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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings from Long Island, NY, my Stay-at-Home environment. I would have loved to be in Beer-Sheva, at Ben Gurion University with many of you for the BOG Meeting, but these are unprecedented times. I hope everyone is well and doing their best to stay safe and healthy. The Covid-19 pandemic poses immediate challenges great and small, to us all, and to this great and wonderful institution we are part of and have built into a world-class university. BGU's history (including this pandemic) is one of remarkable accomplishments and 50 years since the establishment is a genuine milestone. In this report, we quite appropriately look back at the dramatic developments of the past 50 years while addressing the BGU's future and ongoing responsibilities, including today's issues.

The University's commitment to academic and research excellence, its ethos of community outreach and dynamic campus life, in easier times, are all part of the special atmosphere and unique experience of BGU. I am proud to watch the BGU community tackle the present crisis. Students and faculty have made a smooth transition to online teaching. The BGU Coronavirus Task Force created by President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz is coordinating more than 50 projects where BGU's researchers are putting their ingenuity to work; repurposing projects for the current crises and utilizing their decades of expertise to help the country and the world cope with Covid-19 and its effects. As always, the BGU family is reaching out to help the community. Their dedication is inspiring. Leveraging the sciences to address Israel's and the world's problems is encoded in our University's DNA, 50 years ago, today and tomorrow.

The development of the North Campus is an historic process which will change the image and character of the University and the city of Beer-Sheva. The new campus will strengthen the University's infrastructure, will allow an increase in the number of students and will enhance their academic experience with state-of-the-art laboratories and new

classroom buildings, keeping us at the forefront of education for the next 50 years.

With the establishment of the Advanced Technologies Park, the University and the Beer-Sheva Municipality have succeeded in creating a unique entrepreneurial and research ecosystem centered around the University, bringing an ever-growing number of jobs and economic opportunities to the region, and innovations to the world. The tremendous potential of this collaboration was recognized earlier this year by the Israeli government, which funded the establishment of Israel's first "Innovation District" in Beer-Sheva.

While the University provides immense brainpower and infrastructure, its resources are finite. Now is the time for the entire BGU family to step up and support this amazing institution (and thereby help ourselves, through the University, to overcome the challenges of this pandemic).

This year is no different; the current and future success of Ben-Gurion University rest upon the members of the Board of Governors and friends of the University worldwide to diligently work to spread the news of BGU and to support it. I would like to thank each and every one of you for what you have done and what you continue to do for Ben-Gurion University, and am looking forward to thanking you, hopefully in person, next year in Beer-Sheva.

Wishing you well and praying for a swift and healthy outcome for all those affected by the coronavirus.

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

Lloyd Goldman



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just as we were finalizing this special Report marking Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's jubilee and celebrating its accomplishments, the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, an event that will leave its mark in every area of human life for years to come. For us this has meant postponing the physical celebrations of our jubilee. But here in this Report we can and do celebrate BGU's amazing journey thus far.

In 1974, at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, where the University was renamed in honor of Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, BGU's President, Prof. Moshe Prywes, noted "the greatness of Ben-Gurion was threefold: practical achievement, foresight, and unlimited faith in the future of the State of Israel and of the Jewish People." Prywes then wondered whether BGU would be able to capture and deploy this combination of realism, tenacity and vision in achieving its goals.

Some forty-six years later, the answer is a resounding "yes!" BGU exhibits precisely these characteristics, and this is what has made our journey truly remarkable and the results, thus far, beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Over the past year alone, for example, four of our young recruits were awarded prestigious ERC starting grants; BGU was chosen to house and develop the National Autism Research Center; we established a new interdisciplinary honors program that is attracting top undergraduates from across the country; and work has begun on a new home for the Ben-Gurion Archives, which will not only provide public access to this invaluable resource, but also facilitate groundbreaking research into the history of Zionism.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we rapidly formed interdisciplinary research groups that have already discovered solutions to a range of challenges posed by the coronavirus. And despite the challenges of COVID-19-induced social-distancing, our responsibility to educate the next generation of leaders has not been forgotten, and we are continuing the 2019-2020 academic year, having made an

early and smooth transition to remote learning online.

BGU's Marcus Family Campus took some 50 years to complete, growing and maturing with the University itself. Thanks to the foresight and long-term planning of the University's leadership and the support of its friends, the North Campus provides us the physical space for our next 50 years of development, and allows us to focus on our most vital goal: transforming BGU into Israel's premier, and one of the world's top institutions of higher learning. This will be accomplished by attracting the best and brightest researchers, and providing them with cutting-edge facilities that will allow them to do their best work and attract the best students.

These accomplishments fuel my confidence that our University will emerge from the current crisis even stronger. When I see the students, who are continuing with their studies and reaching out to help wherever they can; our dedicated staff and faculty, who are keeping this institution running and carrying out cutting-edge research under challenging conditions; and our friends and associates around the world who have rallied to our call for support, I am filled with pride, and am secure that the BGU spirit endures.

BGU's anniversary deserves celebration, and we will mark this milestone with all due pomp and circumstance when possible. I wish to thank each and every one of our friends and supporters over the last 50 years. Our achievements are your achievements. When we emerge from this period of crisis, we will have to resume our mission to guide BGU towards ever greater accomplishments, and even greater impact. Your continued support will be more important than ever.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Daniel Chamovitz".

Prof. Daniel Chamovitz

RENEWING OUR WALLS: RENEWING OUR VOWS





In October 1977, while construction of Ben-Gurion University's main campus was still in its early stages, the Board of Governors inaugurated the University's Founders Wall. This Wall – which is now a series of walls winding through campus – lists for posterity those generous friends of the University whose gifts were the seeds that made BGU an “Oxford in the desert,” the remarkable institution of higher learning that is now celebrating its jubilee.

Some forty years on, the desert climate has taken its toll on the glittering letters. On the occasion of the University's 50th anniversary, we undertook to restore these walls to the same high standards of more recent donor walls, such as the President's Pillars, the Centennial Wall, and the Negev Society, as a sign of our eternal gratitude.

THE SEEDS SOWN YEARS AGO HAVE HELPED MAKE BGU A REMARKABLE FLOURISHING GARDEN OF KNOWLEDGE AND OPPORTUNITIES

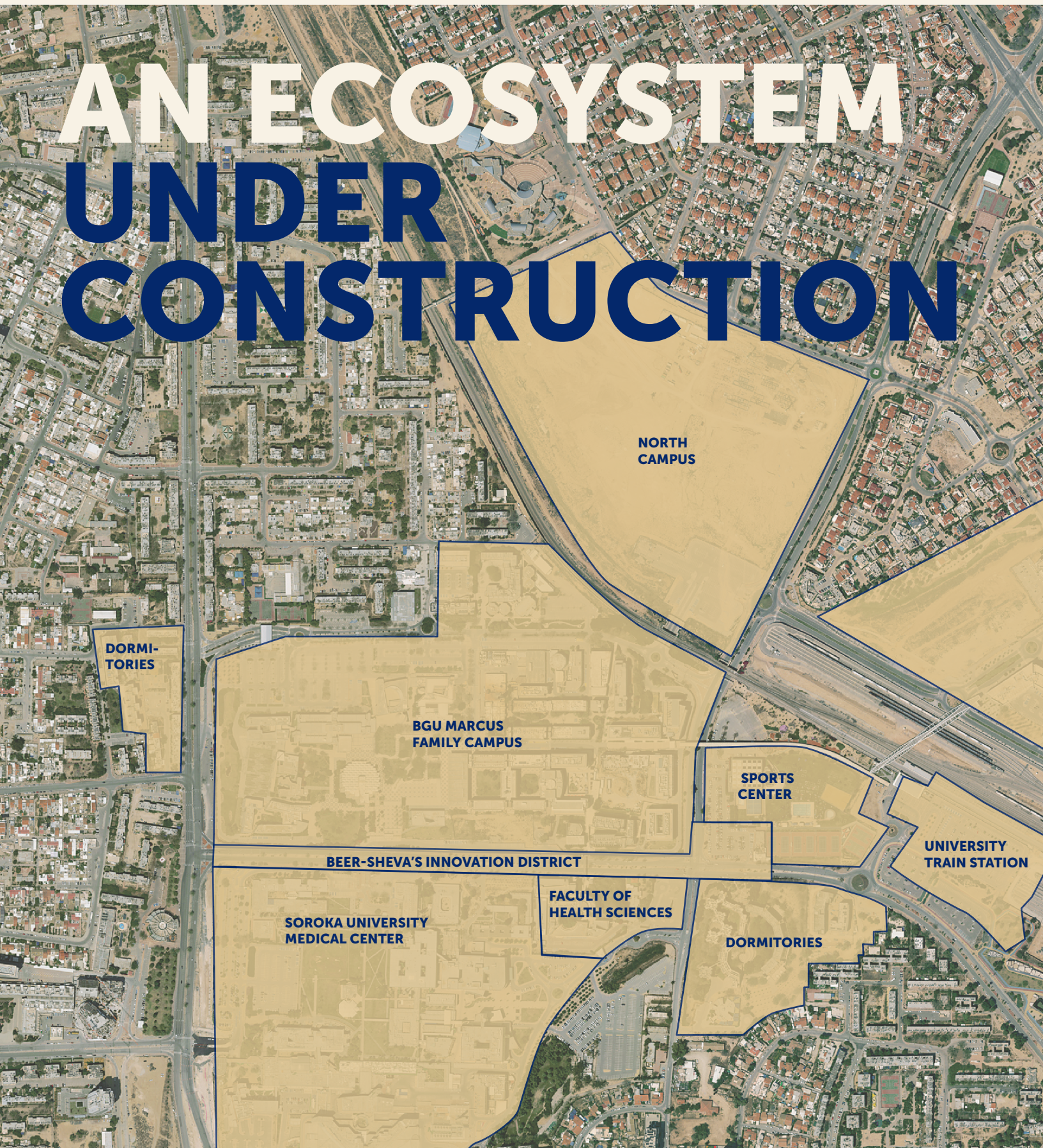
The contributions from our friends, great and small, have funded scholarships, classrooms, laboratories, gardens, entire buildings and many other aspects of the University's operations. These gifts have made possible the advancement of science, research and education, and supported the University in its mission to help individuals realize their full potential and drive development in the Negev and the State of Israel, for the benefit of humankind worldwide.

