC – provisional, marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HU Faculty of Law, at HU

## 13-19 June

Celebrate the Hebrew University's Big 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, International Gathering in Jerusalem

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## AUGUST 2025

HU speaker series at JW3



## 2025/26

Major Gala event marking HU/BFHU centenary

## 13-19 June 2025

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# SHANA TOVA



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100 Years of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

International Board of Governors Meeting

13-19 June 2025

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- Exclusive event at the President of Israel's residence
- Legacy, Innovation, Trust: A Philanthropy Conference
- Mega-event, including alumni reunions
- Boutique ceremonies honoring our devoted donors
- Marking 100 years of innovation at the official inauguration of the HUJI-Tech high-tech park
- Reenactment of the 1925 opening ceremony
- Intimate performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
- Honorary Doctorate ceremony, featuring Nobel Prize laureates and international leaders

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