

INVITATION

Dear Friend,

You are invited to join the President of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to participate in two exclusive opportunities for Australian and International Friends in Israel this June. Both programs will give you an insider's view of the Hebrew University, 100 years since the university's founding.

START UP NATION HOT HOUSE

A unique 3-day program designed to engage and connect global business leaders with Israeli innovation and ingenuity. Forum participants will gain an insider's perspective on Jerusalem's high-tech and start-up scene while networking with local entrepreneurs and Hebrew University leaders.

Highlights include:

- Roundtable with the HUJI Innovation Panel comprising entrepreneurs, founders, and funders from companies like Yissum, Jerusalem Venture Partners, and more
- Presentations by HU thought leaders, including acclaimed Hebrew University Professor Yuval Noah Harari, bestselling author of *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* and *Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*
- A private tour of the Albert Einstein Archives

When you sign up for the Forum, you are invited to attend the 81st annual Hebrew University Board of Governors programming for no additional charge. Limited spots available, contact Federal Executive Director: austfhu@austfhu.org.au or at 02 9389 2825 to learn more.



81ST ANNUAL HEBREW UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS-JUNE 8-13, 2018

This year's theme, *100 Years of Knowledge*, marks the historic centennial anniversary of the laying of the university's cornerstones on Mount Scopus in Jerusalem. ALL are invited to participate in this program (board membership is not required), which includes meeting faculty, students, and members of the HUJI international community who have a shared interest in higher education, scientific excellence, and pioneering research.

Highlights include:

- Special visit to Israeli President Rivlin's residence
- Illuminating discussions with Nobel Prize laureates
- Culinary extravaganza to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food, and Environment

For any questions, please contact Ilana Den, ilana@austfhu.org.au or at 02 9389 2825.



HOW DO YOU SAY "ISRAELI INNOVATION" IN JAPANESE?

Hebrew University (HUJI) president Professor Asher Cohen welcomes Japan Foreign Minister Taro Kono to Israel's hub of innovation at the Edmund J. Safra Givat Ram Campus.

There, Kono was treated to an InnerEye brain-wave demonstration, compliments of Yissum, HUJI's technology transfer company.

Einstein would have been proud.



(Photo: Bruno Charbit/Hebrew U)

HOME INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND YOUNGSTERS

“One thing is clear. Parents care and given the opportunity, parents are ready to invest in their children’s education. Our work with HIPPY is designed to make that possible.”



– Avima Lombard, Professor Emeritus at the School of Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Founder of HIPPY.

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a two-year, home-based early learning and parenting program that empowers parents to be their child’s first teacher and assists the child to be school ready. The program works to address long-term social consequences of disadvantage.

The first experimental HIPPY program was set up in the Hatikvah neighbourhood of Tel Aviv in 1969 by Professor Avima Lombard. Professor Lombard had observed that the children of the more recently arrived communities from North Africa and the Middle East were falling behind and not achieving as well as their peers at school. Determined to address this inequity, Professor Lombard researched the feasibility and effectiveness of home-based education intervention involving mothers and their preschool children from educationally disadvantaged sectors of society.

This project grew into HA’ETGAR (‘the challenge’ – HIPPY’s original name in Hebrew) —a national program delivered to 10–15,000 families a year in the 1980’s.

Today, HIPPY supports families in 15 countries across the world from the United States and Argentina through to Liberia and South Korea.

HIPPY’s Australian genesis began in Fitzroy, Melbourne in 1998. The Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL) invested in the national licence to deliver HIPPY in Australia. In the original Fitzroy site, 20 families were enrolled and three Home Tutors employed.

In 2008, BSL and the Australian Government committed to roll out the program nationally to 50 sites and then in 2013 an additional 50 communities with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in some of Australia’s most disadvantaged communities.

In the Australian context, HIPPY’s focus remains true to Professor Lombard’s vision: to support communities where young children are susceptible to falling behind their peers

through socio-economic disadvantage. HIPPY is delivered to over 4,500 families annually, targeting children from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other disadvantaged backgrounds.

How does HIPPY achieve:

HIPPY builds the confidence and skills of parents to create a positive home learning environment to prepare their child for school.

As part of the program, Home Tutors (who themselves are parents participating in the program) teach a structured 60-week curriculum of educational activities to parents. The parents then complete these educational activities one-on-one with their child. Building the parent-child relationship and associated behavioural change is the essence of HIPPY.