I joined the BGU family last year and am delighted to be part of this tribute to our friends. I hope that our renewed Founders Walls will inspire them to renew their own commitment to BGU. As we enter a new era reshaped by global forces, BGU has the potential to make a stand with humanity and help shape the world as a better place. The continued support of our friends in the coming years is more crucial than ever as we become a truly world-class institution and beacon unto the nations.

Jeff Kaye

Vice President for Public Affairs and Resource Development

AN ECOSYSTEM UNDER CONSTRUCTION





On one end of the North Campus grounds, elegant dormitory buildings are taking shape – set to provide housing for an additional thousand students. Constructed in accordance with the green building standard, the first student residents of the North Campus will enjoy unparalleled comfort.

In most ways, dorms are the easiest to construct with their straightforward requirements. Research laboratory buildings, such as the new Diane and Guilford Glazer Institute for Homeland Security Building, are more complex and demanding. As befitting a building to be filled with cutting edge research, it is being designed with the most advanced software, instead of the blueprints of yesteryear.

A DECADE OR MORE OF VISIONARY AND AMBITIOUS PLANNING IS BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT. AS CONSTRUCTION PICKS UP, THE EMPTY AREAS SURROUNDING BGU'S MARCUS FAMILY CAMPUS ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF THE BGU ECOSYSTEM

**ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGIES
PARK**

**ISRAEL DEFENSE
FORCE'S DIGITAL
C4 CAMPUS**

The Israel Defense Force's Digital C4 Campus is also beginning to rise from the desert. BGU President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz and Beer-Sheva Mayor Ruvik Danilovich, together with IDF representatives, cut the ribbon on the campus' first building in June 2019. The campus will eventually occupy about 150,000 square meters of building space spread over 18 acres and be home to approximately 5,000 soldiers and permanent military personnel.

The Advanced Technologies Park continues to thrive and grow. The fourth building was recently completed and the fifth building is already under construction.

Finally, the academia-industry-government triangle that is already transforming the city of Beer-Sheva has been reimaged as an innovation district. Its axes will be Ben-Gurion Boulevard separating the Marcus Family Campus and Soroka University Medical Center, and Uri Zvi Greenberg Boulevard between the Advanced Technologies Park and the North Campus. Beer-Sheva's Innovation District is one of just 100 being planned around the world, an engine of growth that produces streams of revenue, multi-disciplinary research, many more jobs and a pleasant physical environment that entices residents and passers-by to stroll, shop and visit.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

COMPLETED THIS YEAR

- Graduate Students Residence
- Renovation of two buildings in the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex
- Renovation of the central lobby of the Zlotowski Student Center
- Renovation of classrooms in Building H2 at the Tuviyahu Campus

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building
- Undergraduate Village on the North Campus
- Medical Simulation and Classroom Building, to house the Field Family Foundation Simulation Center
- The Cyndi and Max Mintzberg Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism Building and the Cyndi and Max Mintzberg Ben-Gurion Archives Building
- Electrical room on North Campus

WORK TO BEGIN SOON

- Sylvan Adams Sports Centre expansion
- North Campus Energy Center
- North Campus utilities tunnels and underground infrastructure
- Renovation of the Gate of Aliya
- BGU-Soroka Joint Research Building supported by the Adelis Foundation



UNDER DESIGN

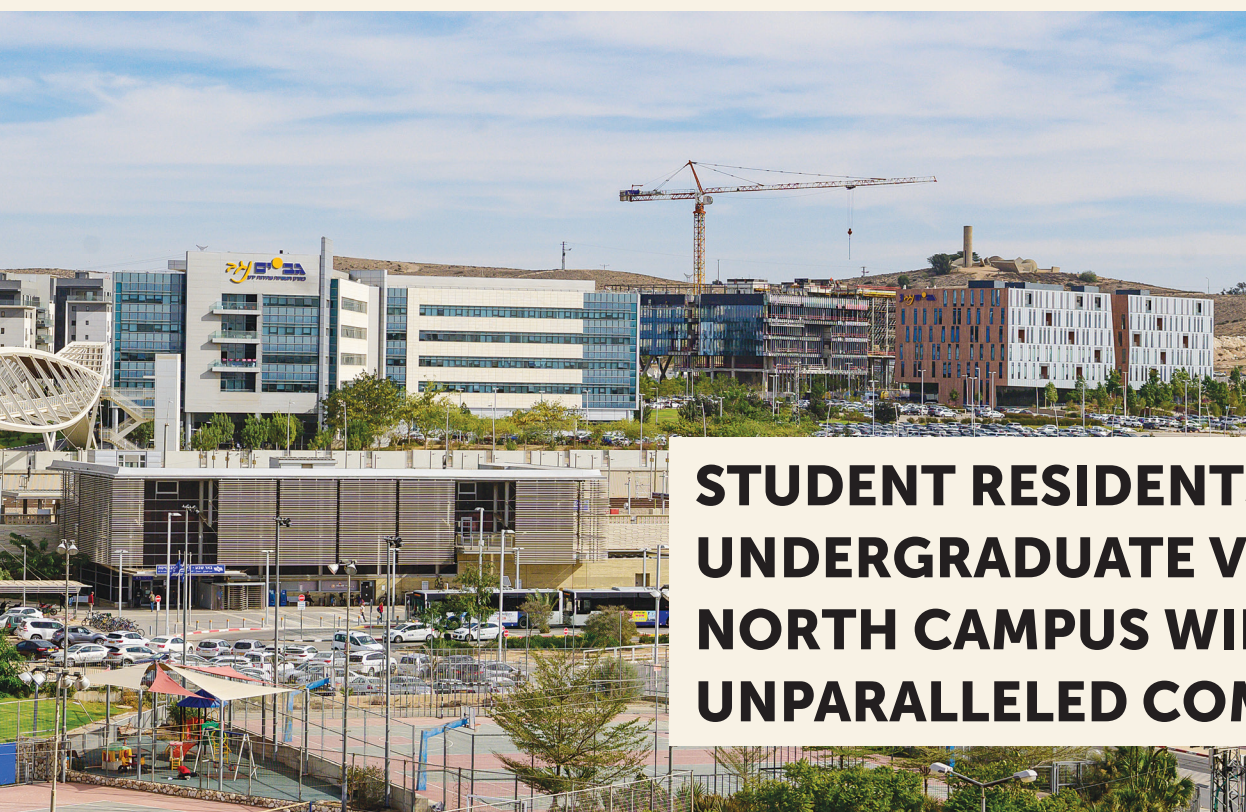
- Diane and Guilford Glazer Institute for Homeland Security Building
- Drahi Innovation and Entrepreneurship Building
- Computer Science Building
- A new plaza between the Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building and the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering
- Adaptation of the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering basement for research labs
- Renovation of the Ilanot Gate

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Structural Engineering Building
- University Art Gallery
- Library for Engineering and Natural Sciences
- Health Sciences research laboratories building
- International Conference Center
- Ernest Scheller, Jr. Gate of Innovation, North Campus

← Construction of the Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building is nearing completion

↓ Construction has begun on the Undergraduate Village, the first buildings on the North Campus



↑ The renovated lobby of the Zlotowski Student Center

← View of the University train station and the Advanced Technologies Park

STUDENT RESIDENTS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE VILLAGE ON NORTH CAMPUS WILL ENJOY UNPARALLELED COMFORT

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AS WE CELEBRATE BGU'S
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OF PEOPLE WHOSE
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WITH THE UNIVERSITY
THEN AND NOW

■◀ OUR PRESIDENT AND RECTOR CHART A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE ■◀ GENERATIONS OF SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS REFLECT ON CHANGING TIMES AND RESEARCH PARADIGMS, AS WELL AS THE LEGACY OF DAVID BEN-GURION ■◀ A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS TALKS ABOUT PHILANTHROPY WITH HIS SON ■◀ AND FINALLY, A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S VERY FIRST COHORT REMINISCES WITH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE STUDENT UNION

YOU ARE INVITED TO READ EXCERPTS FROM THESE CONVERSATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES AND WATCH THE VIDEOS ONLINE AT:



[BIT.LY/SPEAKINGBGU](https://bit.ly/speakingbgu)



Prof. Daniel Chamovitz and Prof. Chaim Hames

Prof. Daniel Chamovitz is originally from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and came to Israel when he was 21. He has a PhD in plant genetics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Before coming to BGU to serve as President in 2019, he was Dean of the George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences at Tel Aviv University.

