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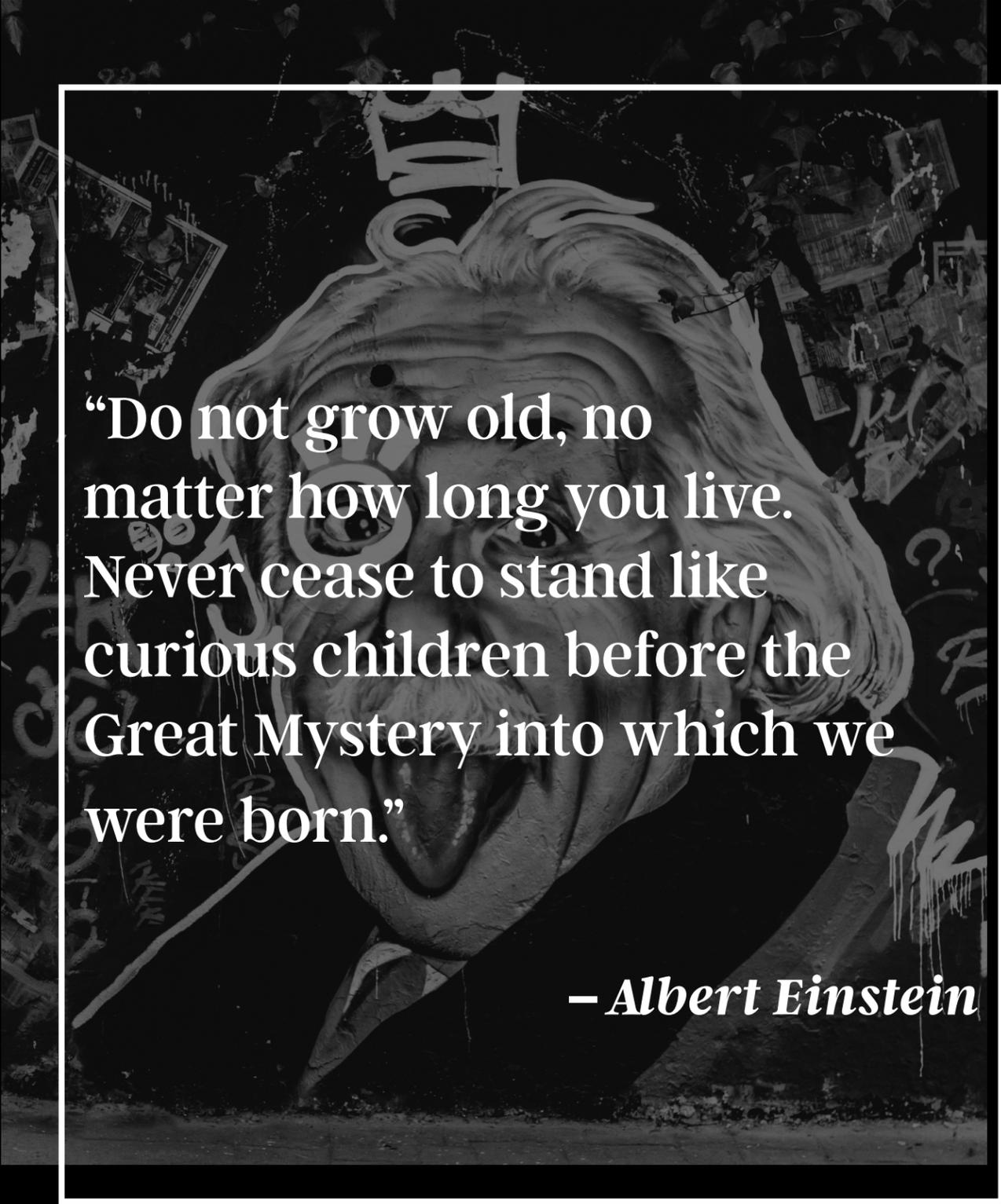
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DE L'UNIVERSITÉ
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האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים

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“Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the Great Mystery into which we were born.”

– *Albert Einstein*

Emerging, stronger than ever

A message from CFHU leadership

We are emerging.

As fall changes to winter, we look forward to a new year, and the excitement of discovery ahead.