HIPPY also provides an important link for families to their local community. HIPPY fosters connections between families and local community services. During fortnightly Group Meetings, parents role play curriculum activities and are connected to local professionals and services both building their capacity and knowledge.

By delivering sustained support over the two-year program, HIPPY generates long-term outcomes and behavioural changes in families. HIPPY helps overcome disadvantage by equipping parents with the tools and resources they need to contribute to their child’s development and the confidence to support their child to make the transition to school.

“HIPPY has not only given me my confidence back but taught me so much about myself as a mum, a teacher and as a person. I have learned some wonderful new skills through being a Home Tutor and met some amazing people from all over our community. I finished my two-year HIPPY journey today and HIPPY has opened so many doors for me. I’m now looking forward to working at the crèche that is operated by the same organisation that provides HIPPY in our community.” (HIPPY tutor/parent)

RESEARCHERS BELIEVE THEY DUG UP 2,700 YEAR-OLD SEAL OF DOOMSDAY PROPHET ISAIAH

The 2,700-year-old clay relic was found at the foot of the southern wall of Temple Mount.

Daniel K. Eisenbud, The Jerusalem Post

THE JERUSALEM POST

The Ophel excavations, located at the foot of the southern wall of the Temple Mount, may have unearthed the seal impression of the prophet Isaiah, who advised King Hezekiah in the Kingdom of Judah during the eighth century BCE.

The discovery of the oval, 1 cm. bulla was made by Dr. Eilat Mazar of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who noted that because its upper end is missing and its lower left end is slightly damaged, a definitive determination cannot be made.

In an article titled “Is this the Prophet Isaiah’s Signature?” published in the most recent edition of *The Biblical Archaeology Review*, Mazar said the seal is divided into three registers.

“The surviving portion of the top register shows the lower part of a grazing doe – a motif of blessing and protection found in Judah, particularly in Jerusalem – present also on another bulla from the same area,” she said.

“The middle register reads:





The 2,700-year-old clay seal impression which potentially belonged to the biblical prophet Isaiah.. (Photo: Ouria Tadmor/Eilat Mazar)

l'eyesha'yah[u] [belonging to Isaiah]; the damaged left end most likely included the [Hebrew] letter vav. The lower register reads 'n[ah]vy,' centered. The damaged left end of this register may have been left empty, as on the right – with no additional letters – but it also may have had an additional letter, such as an aleph, which would render the word... 'prophet' in Hebrew."

Mazar continued. "Whether or not the aleph was added at the end of the lower register is speculative, as meticulous examinations of that damaged part of the bulla could not identify any remnants of additional letters."

Alternately, Mazar conceded that it's possible the seal did not belong to the prophet Isaiah, but rather to one of King Hezekiah's officials named Isaiah, with the surname "N[ah]vy."

"Without an aleph at the end, the word 'n[ah]vy' is most likely just a personal name," she said.

However, noting the close relationship between Isaiah and Hezekiah, as described in the Bible, and the fact that the bulla was found next to one bearing the name of Hezekiah, Mazar said that it may indeed be authentic – despite the difficulties that have been presented by the bulla's damaged area.

"The discovery of the royal structures and finds from the time of King Hezekiah at the Ophel is a rare opportunity to reveal vividly this specific time in the history of Jerusalem," she said. "The finds lead us to an almost personal 'encounter' with some of the key players who took part in the life of the Ophel's Royal Quarter, including King Hezekiah and, perhaps, also the prophet Isaiah."

THE CENTER FOR JEWISH ART AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM LAUNCHES THE WORLD'S LARGEST ONLINE DATABASE OF JEWISH ART.

The Bezalel Narkiss Index of Jewish Art is a collection of digitized images and information about Jewish artifacts from all over the world.

This online collection includes more than 260,000 images of objects and items from 700 museums, synagogues, and private collections from 41 countries, as well as architectural drawings of 1,500 synagogues and Jewish ritual buildings from antiquity to the modern day.

"Jewish culture is largely perceived as a culture of texts and ideas, not of images," explains Dr. Vladimir Levin, director of the Center for Jewish Art. "We hope that



making this index available will lead to further in-depth study of primary sources, and serve as an enduring launching pad for the study of the historical and cultural significance of Jewish art for many years to come."

AMONG THE FOODS PROVEN TO PREVENT DEMENTIA ARE: BLUEBERRIES, HEALTHFUL FATS, NUTS AND FISH.