Prof. Chaim Hames was born in England and came to Israel at the age of 12. He has a PhD in medieval history from the University of Cambridge. He joined BGU in 1995, founding the Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters. He became Rector of the University in 2018.

Photos:

- 1 - Professors Chamovitz (L) and Hames (R)
- 2 - Chamovitz and Hames on the Double Helix Bridge to the Advanced Technologies Park
- 3 - The David Tuviyahu (Beit HIAS) Campus in the 1980s

Danny → Something that characterizes academia is the special relationship between a professor and the students. A lecturer can be someone inspiring, or a mentor, or just someone there to relay material. How do you preserve that special relationship with so many students?



Chaim → One of the great things about coming to the coffee shop is that you can see students talking to their teachers and this is precisely the environment we want to encourage, to create a feeling of accessibility. For the lecturers too, this approach leads to new ideas, and these are practices we should encourage. I really think there should be an emphasis on the interpersonal relationship between students and teachers. After all, the information and materials are available online, but the relationship isn't.

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Chaim → David Ben-Gurion wanted to create "an Oxford" in the Negev and he was laughed at, but look around, it really worked. You came here because of Zionism and stayed because of the Zionist spirit. Do you think Zionism

will continue to bring the brightest researchers here in the future?

Danny → I think that Zionism is part of BGU's DNA. It is what makes us feel at home, and what attracts scholars to bet their future on this university. But what will keep the best researchers here is the fact that we are a world-class university that provides them with the same conditions – labs, libraries, and quality students – that they could have at any other leading university in the US or Europe.

We are not here to compromise our standards for Zionism; we are Zionists who aim for the highest standards here in the desert.



Prof. Yossi Mizrahi and Prof. Naftali Lazarovitch

Prof. Emeritus Yosef (Yossi) Mizrahi was born in Tel Aviv and has a PhD in botany from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He joined the Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research in 1968. During his career he worked on the domestication of the pitanga and other wild fruit trees as new crops, on new varieties of cherry tomatoes and much more.

Prof. Naftali Lazarovitch was born in Rehovot. He has a PhD in soil and water sciences from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and joined the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research in 2006. His research focuses on water flow and solute transport in the soil-plant-atmosphere system, including increasing agricultural water use efficiency.

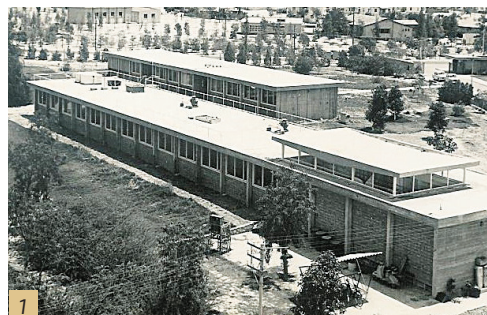
Photos:

- 1 - The Negev Institute for Arid Zone Research, 1958. Photo: Moshe Pridan, courtesy of Government Press Office
- 2 - Yossi and Naftali make shakshuka
- 3 - Prof. Yossi Mizrahi checks hothouse tomatoes, 1980s

Yossi → There's a process of desertification taking place around the world... An enormous number of people suffer from food shortage, from lack of nutrition. The knowledge that is being developed here in this place by the University's units can provide at least partial solutions to the catastrophes taking place now in different desert areas and in future desert areas around the world.

Naftali → All this knowledge being developed here – including technologies related to plants, irrigation, fertilization – we beta test it here in the little State of Israel, and then we export those technologies to other places in the world, to other desert regions.

Yossi → And it's not just technologies. We try to adapt existing crops to the extreme desert conditions we have here, as well as attempt to introduce new crops that can provide food in desert conditions.



Naftali → While producing food, you also protect the soil, ensuring

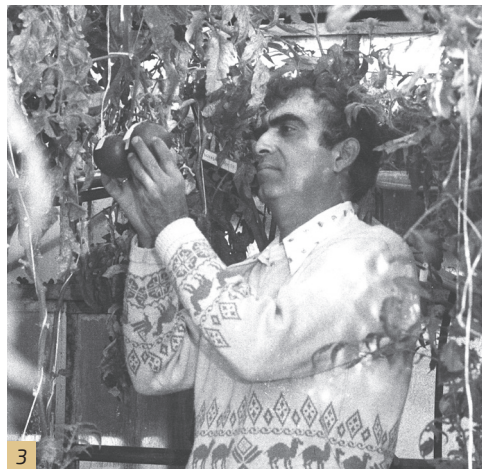
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sustainable soil that can provide food for our grandchildren and for future generations.

Naftali → Do you know that to produce two dates you need 100 liters of water!

Yossi → Wow!

Naftali → That means either your evening shower or eating two dates. We want to reduce the use of water, so we can use the same amount of water to grow more dates – more crop per drop. Our research addresses the issue of irrigation scheduling: finding the optimal quantity and frequency of water application. And we also develop sensors that monitor the



plant and check what is going on in the soil, how the plant is doing, how fast it is growing. Ultimately, we enjoy eating delicious dates from the Negev.



Adi Aharoni and Erica Sapir

Adi Aharoni, originally from Modi'in, is chairperson of the BGU Student Union. She is in her third and final year of studies towards a BA in management and in sociology. During her service in the IDF, Adi was a combat medic instructor.

Erica (Linder) Sapir came to Israel from Romania as a teenager. She is a graduate of the University's first cohort in chemical engineering in 1970, comprised of just six men and two women. After graduating, she worked at Israel Aerospace Industries for 17 years, and then left to establish and head her own environmental and occupational health consultancy company, from which she retired last year.

Photos:

- 1 - Adi Aharoni and Erica Sapir revisit the David Tuviyahu Campus (Beit HIAS)
- 2 - Erica Sapir and her husband to be at the student dormitories, 1968. Courtesy of Erica Sapir
- 3 - Class photo of first cohort of chemical engineering graduates, 1969/70. Courtesy of Erica Sapir



Erica → What brought us to study in Beer-Sheva was the inner drive, the desire to make history. To start something new here. It would have been easier to go to the Technion to study like all the students, but to come here to be pioneers, to establish a university – that was how it was presented to us, and we really felt we had a mission.

Erica → So I understand that you [students today] study, take exams and also work, and also are involved in social action. How do you have time for all that?



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Adi → I think that as students we simply choose to make the time. Over 50% of the students have a scholarship involving social action, or simply volunteer in some social project. This is also the reason going to BGU is so unique: you are involved in an experience that goes beyond work and studies.

Erica → This kind of student life really prepares you for life in general.

Adi → Exactly. The satisfaction is far deeper than just succeeding on an exam or getting a paycheck.

Adi → When you graduated and went into the job market, did you feel as if your studies prepared you for what you really needed?

Erica → Ultimately our studies were an educational foundation. Very few of the people I studied with found work exactly in their profession, but they did use the knowledge acquired to develop careers in different areas.

I used what I had learnt to develop an independent career.

Adi → I think that is very similar to what is happening today with us. One's degree, one might say, is theoretical. It teaches you many approaches.

Adi → So, in your time, was the grass also the place where you met your future partner?

Erica → Well, I did meet my partner at the University. He was studying mechanical engineering and we went through all the struggles of studies together, gradually getting to know one another. How about you?

Adi → For us, we meet on apps and on the grass, and through student activities. For example, we just came out with branded bracelets, so that while you are studying at the library you can also signal that you are interested in meeting someone.