We have every reason to believe innovation will carry us forward on the arc of research breakthroughs. We have, after all, witnessed the incredible generosity of our Canadian Friends, who have helped the Hebrew University of Jerusalem establish a new centre dedicated to computational medicine related to aging, report on new breakthroughs in the early detection of pancreatic cancer, build a dedicated facility to researching and combating addiction, and help Israel's cultural mosaic and her underserved populations thrive. All of this and more, with strong ties to innovation and entrepreneurship and a distinctly Canadian touch!

We are delighted in this retrospective to showcase the stories and activities that defined the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University in 2022, and the people that brought them to life and made us proud to be very good Friends indeed.

With a return to the Hebrew University campus this past summer to pay tribute to our selected Honorary Doctorate and Honorary Fellowship recipients, and to honour the memory of a dear friend, Anna Brojde, who passed in November 2021, we felt the familiar glow of Jerusalem's light and the pull of our chosen mishpocha.

We are dedicating this impact report to all of our Friends who continue to believe, as we do, in the power of great academia and who support us in making that possible at the leading university in Israel, and in the world: the Hebrew University of Jerusalem!



Rami Kleinmann
President & CEO



Monette Malewski
National Chair

A photograph of a man in a red plaid jacket and a red cap standing against a large, textured blue wall. The man is looking down and to the left. The wall has some peeling paint at the bottom. The text 'A NOVEL APPROACH to an AGE-OLD PROBLEM' is overlaid on the wall in white serif font.

A NOVEL APPROACH *to an* AGE-OLD PROBLEM

Pamela and Paul Austin establish Research Center on Aging at Hebrew University

We live in a rapidly aging society. People are living longer, and seniors are the fastest-growing population segment: globally, people over age 60 will soon outnumber children under the age of five. As life expectancy increases, so does the prevalence of age-associated disease. This poses a significant – and growing – challenge to healthcare systems worldwide.

For these reasons, the newly established Pamela and Paul Austin Research Center on Aging at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is poised to transform and enhance our ability to understand, treat, and even prevent age-related conditions.



Located at the HU Faculty of Medicine's new Center for Computational Medicine, the Pamela and Paul Austin Centre on Aging, established with a generous gift from the Toronto couple, will integrate computational data analysis into medical research and practice, preparing the next generation of doctors and researchers training in computational science.

Computational medicine is an emerging discipline that uses computer models and complex software to simulate the development and treatment of diseases. Advances in computer hardware and software technology, especially the development of algorithms and graphics processing units (GPUs), have led to the broader application of computers in the medical field.

The Pamela and Paul Austin Research Center on Aging is headed by Prof. Yael Stern-Bach, who also holds the Pamela and Paul Austin Chair in Medical Research. Prof. Stern-Bach will be guided and assisted by an advisory board that includes Prof. Ittai Ben-Porath, Prof. Eli Keshet, Prof. Ehud Cohen, and Prof. Shahar Arzy. All leaders in this field, they come together to leverage the power of data-driven analyses, applying computational methods to study and help combat a variety of age-related conditions, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, pain, psychiatric disorders, genetic disorders, congenital impairment, immune and inflammatory diseases, and cardiovascular aging. The research centre will shed new light on the effects of aging on cancer, osteoarthritis, pulmonary disease, and metabolic disease, among others.

"Computational medicine is at the cutting edge of medical research and the promising future for personalized health care," says Prof. Dina Ben-Yehuda, Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Faculty of Medicine. "This transformative new centre, an integral part of our state-of-the-art Institute for Computational Medicine, will generate game-changing findings to tackle the diseases associated with aging."

The Center for Computational Medicine and its research programs are specifically designed to enable the integration of data, information, and collaborative interdisciplinary research efforts with the most advanced equipment and a disease-modelling unit, all in proximity to a major medical centre. The Austins' gift will also encompass scholarship opportunities and an annual lecture.

This gift upholds the Austin family's tradition of exceptional support for the Hebrew University, says CFHU President and CEO Rami Kleinmann.

"The Pamela and Paul Austin Research Center on Aging will help bolster research, build a global network of scientists in the field, and help establish Israel as a world leader in the research and treatment into aging for generations to come," says Prof. Stern-Bach.