Foods can determine whether someone will suffer from dementia in later years, according to researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment in Rehovot.

Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post

THE JERUSALEM POST

A large-scale international study that included the university recently examined how food affects brain health for people aged 50 and older. The researchers were able to show that diet affects the risk of dementia.

This conclusion, although logical, is not self-evident, said Prof. Aron Troen, an expert in nutritional neuroscience and the prevention of cerebrovascular disease and dementia, and the principal investigator of Hebrew University's Nutrition and Brain Health Laboratory in Rehovot.

Among the foods proven to prevent dementia are: blueberries (not just the juice), healthful fats (as in olive oil), nuts (in small amounts to avoid excess calories), and fish. Other beneficial foods include: beans and legumes, fruits, low-calorie dairy products like yogurt, chicken and whole-grain cereals.

Among the foods that have been shown to promote dementia are: fried foods, sugary foods, processed foods, red meat, fat, cheese and salt.



(Photo: INGIIMAGE)

The report was published in the journal of the American Association of Retired Persons, the most widely circulated journal in the US.

The study was conducted in collaboration with dozens of countries, including the US, China, Switzerland and Australia. It examined the scientific basis of preserving brain health and preventing dementia in old age.

The team produced a consensus report with convincing evidence that diet affects the risk of dementia.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY GRADUATES RANKED 62ND MOST EMPLOYABLE IN THE WORLD, AND MOST EMPLOYABLE FROM ISRAELI UNIVERSITIES, IN TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SURVEY

International survey ranks Hebrew University among the world's best at preparing students for workplace

Yoav Romach

Jerusalem, November 20, 2017 — An analysis published by Times Higher Education (THE) has ranked Hebrew University of Jerusalem students as the 62nd most employable graduates in the world, placing the Hebrew University among the world's top 100 universities at preparing its students for the workplace. The ranking also positions Hebrew University graduates as the most employable from Israeli universities, followed by the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology at 113, and Tel Aviv University at 135. The Hebrew University moved up 5 points this year, from 67 last year.

The global employability ranking, designed by the French human resources consultancy Emerging and published exclusively by Times Higher Education, reveals which universities the recruiters at top companies think are the best at preparing students for the workforce. The survey was conducted among thousands of recruiters and managers from a range of firms and industries around the world. Respondents were asked to define what they look for in graduates and which universities they believe produce the most employable graduates.



A graduation ceremony at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
(Photo: Miriam Alster/Flash 90 for Hebrew University)

RARE GREEK INSCRIPTION AND COLOURFUL 1,800-YEAR-OLD MOSAIC UNCOVERED AT CAESAREA

Discovered during excavations under a commercial structure from the Byzantine period, the finding is hailed for its exceptionally high quality

Amanda Borschel-Dan, 8 February 2018, Times Of Israel

A rare, colourful mosaic dating from the 2nd-3rd century was recently uncovered in the ancient port city of Caesarea, located halfway between Tel Aviv and Haifa. It is one of the few exact examples of mosaics from the time period in Israel and its craftsmanship is compared by archaeologists to the fine artistry found in Antioch.

During work on an expansion of Caesarea National Park in what is arguably Israel's largest conservation and reconstruction project to date, the mosaic was discovered under an opulent commercial structure from the Byzantine period. According to archaeologists Dr. Peter Gendelman and Dr. Uzi 'Ad, directors of the excavation for the Israel Antiquities Authority, the mosaic predates the shopping structure by some 300 years and was once part of an even earlier building from approximately 1,800 years ago.

According to the archaeologists, the mosaic measures 3.5 x 8 meters and is "of a rare high quality" comparable to that of Israel's finest examples from Lod or Tzippori's Mona Lisa.

There are three figures depicted on the uncovered section, as well as typical multicoloured geometric patterns, which were formed using small tesserae (mosaic pieces) placed densely at about 12,000 stones per square meter.

"The figures, all males, wear togas and apparently belonged to the upper class. The central figure is frontal and the two other face him on either side," said the archaeologists in an IAA press release.

"Who are they? That depends on what the building was used for, which is not yet clear. If the mosaic was part of a mansion, the figures may have been the owners. If this was a public building, they might have represented the donors of the mosaic or members of the city council," said the archaeologists.

Of potentially even more interest than the beautifully formed images is a long inscription in ancient Greek. It was unfortunately damaged by the Byzantine building constructed on top of it, but is being studied now by epigrapher Dr. Leah Di Segni from the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology.