Prof. Paula Kabalo and Prof. Ilan Troen

Prof. Emeritus S. Ilan Troen is originally from Boston and immigrated to Israel in 1975. He has a PhD in history from the University of Chicago. He was director of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism from 1983 to 1987 and is the founding editor of its journal, "Israel Studies". He was also the director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University.

Prof. Paula Kabalo is the director of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism and also heads the Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies International MA program and the Azrieli Center for Israel Studies. Her research focus is the history of citizen associations and civil society in Israel.

Photos:

- 1 - David Ben-Gurion in Kibbutz Sde Boker
- 2 - Professors Kabalo (L) and Troen (R) against the background of the Zin Valley
- 3 - Prof. Troen (L) and BGU President Yosef Tekoah with visitors, late 1970s
- 4 - Cornerstone laying ceremony for BGU's Sde Boker campus, 1974. Photo: Sa'ar Ya'akov. Courtesy Government Press Office

Ilan → Look at this! What a place! What a view!

Paula → I guess it was a source of inspiration for Ben-Gurion and it's definitely a source of inspiration for us.



Ilan → You know what this proves? That this is not just a place of desolation; it is a place full of possibilities. It is through here that the people of Israel walked in ancient times and it is where the people of Israel can come and build in the modern period. If you look around, you see possibilities, not an absence. You see what it can be: cultural, visual, spiritual, as well as green and scientific and all the rest.

Paula → If we follow Ben-Gurion's way of thinking – the understanding that mankind has to reach out to new horizons, and that science and technology and knowledge are what we need to seek – we must, at the same time, never forget the spirit of human beings: it all comes from that, from the soul of humankind and that's

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why the humanities have to be part and parcel of any scientific endeavor in the desert.

Ilan → The desert is the key. Think of the place of the desert in Jewish history. David, Moses, and generations after generations were able to make out of nothing



something great that has lasted through millennia. That's our job at Ben-Gurion University too. It really is. This is why people from all over the world come here to this spot: to study humanities, to study science, to study physics – all in order to make the world a better place in which to live. It's an amazing dream that Ben-Gurion had!

Paula → And it's our role to fulfill it.



Alexander M. Goren and Andrea Goren

Alexander M. Goren was born in Romania and has lived and worked in Israel, Italy and the USA. He is a managing partner at Goren Bros., a money management and real estate company. Alex and his family have been deeply involved with BGU since 1972, a commitment culminating with service as Chairman of the Board of Governors of BGU between 2012 and 2019 and an honorary PhD in 2015.

Andrea Goren, Alex's son, has an MBA from Columbia University and is currently managing director and CFO for Phoenix Group, a private equity firm. He is a third-generation supporter of BGU and a member of the first cohort of AABGU's Zin Fellows Leadership Program. He lives in New York. Andrea recently became Treasurer of AABGU.

Photos:

- 1 - Three generations (Avram Goldstein-Goren, Alex Goren, and Andrea Goren) visit BGU together in the early 70s
- 2 - Alex and Andrea cook together in New York

Alex → Pinchas Sapir said to my father "I've got good news and better news. The client for your textile mill will pay a very good price. The better news is that you're gonna give me all the money because the Old Man [DBG] wants to build a university in the Negev." My father said "It's a deal." He really loved the idea of an Oxford in the desert.

The cornerstone laying ceremony for our building* was the first time I was really in Beer-Sheva. And it was kind of a lunar setting... because in the middle of nothing there was the Aranne Library, which was a beautiful building. And in front of it was the Kreitman Building. And that was all there was!

In '73 I went to live in Israel for eleven years. I got very involved in the University and went to Beer-Sheva often. And the University itself – it just exploded. When Avishay Braverman came in, he really grew the University to what it is today. The job he did in those years as



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president was really amazing. And Rivka Carmi afterwards too. They always got the top architects to design the buildings, and most of them are really beautiful architecturally.

Andrea → It's a Brutalist's dream.

Alex → You know. I'm very proud of the fact that you were part of the first Zin Fellows cohort. How was it?

Andrea → In many ways it was life altering. The program gave me the opportunity to learn about BGU at a much deeper level and to see exactly what you and Nonno [grandfather] have been up to all these years. It's really hard not to fall in love with the mission and with what's going on at the University.

My philanthropy until then was more about the kids' school or the synagogue, but it was all passive. Here I feel that I have become part of something that is much greater than myself, and even greater than the University or Israel. If you look at some of the research that's going on, attracting people from all over the world, and the work going on outside the University in the community... It's basically the most important thing that I'm working on aside from my familial duties, but I feel like I'm getting more out of it than I'm putting in.

Alex → That's the way I've always felt too. I'm very proud of your involvement with BGU and AABGU and I'm sure Nonno is also very proud that you're continuing as the third generation.





SPEAKING OF BGU

video project

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



→ President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz presented BGU's 50th anniversary commemorative postage stamp to Israel's President Reuven 'Ruby' Rivlin. Photo: Courtesy of President of Israel's Spokesperson's Unit



LEADERSHIP RECOGNIZED

Prof. Avishay Braverman, BGU's 5th president, who served from 1990 to 2006, received the **Israel Prize's Lifetime Achievement Award** in recognition of his vision and leadership in building BGU and the surrounding ecosystem, benefiting the Negev and the nation.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev ranked by Pitchbook among the **top 50 undergraduate programs worldwide** in the production of entrepreneurs.

BGU ranks 15th on the **Nature Index of Young Universities**. The Index ranks universities 50 years or younger in the natural sciences.



← L-R: Prof. Angel Porgador, Dr. Roi Gazit, and doctoral student Avishay Edri, all of the Shraga Segal Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics, organized BGU's volunteers to test samples for coronavirus

↓ BGU students volunteering at Beer-Sheva's drive-through coronavirus testing site

BGU RISES TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Ben-Gurion University began preparing for the coronavirus pandemic just as Purim arrived and the second semester was about to start. All events and in-person classes were cancelled and the University made a rapid and remarkably smooth transition to online learning, even before Israelis were instructed to remain at home. The academic year is continuing as scheduled.

More than 50 scientists from across the University's departments joined forces in a coronavirus taskforce charged with developing novel solutions to medical and social problems caused by the pandemic.

Some 100 BGU researchers and graduate students responded to a call for volunteers, working in shifts to test blood samples for coronavirus at the Clinical Virology Lab at Soroka University Medical Center.



BGU Radio upgraded its studios for live broadcasting via the BGU Radio Facebook page, to support staff and students during the coronavirus lockdown period. The broadcasts are in Hebrew, Arabic and English.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

→ Rafael Advanced Defense Systems opened its R&D center at BGU's Advanced Technologies Park. Pictured (L-R): President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz, Mayor Ruvik Danilovitz, Rafael Chairman Dr. Uzi Landau, CEO Yoav Har-Even, and executive VP Dr. Ran Gozali



↓ Buzi Raviv, a graduate student at the French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands, hosted BGU Radio's "Podcast Production Course" graduation event



BGU Radio was launched with a new studio on the Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva, after two years on the Sde Boker Campus. BGU Radio broadcasts as a podcast network produced by students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community.

THE BGU ECOSYSTEM

The first building on the IDF's technology campus adjacent to the Advanced Technologies Park was dedicated. The campus will eventually occupy about 150,000 square meters of building space spread over 180 dunams.

Beer-Sheva is the first city in Israel chosen to establish an **innovation district**, which will be centered around BGU.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

A new school was established for **Electrical and Computer Engineering**, which offers three study programs for bachelor's degrees: Electrical and Computer Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Communications Systems Engineering.

For the first time in Israeli academia, BGU's **Dept. of Middle East Studies** introduced a new approach to **teaching Arabic in Arabic**, which integrates spoken and literary Arabic.

The **Council for Higher Education** recently approved an increase in the number of students to be accepted for **nursing studies** at BGU, adding an extra 50 places each year.

The **Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management** received **EQUIS accreditation**.

The **Eitan Scholarship Program** for outstanding students is a new accelerated, direct undergraduate-to-master's degree program allowing students to build individualized study programs, under the supervision of an academic mentor, in a collaborative setting designed to foster research inter-disciplinarity and excellence.

The **Computing Division** launched **Virtual Classrooms**, a new system enabling academic departments to operate teaching programs from all the classrooms on campus and from every computer on the University network.

The **Dept. of Emergency Medicine** offered the first course in Israel focusing on **Ultrasound Studies**.

The digital version of the **Heksherim Lexicon of Israeli Literature** was published online. It includes 1,355 entries on literature created since 1948.

↑ *Communications ministers and regulators, and CEOs of communications companies from around the world participated in the 'Communications in the Cyber Era Global Program for Regulators' in conjunction with Cybertech 2020*

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



↑ The Sidney Loeb Archives at Sde Boker

The Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research dedicated the archives of **Prof. Sidney Loeb**, pioneer of reverse osmosis desalination.