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–Prof. Yael Stern-Bach
 Director of the Pamela and Paul Austin Research Centre on Aging, Pamela and Paul Austin Chair in Medical Research

A portrait of Prof. Dina Ben-Yehuda, an elderly woman with short, wavy grey hair, looking slightly to the right of the camera with a gentle smile. She is wearing a dark navy blue blazer with red floral embroidery on the lapels and sleeves, over a red top. She has small pearl earrings and a necklace with a pearl pendant. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with a green plant on the left and a purple flower arrangement on the right.

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WISER
POLICY,
BETTER CARE,
& NEW
TREATMENTS
FOR ADDICTION

\$4 million USD gift establishes
IMRIC Center for Addiction Research (ICARe)

Photo credit: Hal Gatewood



Prof. Rami Aqeilan, Chair of IMRIC

It's a not-so silent epidemic: one in seven adults in Israel struggles with addiction, a situation that costs that country's economy approximately \$7 billion NIS annually. In Canada, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health estimates that roughly one in five citizens is dealing with mental illness, addiction, or both — at a cost of \$90 billion CAD annually. And that's not counting the untold peripheral damage to families and communities.

Combating addiction and mental illness — which often go hand in hand — requires new paradigms, policies, and programs. It also requires cutting-edge medical research. A landmark gift from the estate of a Vancouver donor is intended to support precisely that research. The \$4 million USD donation will establish the **IMRIC Center for Addiction Research (ICARe)** at the Hebrew University's Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada, creating a bold new program focused on medical research into addiction.

ICARe's mission is to bring about wiser policies, better care, and new treatment avenues for those struggling with addiction. It will provide insight into the physical and chemical aspects of addiction, as well as its prevention and treatment.

"We envision that this research, conducted at Israel's leading university, will generate new knowledge and outcomes, train future addictions experts, and inform policy- and decision-makers," says CFHU President and CEO Rami Kleinmann. "We see it as having a direct, positive impact on Israeli and larger society."

Addiction is wide-ranging. It can include the abuse of substances like alcohol, drugs (including opioids), or even food, and can encompass compulsive behaviours, including problematic sexual behaviours, internet use, or use of pornography. Understanding and treating addiction is synonymous with understanding and treating mental health issues. ICARe will bolster research, help to build a global network of scientists in the field, and help to influence addiction treatment and policy worldwide.

Photo credit: Maxim Dinshtein Photography

"As a result of this generous gift, we at IMRIC are able to engage our best researchers in several specific research projects with diverse perspectives on addiction," says Prof. Rami Aqeilan, Chair of IMRIC. "Additionally, the hub will promote national and international interaction and foster collaboration with Canadian researchers."

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—Rami Kleinmann
CFHU President & CEO



WALK IN THEIR SHOES

Leveling the playing field for Hebrew University students of Ethiopian descent

Jonathan Goodman is a man on a mission. Literally. Jonathan recently returned from a life-changing journey in Ethiopia. There, the Montreal philanthropist and entrepreneur immersed himself in the history and culture of the Ethiopian Jewish community. During the visit, Jonathan and other travelers symbolically retraced the journey of thousands of Ethiopian Jews who made their way to Israel in the 1980s and 90s, realizing their dream of living in Israel and providing a better life for the generations that would follow.

Participants then flew alongside new olim (immigrants) traveling from Ethiopia to Israel, witnessing the moment these new citizens set foot for the first time in the Jewish State — many reuniting with family members who had already made aliyah.

Photo credit: Erik Hathaway



The mission (which also included members of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish Funders Network), was part of the **Walk in Their Shoes** fundraising campaign, spearheaded by Goodman and the Morris and Rosalind Goodman Family Foundation (MRGFF). Its goal is to provide Israelis of Ethiopian descent with the financial resources needed to attend the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University, encouraging sustainable success through education.

Breaking down barriers to postsecondary education, says Jonathan, is key to narrowing — and eventually eliminating — the socioeconomic gap between Israelis of Ethiopian descent and the general Israeli population. On the flight from Gondar to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he shared some thoughts on the mission and campaign:

“The Walk in their Shoes campaign to provide scholarships, essential for Israelis of Ethiopian descent to attend ... Hebrew University ... will touch lives and strengthen the fabric of Israeli society, one degree at a time.”