Gendelman hailed the find as "important" to the physical historical record on show in the popular archaeological park. The mosaic dates from when the area was the Roman Empire's administrative center in the Judaea Province. During excavations at the multilayered coastal city, archaeologists have uncovered ample evidence of the Herodian and Crusader periods. "This time period is not often found in Israel," Gendelman told The Times of Israel on Thursday.

Currently, the mosaic is being treated by the IAA's conservation wing with the intent to show it to the public in situ in Caesarea, said Gendelman. While it is too early to know the conservation plan, it is possible that like comparably important mosaics such as the ones discovered in Lod, it may need to be removed from the site and returned after having been preserved and prepared for public viewing from a new promenade in Caesarea.



A rare Roman mosaic from the 2nd-3rd centuries CE, bearing an inscription in ancient Greek, uncovered in Caesarea during conservation work by the Israel Antiquities Authority. (Photographed by Assaf Peretz, Israel Antiquities Authority)



The opulent structure from the Byzantine period, under which the spectacular Roman-period mosaic was found. (Photo: Assaf Peretz, Israel Antiquities Authority)



Aerial view of Caesarea National Park (Photographed by Assaf Peretz, Israel Antiquities Authority)

The facelift and expansion of the Caesarea National Park, known for its Roman theatre and Reef Palace, is made possible by a NIS 100 million donation from the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation and the Caesarea Development Corporation.

FACULTY NEWS

THE FACULTY OF LAW JOINS THE “NEW SILK ROAD”

The Faculty is pleased to announce that it has become a full member of the New Silk Road Law School Alliance, a new academic network of leading law faculties from China and the rest of the world that was established in 2015. The aim of the network is to promote understanding and cooperation in teaching and research between its member faculties, with an emphasis on cooperation between leading law schools in China and elite faculties elsewhere, including in developing countries.



DENTAL CARE FOR HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

In 1953, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Hassadah, and the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity embarked on a joint initiative and founded the Faculty of Dental Medicine. Today, the faculty provides the highest standard of dental medicine through training, research, and extensive community outreach programs.

One of those outreach programs offers dental care for Holocaust survivors who would be unable to afford it otherwise. As part of this program, HU dental students provide basic and advanced treatment under faculty supervision.

As of 2015, approximately 45,000 Holocaust survivors were living in Israel under the poverty line. According to the Foundation for the Benefit of Holocaust Victims in Israel's annual report, an increasing number of this population is



forced to choose between food and medicine. Participating dental students not only gain valuable practical experience, but they also provide vital, life-changing services for an elderly population that has experienced severe trauma.

VETERINARY MEDICINE

For over three decades, the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has been committed to training highly qualified veterinary students. Not only is it Israel's only veterinary school, the Koret School's teaching hospital also operates as a non-profit organisation, treating more than 10,000 cases each year.

HU's Koret School offers a rigorous four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, as well as extensive research, post-graduate, and continuing education opportunities. Graduates go on to provide general and specialty care for large and small pets, horses, livestock, and wildlife. They also provide food and hygiene inspection, wildlife management, and animal welfare protection.



AUSTFU ALUMNI PROFILE

KELSIE NABBEN was the recipient of the Leon Fink Hebrew University scholarship in 2012. This first trip to Israel propelled her passion in Middle Eastern Politics and sparked a curiosity in innovation and entrepreneurship.

From this experience, Kelsie pursued her career in government. Her connection with Israel drove her to relocate cities to work for the Israeli Ministry of Economy. In this role, she was able to support Israeli companies with market entry and raising capital in Australia.

After a range of experiences in the startup ecosystem, Kelsie is now Head of Community & Strategy at a cryptocurrency startup called CanYa. Following the \$12m ICO in 2017, Kelsie actively supports the founding team to build out the marketing and comms functions of CanYa and Bountysource, and nurture the growth of the community. A highlight of her role is the opportunity to travel and engage in the global crypto scene, including Israel.



NEWS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

FUNCTION HONOURS ROBERT SIMONS OAM - 26 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

On Sunday 11 February, over 100 guests - family members, friends and associates of Robert Simons – joined in celebrating his 26 years at the helm of the Australian Friends in the presence of Hebrew University Vice President, Ambassador Yossi Gal.