Entrepreneurship and Tech Management, a new program in the **Dept. of Management**, introduces students to the world of entrepreneurship and includes internship opportunities and collaborations with BGU's **Advanced Technologies Park**.

Four new specialization tracks are now offered in the **Dept. of Chemical Engineering**: Management and Innovation; Energy, Water and Hi-Tech; Bio-Substances; and a research track.

The Digital Humanities Laboratory, which utilizes computational techniques for the study and research of humanities, was launched.

Ben-Gurion University and **Microsoft Israel** launched two AI tools that will "bring to life" the **Ben-Gurion Archives** by revealing hidden relationships and themes in its documents.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The Israeli government, in collaboration with BGU, is investing **NIS 200 million** in a new **Quantum Institute**, which will be part of the **Soreq Nuclear Research Center**.

BGU and **Northwestern University** will lead a U.S.-Israel consortium - Collaborative Water-Energy Research Center (CoWERC) - with a total budget of \$21.4 million.

As part of a national academic delegation led by Israeli President **Reuven Rivlin**, VP of Regional Development **Prof. Dan Blumberg** signed an MOU with **Hanyang University** and **Konkuk University** in South Korea.

BGU and the **University of Bristol, UK**, signed an MOU to collaborate on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence research.

BGU will partner with **The State University of New York at Albany** (SUNY Albany) to promote cybersecurity research, education and industry.

BGU and **Thomas Jefferson University** in Philadelphia, PA signed a Memorandum of Collaboration to expand research into health disparities, bioethics and autism research.

A group of scientists from BGU and the **Salk Institute for Biological Studies** were awarded **\$14.3 million** over five years by the **US National Institutes of Health (NIH)** to create a high-resolution atlas of how the mouse brain generates and controls skilled forelimb movements.



← Participants in the Cactus Capital program, BGU's student-run venture capital firm, celebrate the end of its first year



↑ Josh Peleg, the new CEO of BGN Technologies

Prof. Jacob Moran-Gilad of the Dept. of Health Systems Management will develop novel approaches to combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria as part of a new Swiss consortium, which received a €25 million grant for the next four years.

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

14 teams took part in the **Inno-Negev Technology Accelerator**, managed by the Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and BGN Technologies.

Cactus Capital, BGU's \$1 million student venture capital fund, has made 14 investments in two rounds. During the Fund's first year, over 1,000 students participated in sponsored activities.

A UN report on innovation for social good praised **Trademark**, an artificial intelligence tool developed by students in a joint **BGU-Google** program.

COMMERCIALIZATION AND APPLIED RESEARCH

Josh Peleg was appointed Chief Executive Officer of **BGN Technologies**, the University's technology transfer company.

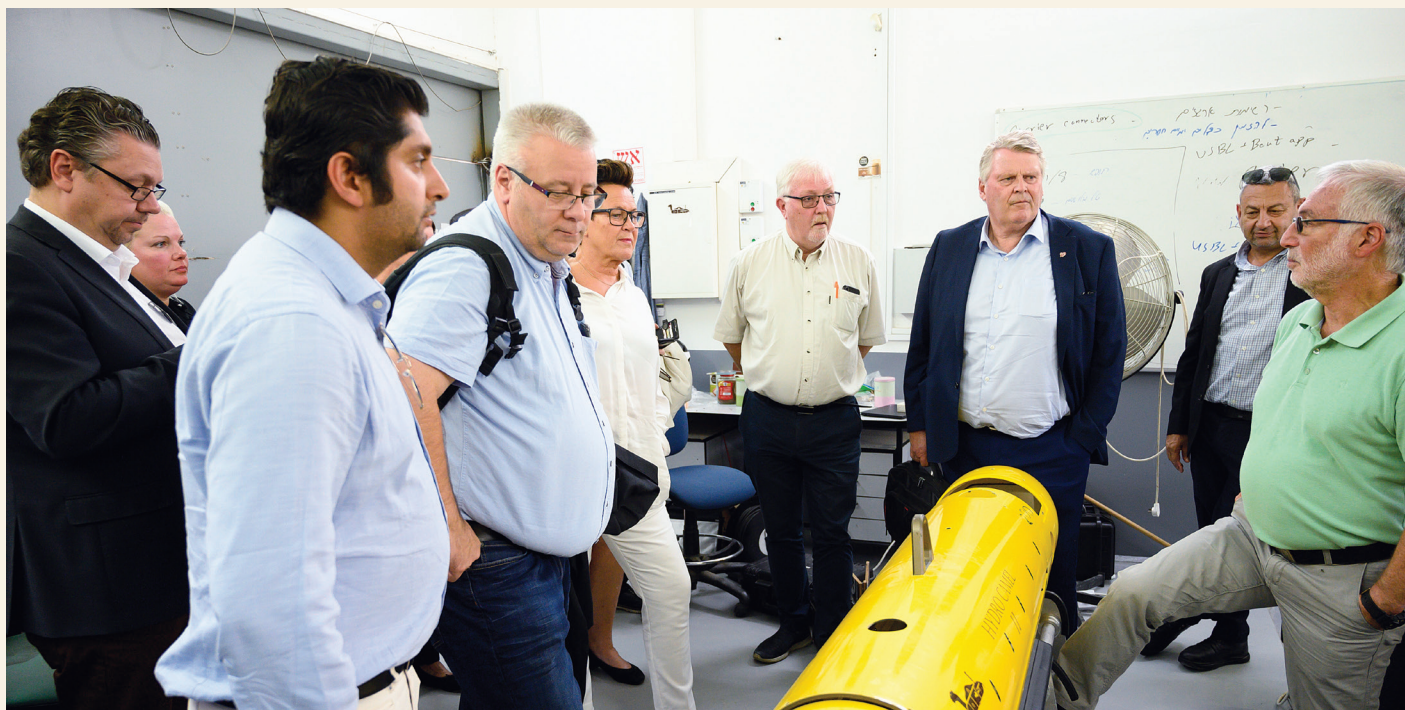
ANANDA Scientific and **BGN Technologies** signed a license and research agreement to develop and commercialize cannabinoid products, based on research conducted by **Prof. Amnon Sintov** of the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering and **Prof. Shimon Ben-Shabat**, director of the School of Pharmacy.

BGU sent a Prototype Solar Power Generator developed by **Prof. (Emer.) Jeffrey Gordon** and his US colleagues for testing on the international space station.

BGN Technologies and **Vaxil Bio** signed a license and research agreement to develop targeted cancer therapies.

BGU, the Israeli Ministry of Defense, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy agreed to pursue joint R&D programs to advance **quantum technology**.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



↑ A delegation of Norwegian parliament members headed by Mr. Hans Fr. Grøvan visited Prof. Hugo Guterman's Autonomous Robotics Lab in the Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering

NOTABLE GRANTS

Four BGU researchers received the highly prestigious **ERC Starting Grant**: **Prof. Menny Shalom**, **Dr. Benjamin Palmer**, and **Dr. Josh Baraban**, all from the Dept. of Chemistry, and **Dr. Deborah Toiber** of the Dept. of Life Sciences.

Dr. Josh Baraban also won an **Alon Fellowship** from the **Council for Higher Education**.

Dr. Itzik Mizrahi of the Dept. of Life Sciences received an **ERC Consolidator Grant**. He also won a **DIP Grant** together with **Prof. Edward Bayer** and **Prof. Ohad Medalia**.

Prof. Ronen Segev of the Dept. of Life Sciences and **Dr. Benjamin Rosental** of the Shraga Segal Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics, both received grants from the prestigious **Human Frontier Science Program**.

Prof. Michael Danilenko and **Dr. Eitan Rubin** from the Dept. of Physiology and Cell Biology won an **ISF Precision Medicine Grant** to establish a national leukemia database.

Dr. Niv Papo of the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Dept. of Biotechnology Engineering and the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev has been awarded an **ERC Proof of Concept Grant**.

Three BGU researchers were selected as **Azrieli Foundation Fellows 2019-20**: **Dr. Benjamin Palmer** (Chemistry), **Dr. Ely Kovetz** (Physics) and **Dr. Jennifer Resnik** (Life Sciences).

Dr. Dana Vedder-Weiss of the Dept. of Education received the **NARST 2020 Early Career Research Award**.



BEN-GURION DAY 2019

President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz and entrepreneur Moshe Hoge represented BGU in laying a wreath on David Ben-Gurion's grave in Sde Boker on Ben-Gurion Day in December.