—Jonathan Goodman

“After visiting an elementary school in Gondar, and hearing 150 students sing *Hatikvah*, I left both moved and with a reenergized urgency. The Walk in their Shoes campaign to provide scholarships, essential for Israelis of Ethiopian descent to attend Israel’s two best universities — Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University — will touch lives and strengthen the fabric of Israeli society, one degree at a time. Our people’s solution for facing adversity has always been education. Our path is easier to walk than the 775 miles walked by Ethiopian olim, many barefoot, from Gondar to Sudan.

“Let’s together provide Israelis of Ethiopian descent the shoes they need to walk successfully in Israel while recognizing the rich, 2,500-year history and culture they bring with them.”

The campaign challenged each university to raise \$5 million USD. Once that goal is reached, Jonathan and the MRGFF will contribute an additional \$1.2 million. With the funds raised, they aim to provide a comprehensive financial aid package that includes tuition, living expenses, tutoring, and coaching tailored to the specific needs of each Israeli student of Ethiopian descent accepted to either university.

The Hebrew University campaign is close to reaching its goal, with major contributions coming from Montreal Friends Ben Horwood (whose support for the Israeli Ethiopian community dates back to the late 1980s), Dany Pollack and her son Gideon Pollack, the Dobrin and Steinberg families, the Morris and Rosalind Goodman Family Foundation, and international Friends of the Hebrew University.

“Supporting this community is a vital link to enhancing Israel’s overall economic and social wellbeing,” says Ben.

Mission participants included Dany Pollack and her children Gideon Pollack and Dalia Lerner, as well as Toronto Chapter President Ira Lindenberg and his wife Sara.

“It’s not easy to pack 2,500 years of the Ethiopian Jewish experience into four days of touring,” says Ira, “but the magnitude of what we’ve witnessed in our brief time there will undoubtedly stay with me for a lifetime. ‘Kol Yisrael areivim zeh la-zeh’ [‘All Jews are responsible for each other’] has never resonated so deeply as it does after our mission. By working to provide scholarships at the Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University to young Ethiopian Israelis in need, we can give these individuals the best chance to succeed for generations to come. It is an honour to join Jonathan on this, his personal mission, and I look forward to reaching our fundraising goal in the very near future.”

Contributions to Walk in Their Shoes provide greater access to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel’s leading institution of higher learning. They will help to ensure the fabric of Israel remains equal and strong into the future. [Learn more and support scholarships for students of Ethiopian descent in Israel.](#)

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–Ira Lindenberg
CFHU Toronto Chapter President

Save the Date!

Join us in welcoming

Prof. Mona Khoury-Kassabri, Hebrew University Vice President for Strategy and Diversity, as we celebrate together the cultural mosaic of the Hebrew University.

Montreal, May 16, 2023 / Toronto, May 17, 2023





LEADERSHIP FOR TOMORROW

CFHU rejoices in our return to Jerusalem for the 85th Hebrew U Board of Governors Meeting

After a two-year hiatus, we were beyond delighted to return to Jerusalem to see new and familiar faces at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's 85th Board of Governors meeting. Here are some highlights of the event.

1. Hebrew University Pres. Asher Cohen at the Board of Governors opening reception. 2. Sylvia Soyka (front) with her son, Marc-Adam Soyka-Steinman. 3. Drummers at the BOG opening reception. 4. Lanning Klein (L) with scholarship recipient Dr. Yael Horev.



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PIONEERING WOMEN: On Shabbat morning, we were treated to a panel discussion on “Pioneering Women,” moderated by Prof. Mona Khoury-Kassabri, Hebrew University’s Vice President of Strategy and Diversity. That evening, we celebrated two pioneering Canadian women — Montreal’s Sylvia Soyka, recipient of an Honorary Doctorate, and Evelyn Bloomfield Schachter, named an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University — at an intimate outdoor cocktail party at the King David Hotel.

L to R: Sylvia Soyka, Evelyn Bloomfield Schachter, CFHU President and CEO Rami Kleinmann, and CFHU National Chair Monette Malewski.



STRENGTHENING A LEGACY: The BOG saw the official launch of **ASPER-HUJI Innovate**, Hebrew University’s award-winning centre for innovation and entrepreneurship. Winnipeg’s Asper Foundation recently donated \$5 million to name the centre. The inaugural Asper Prize was awarded to startup Kinoko Tech. At the President’s Plenary earlier in the day, the Asper Foundation’s President, Gail Asper, wowed attendees by rapping her intention to leave a legacy bequest donation to Hebrew University — spearheading the launch of the Hebrew University’s **100 for 100 Legacy Campaign**. Gail will help lead Canadian efforts dedicated to comprehensive gift planning. Stay tuned for more details.