At the function, Michael Dunkel, who was elected Federal President following Mr Simons retirement, said: "The Friends of the Hebrew University were most fortunate that in 1991, Robert directed his unparalleled leadership skills and driving force towards the Hebrew University.

Over the past twenty-six years, Robert has provided outstanding service to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, being President of the NSW Friends of the Hebrew University for six years from Feb 1991, President of the Australian Friends from 1996 until 2017, Governor of the Board of Governors for twenty-six years, member of the Magid Institute for Continuing Education at the Hebrew University for twenty-two years, and a Trustee of the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund for twenty years.

At the June 2001 Board of Governors Meeting in Jerusalem, President of the Hebrew University, Professor Menachem Magidor, invited Mr Simons to be on the Executive Committee of the Hebrew University. This was a first for an Australian associate. At the following Board of Governors meeting in 2002, Robert was elected a member of the Nominations Committee and was awarded an Honorary Fellowship in 2006.

Robert is the epitome of the quiet achiever. In his quiet, dignified and determined manner, Robert initiates projects and steers them to their successful conclusion, ensuring that his goals become firm realities. These goals and subsequent realities include the Larry Adler Foundation for Diabetes Research, the Henry Roth Parkinson's Research Foundation, Berel and Agnes Ginges Australia Computer Centres on all campuses of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Australian Centre for Student Information and Admissions, the Student Village and, the most recent project undertaken – the Brain Disease Research Centre of the Hebrew University. His single-mindedness, dedication and initiative have truly made a difference, resulting in the establishment of so very many worthwhile projects. Perhaps closest to his heart, is the number of scholarships provided to needy students, giving them the opportunity to reach their life goals.



Left: Robert Simons OAM with Hebrew University Vice President, Ambassador Yossi Gal

Right: Vice President, Ambassador Yossi Gal, NSW President Rachele Schonberger, Federal President Michael Dunkel

NEW SOUTH WALES

COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT SUPPORT

We were most saddened to learn of the passing of Edith Port.

Edith had been a long time and valued member of our Committee, whose input we greatly valued.

We wish her family and those close to her long life.

May her memory be a blessing.

At our meeting held in November, it was decided to hold four functions in 2018.

Our first function for 2018 was a talk and luncheon held at the home of Irene Selecki. Dr John Morrison addressed those present on the topic "Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), Prime Minister of Britain – of Jewish origin, life and political career"

The next function is set for 15 April 2018, where John Bear will speak on "Dona Gracia – the 16th century personality who saved many Jews from the Spanish inquisition".

HONOURS CLUB

Our December meeting was addressed by Rabbi Dr Sandford Shudnow, columnist and chaplain (retired), US Navy. His topic was "Personal Thoughts and Reminiscences: The Old City of Jerusalem".

Following the most interesting talk he gave at our North Shore meeting, Peter Nash was invited to speak at our Rose Bay venue in February. Peter has written a book, "Escape from Berlin" in which he retraces what became of his family members, following the devastating impact of WW2.



Peter Nash
addressing the
Honours Club

VICTORIA

VIC DIVISION – CINEMA EVENT – FEBRUARY 2018

The Victorian Division of the Australian Friends of the Hebrew University in partnership with Zionism Victoria presented a premiere screening of a fascinating and highly acclaimed movie documentary that has just been produced in London by filmmaker Doug Dalgleish, "A Letter from London." The film is an exploration of the Balfour Declaration and the events leading to the establishment of the state of Israel.

The completely packed cinema of over one hundred people was testimony to a very successful event.

Prior to this special screening, a short film was shown on the amazing multidisciplinary brain research that is being undertaken at the Hebrew University, which is the dedicated project for the Australian Friends.

Dr Rolene Lamm, President Australian Friends Victorian division welcomed participants, introduced special guests, and highlighted the new Brain Research project.

Ms Anat Sultan Dadon the Deputy Israeli Ambassador and Hebrew University alumnus addressed the event.

Before the screening, special event guest, Ambassador Yossi Gal, VP for Advancement and External Affairs of the Hebrew University addressed the audience about the excellence of the university, and its amazing research. He identified the connection between the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration and the 100th Anniversary since the laying of the foundation stone of the university -

<https://youtu.be/C4Qe2nOW-eU>

Ambassador Gal highlighted the role of the Hebrew university as a university for humanity, to cure the world, feed the world and understand the world, pointing to the importance of Brain Research at the Hebrew University.