Later that day, BGU bestowed the inaugural **Ben-Gurion Award** on eight distinguished individuals for their contributions to the University, the community, and the Negev: **Prof. David Faiman**, founder of the Ben-Gurion National Solar Energy Center and the Alexandre Yersin Department of Solar Energy and Environmental Physics; **Prof. Shimon M. Glick**, former dean and co-founder of the Faculty of Health Sciences and founder of the internal medicine department at Soroka University Medical Center; **Prof. Shaul P. Ladany**, operations research scientist and legendary Olympic race walker; **David Merage**, philanthropist and founder of the Merage Foundation; **Ibrahim Nsasra**, entrepreneur and philanthropist, founder of the Tamar Center to promote Bedouin education; **Tal Ohana**, Head of the Yeruham Local Council; **Kobi Oz**, famed singer-songwriter/producer and lead singer of Teapacks; and **Aviva Segev**, one of the founders of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Kaye College,



and Edy's House-Ma'agan to support cancer patients and their families.

The **2019 Alumni Recognition Awards** were also presented on Ben-Gurion Day this year to: **Eyaid Ahmad**, a community activist, founder of Hagar: Jewish-Arab Education for Equality and accessibility supervisor for Arab students at Sapir Academic College; **Orly Ben-Hamu Lahav**, plant manager at Intel's Kiryat Gat facility; **Sigal Regev Rosenberg**, Director General of the Meuhedet Health Fund and first woman to hold such a position; **Shira Salzer**, founder of

↑ Ben-Gurion Award honorees with VP for Public Affairs & Resource Development Jeff Kaye, Rector Prof. Chaim Hames and President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz

← President Chamovitz and entrepreneur Moshe Hoge lay a wreath on David Ben-Gurion's grave on Ben-Gurion Day

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



↑ *Alumni Recognition Awards honorees with VP and Director General David Bareket, Rector Hames and President Chamovitz*

Cambium, a software development company and hi-tech entrepreneur in Yeruham; and **Moshe Vigdor**, Director General of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation-Israel, former director general of the Council for Higher Education, the Jewish Agency for Israel and former VP and Director General of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED

"Fake news on Twitter during the 2016 U.S. presidential election" by **Dr. Nir Grinberg** of the Dept. of Software and Information Systems Engineering ranked number 58 on **Altmetric's Top 100 list** of the most-discussed and shared pieces of research published in the past year.

Three graduates of the **Creative Writing Program** in BGU's Dept. of Hebrew Literature received the **Minister of Education and Culture Prize in Literature** for their debut books: **Roni Eldad's** *Any Day Now*; **Tali Shamir-Werzberger's** *Smooth as Water*; and **Adam Ratzon's** *A Need to Fight the Obvious*.

Prof. Jonatan Meir from the Goldstein-Goren Dept. of Jewish Thought was elected a member of the **Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities**.

Three members of the **Department of Sociology and Anthropology** now lead their professional organizations: **Prof. Lev Grinberg** was elected president of the **Israeli Sociological Society**; **Prof. Yael Hashiloni-Dolev** was elected joint president of the **Israeli Society for the History & Philosophy of Science**; and **Prof. Pnina Motzafi-Haller** was elected president of the **Israeli Anthropological Society**.

Prof. Ya'akov Gal of the Dept. of Software and Information Systems Engineering was elected a senior member of the **Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)**.

Dr. Yoram Singer from the Division of Community Health received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the **Israel Association of Family Physicians**.

Idan Hekselman, a student in the Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology and Biochemistry's MD/PhD program, under the direction of **Prof. Esti Yeger-Lotem**, won the prestigious **Rappaport Prize for Excellence in Biomedical Research** for 2020 in the category of outstanding students.

Prof. Guy Beiner of the Dept. of General History was awarded three international prizes for his book *Forgetful Remembrance: Social Forgetting and Vernacular Historiography of a Rebellion in Ulster*.

Dr. Yehuda Ben-Shimol of the Dept. of Communications Systems Engineering received the **Wolfram Innovation Award 2020**.

Yulia Shevchenko, a PhD student from the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental & Energy Research, won the **Israeli President's Scholarship for Excellence and Scientific Innovation**.

Ron Efrat, a PhD student in the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental & Energy Research, won the **Adams Fellowship**.



This year's **Yechiel Admoni Award** was bestowed upon **Dr. Muhammad Bashouti** of the Alexandre Yersin Dept. of Solar Energy and Environmental Physics and graduate students **Daniel Minikaev** of the French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands and **Anne Bogler** of the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research.

Prof. Avishay Goldberg, Chair of the Dept. of Health Systems Management, was appointed chair of the executive committee of the **Israel National Institute for Testing & Evaluation**.

Life Lines, an exhibit documenting **Prof. (Emer.) Shaul Ladany's** remarkable life was displayed in the **Forum of the Bergen-Belsen Memorial** in Lohheide, Germany.

↑ Hundreds of BGU faculty and staff members celebrated BGU's 50th anniversary on Rosh Hashana with a mass sing along

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



↑ Richard Edelman's sculpture *Cyberglyph* on the Marcus Family Campus

NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

A generous donation by **Sylvan Adams** of Israel will renovate and transform the University's existing sports complex into a state-of-the-art facility which will be named the **Sylvan Adams Sports Centre at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev**.

The Center for Israel Studies at the **Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism** will be named the **Azrieli Center for Israel Studies** thanks to the vision and generosity of the **Azrieli Foundation Canada-Israel**.

Morris Kahn renewed his support of **Prof. Ohad Birk's** "100 Diseases Project: From Scientific Discovery to Disease Prevention" at the **Morris Kahn Laboratory of Human Genetics**.

The **Patrick & Lina Drahi Foundation** have pledged to support the construction of the **Drahi Innovation & Entrepreneurship Building** to be built on the North Campus.

The generous bequest of **Manya Igel** from the UK will support the **Medical Simulation & Classroom Building**, establish the **Manya Igel Institute for Innovative Food and Nutrition Biomedical Research** at BGU, and provide funds to recruit and retain outstanding young scientists.

James M. Breslauer and the **Breslauer-Soref Foundation** of Cypress, CA renewed their commitment to support the University's entrepreneurship endeavors by generously providing funding for **Yazamut 360°**.

World-renowned artist and Milwaukee, WI native, **Richard Edelman**, generously donated a Negev-inspired bronze sculpture titled **Cyberglyph**.

Thanks to a generous lead gift from the **Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation** of Beverly Hills, CA, the state-of-the-art **Diane and Guilford Glazer Institute for Homeland Security Building** will be constructed on the new North Campus.

Lolita E. Goldstein of New York, NY left a generous bequest establishing the **Lolita E. and Melvin S. Goldstein Endowment Funds** to support the **Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research**, the **Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies International Program**, and the **Zalman Aranne Central Library**.

A generous grant to the President's Discretionary Fund from the **Guzik Foundation** in Mountain View, CA enabled BGU to secure the recruitment of outstanding young scientists by offering attractive and competitive research packages.

Sara Luhby of Riverdale, NY left a generous unrestricted bequest to the University.

A generous endowment from **Stanley and Miriam Newman** of Walnut Creek, CA will support two graduate fellowships every year at BGU's **Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies**.

The Gate of Innovation to be constructed as the entry point to the new North Campus is made possible by the generous support of the **Roberta and Ernest Scheller Jr. Family Foundation**. Formerly of PA, now living in Florida and Colorado, the Scheller family has bestowed a lasting legacy upon the University with this gift.

As a trustee in her family foundation, **Lisa Scheller** of Allentown, PA had an integral part in her father's legacy gift. Independently, she is making a new gift to fund graduate fellowships supporting students in the **Woodman Scheller Israel Studies International Program** and supporting the **International Conference on Drylands, Deserts and Desertification** at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

↓ BGU's undergraduate team at the 2019 iGEM competition, "FlyGem," won a gold medal for developing a new way to control mosquitoes



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Some 60 Bedouin students who completed the **Gateway to Academy** program for outstanding students began their freshman year at BGU.

The **B-Soulmate** suicide prevention program was launched by the **Dean of Students Psychological Services** and the **Student Union**.

An "**Eran – Emotional First Aid**" hotline was dedicated specifically for BGU students.

The **Student Union** podcast "Galgamal" was launched in conjunction with the new BGU Radio project.

OUTREACH

BGU's **She Space** program to encourage high school girls to pursue STEM education was chosen to represent the Israel Space Agency at the UN on the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**.



The **Council for Higher Education** appointed **Perach** to manage a multi-year scholarship program to integrate students of Ethiopian descent into academia, especially into areas where they are underrepresented.

In **Doctor at the Bar**, ASRN, the health sciences student organization, organizes fun and engaging lectures on medical topics in bars around the city.

The **Aviv Project** was expanded this year to deliver workshops on sexual education, sexual violence prevention and medical training to youth in the Aviv immigrant absorption center near the University.