L to R: ASPER-HUJI Innovate Executive Director Dr. Amnon Dekel, Kinoko CEO and Cofounder Dr. Jasmin Ravid, Hebrew University President Asher Cohen, and the Asper Foundation’s President, Gail Asper.



HONORIS CAUSA: Sylvia Soyka received an honorary degree from the Hebrew University in recognition of her unyielding dedication to the advancement of research into pancreatic cancer through the establishment of Alex U. Soyka Pancreatic Cancer Research Project. The project unites researchers at the Hebrew University with the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research and the Sheba Medical Center. Sylvia’s contribution honours the cherished memory of her late father, Alex U. Soyka.

Honorary doctorate recipient Sylvia Soyka is pictured here with celebrated actor and director Quentin Tarantino, who also received an honorary degree from the Hebrew University.



A TRIBUTE TO MOE LEVY: Moses (Moe) Levy, Executive Director of Winnipeg’s Asper Foundation, has been a devoted friend of the Hebrew University for decades. His incredible dedication was immortalized with the naming of the **Moses and Barbara Levy Conference Hall** at IMRIC. Moe’s sons, Sam and Adam, paid beautiful tribute to their father’s love of Israel and to their late mother, Barbara.

L to R: Adam Levy; Prof. Dina Ben-Yehuda, Dean of the Hebrew University–Hadassah Faculty of Medicine; Moe Levy; Sam Levy and his wife, Sandra Soliman.



CANADIAN FRIENDS DINNER: Canadians from coast to coast gathered at the Israel Museum restaurant to catch up and dine together, and to award scholarships and Prizes in Excellence to many talented and inspiring Hebrew University students. The evening also paid tribute to Anna Brojde^z a woman of true elegance, who passed away November 24, 2021. After watching a beautifully touching video of Anna's life, her children, Ari and Karen, spoke of their mother and her commitment to family, as well as her remarkably fierce and generous spirit. The next day, atop Mount Scopus, attendees were treated to a warm public tribute to Anna Brojde, whose name was inscribed next to that of her late husband, Peter, on the Wall of Benefactors.

L to R: Ari Brojde, with son Bryson; wife, Robyn; and daughter, Brigitte; Karen Brojde with son Leopold.



HONORARY FELLOWSHIP: Evelyn Bloomfield Schachter (R), pictured here with Hebrew University Pres. Asher Cohen, was the very worthy recipient of a Hebrew University Fellowship Award for her numerous years of service to CFHU, first as President of the Montreal Chapter, then as Secretary of the National Board of Directors. She currently serves as an Associate Governor on the Hebrew University's International Board of Governors.

L to R: Hebrew University President Asher Cohen and Evelyn Bloomfield Schachter.



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HU-UBC LAW EXCHANGE REINVIGORATED

Koffman family funds professor exchange in memory of “legal legend”
Morley Koffman QC





Morley Koffman QC was by all accounts a “lawyer’s lawyer.” He was also a mensch, and a proud supporter of the University of British Columbia faculty of law, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and the wider Jewish community. And so, when his family was looking for a way to honour his legacy, they found a perfect fit in the UBC–Hebrew University Law Professor Exchange.

Established in 2010, this program fosters academic and research collaborations between professors from UBC’s Allard School of Law and the Hebrew University’s Faculty of Law. Each year, a professor from each faculty travels to the other in order to teach and lecture, in the process building collegial relationships between professors and exposing hundreds of students at both schools to new ideas and perspectives. It has been strongly lauded by deans and professors at both faculties.

Morley Koffman, who passed away in 2015 at the age of 85, enthusiastically supported the program in its early years. Now, his family — his wife, Myrna, and his children, Robert, Ted, and Lori, and their spouses — can’t think of a better way to honour their father’s memory than to ensure the program continues. Their generous financial support guarantees that the exchange will operate for at least the next six years. After a two-year hiatus, the first **Morley Koffman, QC, Memorial Allard School of Law, UBC, and Hebrew University Law Faculty Professor Exchange Program** began in September, kicked off with a lecture by Prof. Keren Weinshall, an expert in comparative judicial decision-making.