Mrs Sharene Hambur, President of Zionism Victoria thanked participants and concluded the event.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AMBASSADOR YOSHI GAL VISITS PERTH

Peter M Winterton, President of the WA FHUJ

Yossi Gal, the Vice President for Advancement and External Relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem made a two day visit to Perth as part of an Australia wide tour. Before his ambassadorial postings to France and the Netherlands, Yossi Gal was head of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Israel. He had been involved in Israel's foreign policy for over four decades including negotiating Israel's enduring peace treaty with Jordan and Egypt.

Ambassador Gal visited Carmel school as his first stop on his Perth tour. He was impressed by the strength of the school community and spoke to the high school students about the importance of education.

His visit to Perth was to promote the Brain Disease Research Centre (BDRC) at the Hebrew University, which focuses on neurological disorders and neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimers, Parkinsons and Multiple Sclerosis. Yossi Gal met with community leaders at a lunch at the University of Western Australia (UWA) and also had one-on-one meetings with Professors at both UWA and Curtin University.

Furthermore the relevance of student exchange was discussed and the importance of growing the UWA-HUJ exchange program was agreed upon. The contribution of existing donors was recognised, as well as the need for the wider community to support this important initiative.

The centenary of the laying of the foundation stone on Mt Scopus by Professor Albert Einstein and Lord Balfour and the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the State of Israel is being commemorated in 2018. To mark these important anniversaries an event was held at the home of Maurice Zeffert on the 15th February. It was a great pleasure to welcome old friends and see a few new ones attend. The premiere screening of the documentary film "A Letter from London" explored the Balfour Declaration and its legacy. This was preceded by a short overview of the Brain Disease Research Centre being undertaken at the Hebrew University. Ambassador Gal answered numerous questions from a fascinated audience.



Left: Hebrew University Vice President, Ambassador Yossi Gal with Shula Lazar
Right: Ambassador Yossi Gal with Debbie Myerson and WA Friends President, Assoc. Prof. Peter Winterton AM

ISRAEL PRIZE AWARDED TO FOUR HEBREW UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I share with you the recently-announced news of the awarding of the Israel Prize to four Hebrew University faculty members.

The Israel Prize – the State of Israel's most prestigious honour – is awarded annually on Independence Day as the highest recognition of Israeli individuals who have displayed excellence in their fields as well as those who have made an outstanding contribution to the State of Israel and the culture of the nation.

The Hebrew University recipients of this year's Israel Prize are:

Prof. Sergiu Hart, a member of the Department of Economics and of the Einstein Institute of Mathematics and a founder of the Federmann Institute for the Study of Rationality, will receive the award in recognition of his work on Economics and Statistics. His work focuses on Game Theory, dynamic systems and their convergence to equilibrium, dynamic models of learning, adaptation and evolution with "bounded rationality," mechanism design, and more.

Prof. Edwin Seroussi from the Department of Musicology will be awarded the Israel Prize in recognition of his research in Culture, the Arts and Musicology. Prof. Seroussi's work focuses on ethnomusicology, Jewish and Middle Eastern music, popular music and related areas of music and technology. He is the Director of the Jewish Music Research Center, and is recognised as the paramount world expert on historical, diverse and ethnic Jewish music.

Prof. Izchak M. Schlesinger, emeritus faculty member of the Department of Psychology, will be awarded the Prize in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the study of Psychology. Prof. Schlesinger's work focuses on psycholinguistics, within which he has developed a novel theory in the field of native language acquisition. His research also includes sign languages, other central elements in psycho-linguistics and Talmudic argumentation.

Prof. Alex Lubotzky, a member of the Einstein Institute of Mathematics, will be awarded the Israel Prize in recognition of his enormous contributions to the field of Mathematics and Computer Sciences. Prof. Lubotzky is a member of both the Israel and American Academy of Sciences and Humanities and is a world renowned researcher of Group Theory. He has received considerable international recognition including an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Chicago, the Rothschild Prize and the Erdos Prize in Mathematics.

We very much look forward to celebrating their achievements together with you, during the upcoming Board of Governors reception at the Residence of the President of the State of Israel, hosted by Hebrew University Honorary Doctorate laureate, President Reuven (Rubi) Rivlin, in which they – along with the Hebrew University's additional Nobel, Israel, EMET and other Prize laureates – will be saluted.

We wish you all the very best, and look forward to many more opportunities to share such good news with you.

Yours,

Prof. Asher Cohen
President, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem



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