↑ The hydroponic garden outside of the Jusidman Science Center for Youth, designed and built by the Engineers Without Borders student organization

↻ A record number of prospective students (over 10,000) visited BGU on its Open Day in February

← Adi Aharoni, Chair of the Student Union, joins a Radio Darom broadcast from campus at the opening of the 2019/20 academic year. Photo: Yanai Ankwa, BGU Student Union

→ The BGU Student Union's annual political organizations' fair. Photo: Amit Tsur, BGU Student Union

Street Festival, a new **Student Union** initiative, takes students off campus to create encounters with the community through neighborhood events.

A team of high school students who trained at BGU's Jusidman Science Center for Youth won two gold medals and three silver medals at the **International Physics Olympiad** in Lisbon.

SUSTAINABILITY

BGU continues to lead Israeli universities on the **UI GreenMetric** measuring environmental sustainability. It ranked 190 among some 800 universities around the world.

BGU Zero Waste, a student organization, collaborated with **Green Campus** to reduce the use of disposable cups at this year's opening event.

As part of the **Live Laboratory** project, teams were established to deal with analysis of waste and to analyze and lead energy streamlining on campus.

Engineers Without Borders took first place in a **Green Campus** competition with their initiative to establish the **first hydroponic**

garden on campus. The garden, hanging on a wall at the Jusidman Science Center for Youth, will be used for study and experiments by the Center's pupils.



NEW & NOTEWORTHY

↓ International students from the summer programs in Global Health and Business Intelligence on a tour of Beer-Sheva's Old City



INTERNATIONALIZATION

All six BGU faculties and all fields offer a PhD in English, and 22 master's programs currently offer courses in English. Altogether, 459 courses in English were provided last year.

Last year, BGU had 140 international master's students, 150 PhD students and

175 international postdocs, as well as 472 overseas students in short programs.

About 100 BGU students participated in student exchange programs. The most popular destinations were Italy, Germany and Canada.

The Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation hosted several international hackathons with students from **SKEMA Business School** in France and **Penn State University** in the US.

The Bengis Center also hosted two week-long intensive **international programs**, one with 22 Colombian MBA students from **Pontificia Javeriana University**, who were introduced to elements of the Israeli innovation ecosystem, and one with 18 Danish students from **University College Absalon** and **UCL University College**.

↑ The Holiday of Holidays, celebrating the December festivals of the three monotheistic religions, was marked for the first time on campus

50 YEARS OF GROWTH

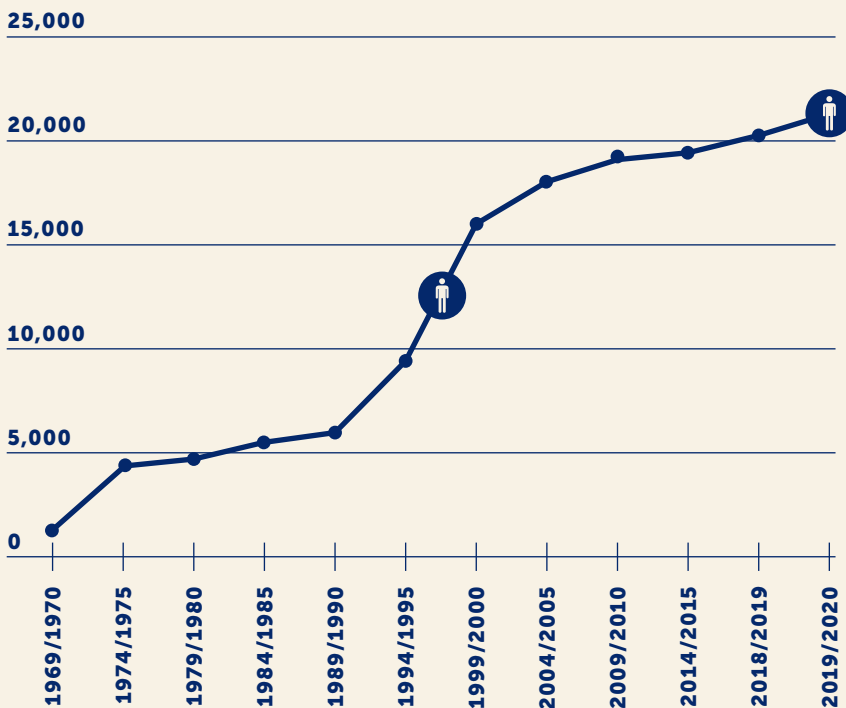
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STUDENT ENROLLMENT OVER 50 YEARS

 NUMBER OF STUDENTS



DEGREE PROGRAMS

1969

22

bachelor's and master's

2019

168

all degrees

BACHELOR'S DEGREES AWARDED

1969

c. 50

2019

3,223

LIBRARY HOLDINGS (BOOKS, THOUSANDS)

1969

30

2019

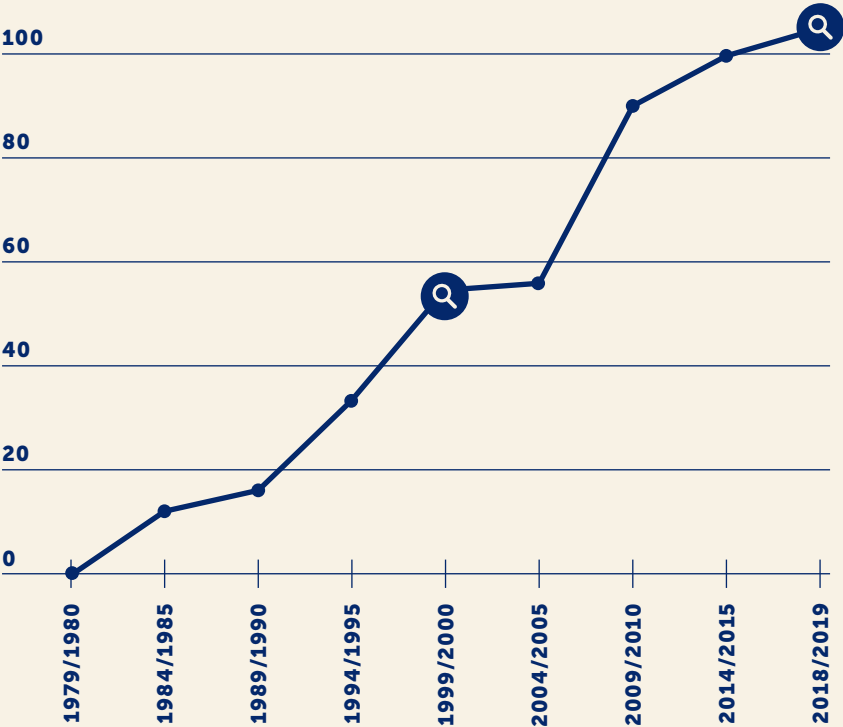
1,499

587 hard copies and 917 electronic books



INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH OVER 40 YEARS

INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH (USD M)



TEACHING FACULTY

1969	2019
166	3,700
professors and lecturers from other universities and teaching assistants	senior, junior and clinical academic faculty members

UNIVERSITY FOOTPRINT (SQ.M., THOUSANDS)

1969	2019
45	1,011

BUDGET (USD M)

1969	2019
1.66	492

FACTS & FIGURES

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS BY FACULTY AND DEGREE 2018–2020

643
DORM UNITS
IN BEER-SHEVA*
* including the Graduate
Students Residence



198
DORM UNITS
IN SDE BOKER



22
DORM UNITS
IN EILAT



	Humanities and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences	Engineering Sciences	Health Sciences	Business and Management	Desert Studies	Kreitman Graduate School	Ben-Gurion Research Institute	Brain Sciences School
2019-2020									
Bachelor's	3335	2208	4983	2286	1135				206
Master's	1088	335	960	706	1020	89		22	14
PhD	498	306	403	254	55	119	76		19
Post-Doc	94	111	46	25	3	55	13		
Non-Degree	178		162	11	35			2	
Teaching Certificate	137								
Total	5289	2957	6455	3210	2248	261	88	24	239
									TOTAL 20,771
ACTUAL TOTAL* 19,710									