INTERNATIONAL LAW: Standing (L to R): Robert Koffman; Bruce Cohen; CFHU Vancouver Board Member Randy Milner; Prof. Ngai Pindell, Dean of the UBC Allard School of Law; CFHU Vancouver Board Member Dr. Phil Switzer; Ted Koffman; CFHU Vancouver President Stav Adler; CFHU Executive Director Dina Wachtel. Seated (L to R): Prof. Keren Weinshall, Myrna Koffman, Debbie Koffman.

Prof. Weinshall — Vice Dean of the Hebrew University Faculty of Law — skilfully led participants through the processes of judicial decision-making in Israel, considering questions of ideology, implicit bias, emotions, and even career aspirations. She outlined five prevalent theories around how judges make choices, zooming in on the significance and mechanics of psychological factors like implicit bias, and showing how they persistently influence the outcomes of legal cases worldwide.

At the program, Bruce Cohen, a member of the CFHU Vancouver Chapter Exchange Program Organizing Committee, said, "Given the high level of respect and regard for Morley's reputation in the legal, university, Jewish, and general communities as a wise counsel and recognized leader, it is perfectly appropriate for the program to be named in his honour as a reflection of the importance placed by him and his family on scholarship, professionalism, and Tikkun Olam."



Prof. Keren Weinshall



FINDING A CURE FOR ALZHEIMER'S

Hebrew U & U of Ottawa partner on stem-cell treatment strategies



Thanks to JNF Canada, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Ottawa are joining forces to further research into Alzheimer's disease. The partnership is the focus of this year's JNF Ottawa Negev Gala, honouring community builder Ron Prehogan. The gala took place on November 15.

Through the generosity of sponsors and dinner attendees, Canadian and Israeli leaders in brain research will conduct focused research on regenerative stem-cell strategies to treat Alzheimer's.

The Hebrew University's Faculty of Medicine is home to the Brain Disease Research Centre, housed in the Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada. It is also home to the newly created Pamela and Paul Austin Center for Research on Aging, located in the Faculty of Medicine's new Center for Computational Medicine. These facilities lead Israel in the field of computational medicine, harnessing the tools of big data to better understand and combat neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

The University of Ottawa's Brain and Mind Research Institute (uOBMRI) uses a unique virtual model to promote collaborations: across disciplines and affiliated research hospitals, between researchers and knowledge users, and across the Ottawa region and internationally. It is the largest institute at the University of Ottawa and one of the largest in Canada, creating a dynamic hub for internationally recognized research and training.

The JNF Gala in support of the partnership paid tribute to Ron Prehogan's countless hours and tireless efforts in strengthening the city of Ottawa and forging strong connections with Israel. Ron has served as Chair of the boards of both the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. He currently sits on the board of the Ottawa Jewish Community School. He served on the board of the Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation, and as its Chair in 2011. He has received many honours and distinctions for his service to Ottawa's Jewish and medical communities.

Ron Prehogan

The **PHILANTHROPISTS**

In an exciting new video series hosted by Canadian radio and television personality Ralph Benmergui, CFHU profiles some of Canada's leading figures in the charitable sector, exploring the lives, philosophies, and stories behind the drive to give.



Naomi Azrieli

What motivates a person to donate? In our new video series, *The Philanthropists*, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem explores that question. The series features renowned journalist (and ordained spiritual director) Ralph Benmergui in conversation with leading figures in Canadian and Jewish philanthropy. It's a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the motivations that underpin the multi-million-dollar gifts, from donors who often prefer to stay out of the spotlight.

The first episode of *The Philanthropists* features Montreal entrepreneur Jonathan Ross Goodman, co-founder and CEO of Knight Therapeutics Inc., who discusses the influence of his parents, Morris and Rosalind Goodman; how an early brush with cancer shaped his outlook and his giving; and the causes he supports most passionately, including Jewish education, cancer research, and the welfare of Ethiopian Jews living in Israel. Goodman is a driving force behind CHFU's **Walk in Their Shoes campaign** in support of Hebrew University students of Ethiopian descent (see story pages 14-19).