2018-19

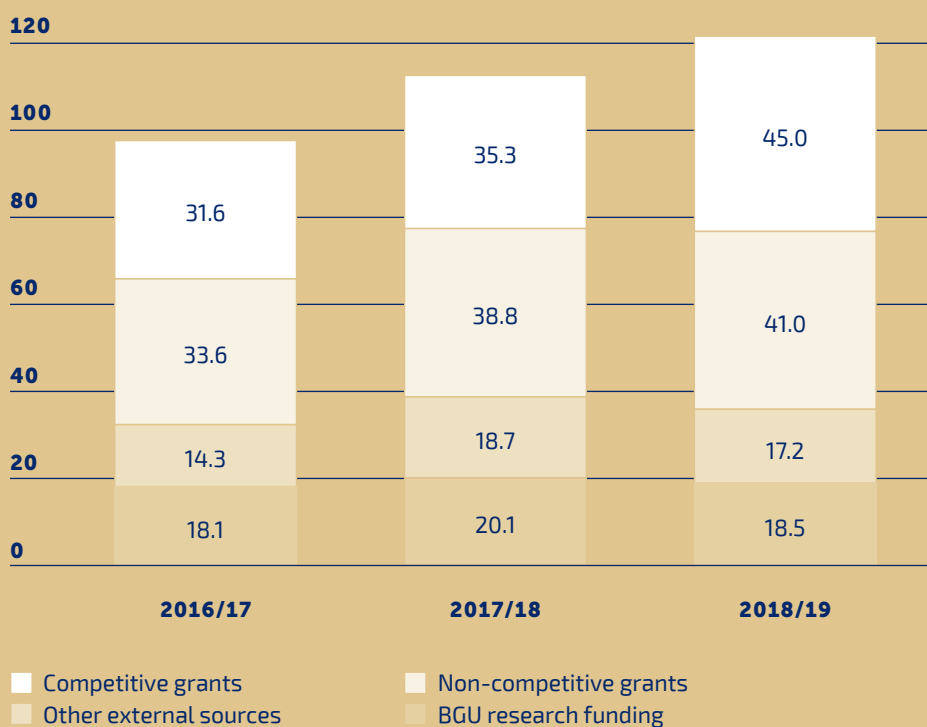
Bachelor's	3472	2186	4761	2223	1076				117
Master's	1091	281	853	575	1223	84		26	9
PhD	504	309	390	259	55	127	93		17
Post-Doc	93	105	51	27	2	58	12		
Non-Degree	157		189	10	20			4	1
Teaching Certificate	158								
Total	5434	2875	6136	3023	2375	266	105	30	144
									TOTAL 20,388
ACTUAL TOTAL* 19,490									

Please note: The student numbers include all students studying at BGU in Beer-Sheva, Sde Boker, and Eilat, in both degree and non-degree programs. They do not include international students, students in academic prep courses, the Air Force pilot program, and auditors. The above figures refer to first semester only.

* Actual number of students enrolled does not match total because there are students enrolled in multiple faculties or pursuing multiple degrees



TOTAL INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH (USD M)



#1

IN RESEARCH
CONTRACTS WITH
GOVERNMENT AND
INDUSTRY



45

LICENSING
AGREEMENTS
SIGNED



#1

HIGHEST NUMBER OF
INNOVATION
AUTHORITY'S
KAMIN PROGRAM
GRANTS



70

NEW
PATENTS
FILED



5

START-UPS
ESTABLISHED
(based on knowledge and
technologies developed in
BGU labs)



1 in 3

ISF GRANT
APPLICATIONS
ACCEPTED



124

RESEARCH
COLLABORATION
AGREEMENTS SIGNED
WITH BUSINESS
PARTNERS

FACTS & FIGURES

2019/20 OVERALL UNIVERSITY BUDGET (NIS/USD THOUSANDS IN CURRENT PRICES)

	Operating Budget		Research Budget		Development Budget		Special Programs		Total Budget	
	NIS	USD	NIS	USD	NIS	USD	NIS	USD	NIS	USD
EXPENDITURES	1,334,600	370,722	230,000	63,889	191,263	53,129	132,933	36,926	1,888,796	524,666
INCOME	1,334,600	370,722	230,000	63,889	191,263	53,129	136,107	37,807	1,891,970	525,547

UNIVERSITY OPERATING BUDGET

	2018/2019			2019/2020			
	NIS	USD	%	NIS	USD	%	% change
INCOME							
Planning & Budgeting Committee	969.1	261.9	73.9%	976.9	271.4	73.2%	0.8%
Tuition and Dorms	206.2	55.7	15.7%	208.6	57.9	15.6%	1.2%
Contributions	6.0	1.6	0.5%	9.5	2.6	0.7%	58.3%
Endowment Funds	50.0	13.5	3.8%	55.0	15.3	4.1%	10.0%
Other Income	77.3	20.9	5.9%	71.8	19.9	5.4%	-7.1%
Transfer from Funds	3.4	0.9	0.3%	12.8	3.6	1.0%	272.8%
TOTAL	1,312.0	354.6	100.0%	1,334.6	370.7	100.0%	1.7%

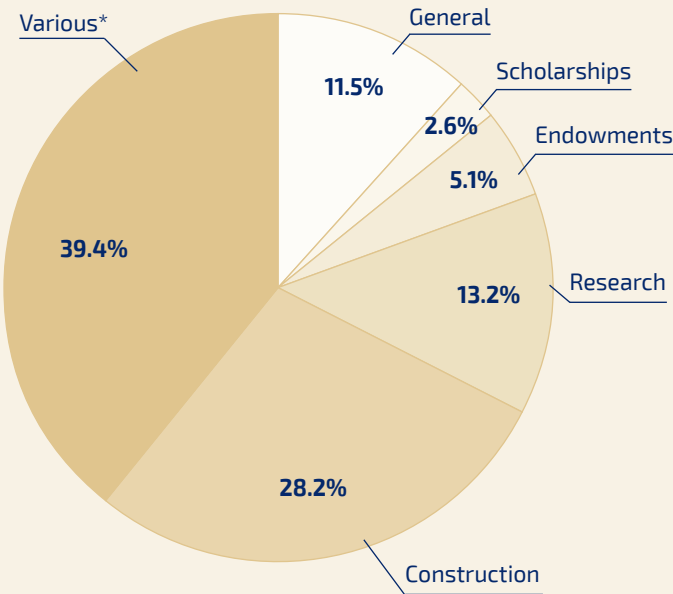
EXPENDITURE

Salaries	950.6	256.9	72.5%	981.3	272.6	73.5%	3.2%
Fellowships & Student Assistance	82.0	22.2	6.2%	85.6	23.8	6.4%	4.4%
Teaching & Research Expenses	56.7	15.3	4.3%	53.3	14.8	4.0%	-6.1%
Institutes & Research Centers	42.4	11.5	3.2%	37.7	10.5	2.8%	-11.3%
Computer Expenses	17.1	4.6	1.3%	16.8	4.7	1.3%	-1.9%
Library Expenses	29.6	8.0	2.3%	28.9	8.0	2.2%	-2.6%
Administration	27.1	7.3	2.1%	27.8	7.7	2.1%	2.7%
Maintenance	99.5	26.9	7.6%	94.1	26.1	7.0%	-5.4%
Financing	7.0	1.9	0.5%	9.2	2.6	0.7%	32.7%
TOTAL	1,312.0	354.6	1.0	1,334.6	370.7	100.0%	1.7%

NIS/USD exchange rate:	3.70	3.60	-2.7%
Higher education budgeting index	132.41	135.38	



DESIGNATION OF DONATIONS



*Various: Leadership training; community involvement; support for certain centers/institutes; fellowships and scholarships outside the operating budget; faculty development; special projects; pending designation.

OUR WORLDWIDE FAMILY OF ASSOCIATES
AT WORK 2018/19 YEAR-END FIGURES

	Total
Contributions Received	\$52,769,806
Interest Income from Endowments	\$31,853,276
Endowment Fund Balance (as of 30/9/19)	\$784,617,076

Notes: Contribution figures are gross and do not reflect local fundraising charges. | All figures are approximate due to fluctuating exchange and interest rates. | Endowment balance includes \$496.16 million in the Marcus Fund and approximately \$54.61 million in endowment funds held in the US by and on behalf of AABGU (this figure does not include approximately \$24 million in trust funds held by and on behalf of AABGU). | 2018/19 interest income figure above represents the income distributed on endowments held in Israel (3.5%); \$22.04 million income released from the Marcus Fund; and \$1,295,177 (4%) income released on endowment funds held in the US by and on behalf of AABGU.

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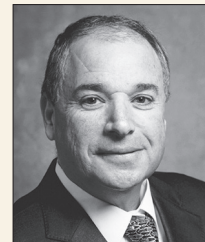
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Chamovitz**
President



**Prof. Chaim
(Harvey) Hames**
Rector



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Vice President and
Director-General



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Vice President and
Dean for Research &
Development



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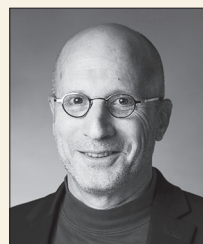
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Prof. Michal Shapira
Dean - Faculty of
Natural Sciences



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Prof. Noam Weisbrod
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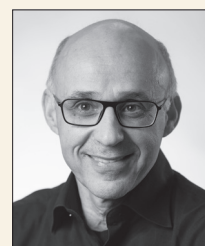
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