The series also features Naomi Azrieli, Chair and CEO of the Toronto-based Azrieli Foundation, Canada's largest non-corporate foundation, with considerable focus on higher education, creating educational opportunities for vulnerable youth, and Holocaust memoir and commemoration.

A strong theme throughout the series is the influence of family on philanthropy. Gail Asper, President of the Asper Foundation, discusses the influence of her parents, Israel and Babs Asper: "My father's mantra was, 'Give as you live,'" she recalls. "One of the visions that we inherited was my dad's idea that we should be trying to do transformational giving — things that but for our involvement wouldn't happen."

Fred and Jay Waks reflect on their sibling bond and the influence of their parents — in particular, their father, the late Fred Waks, a Holocaust survivor from Lodz, Poland.

Finally, Dr. Phil Switzer, a Vancouver-based radiologist and managing partner of Greig Associates, gets personal with his story of spinal cord injury, and discusses the underlying values behind his decades-long support of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"Behind every gift, there's a story," says CFHU President and CEO Rami Kleinmann. "And those stories are often surprising, touching, instructive — and always inspiring. We hope that people will be inspired by *The Philanthropists* to create a positive legacy in the world."

The Philanthropists videos are available on the CFHU website.

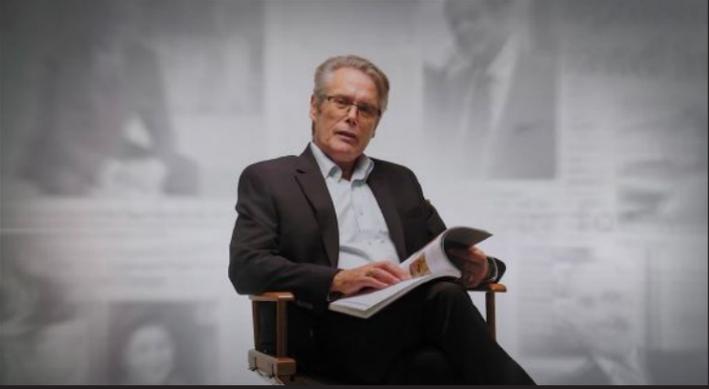
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—Rami Kleinmann
CFHU President & CEO



Jonathan Goodman





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“THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN MY FUTURE”

CFHU congratulates our 2022 scholarship recipients

Each year, thanks to the generous support of Canadian donors, CFHU awards scholarships to Canadian and Israeli students to help them pursue studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Our 2022 scholarship recipients are an impressive group, with academic interests that range from political science, Jewish education, and international development to archaeology, theoretical physics, and social work. Read on to learn more about some of these inspiring students.



SHAYLA BREWER, VANCOUVER
Allen Zysblat Memorial Scholarship Fund

In June 2022, I graduated from the University of Victoria with an honours bachelor of arts in geography and environmental studies. During my undergraduate degree, I worked on community mapping and development projects. This led to my passion for community resilience work. I am thrilled to expand my education on global community development through the Glocal International Development Studies Master's program at HUJI.

Glocal is an interdisciplinary program that focuses on thinking globally and acting locally to make change. I want to embark on a career that supports local community resilience and knowledge. I am passionate about using my postsecondary education to co-research and collaborate with communities to develop local solutions that address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The opportunity to foster my Jewish identity in Israel alongside my academic pursuits fills me with gratitude. I am honoured to be a recipient of the Allen Zysblat Memorial Scholarship Fund.



TIFFANY CINOTTI, ISRAEL
Bernard & Elinore Persiko Merit Scholarship Fund, Martha Cohen Scholarship Fund

I have been a Hebrew University student since 2020 and it has been the most wonderful experience one could ever have. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity these scholarships afford me. Thank you for investing in my future.

I am using this opportunity to attain an archaeology degree at Hebrew University in order to better aid my community. My Judaic studies classes have helped me gain a more in-depth understanding of the diaspora community at large. My archaeology classes have helped me see Jerusalem and other areas of the country in a new light. I am starting to not only see Jerusalem and its rich history but feel it as well.

When I complete my undergraduate studies, I hope to enroll in the Hebrew University Masters of Archaeology program, as it is one of the best in the world. Studying archaeology, in my opinion, helps us truly understand our present and our future — because you can't truly understand these things without understanding the past.



ISABELA DOS SANTOS, TORONTO
Allen Zysblat Memorial Scholarship Fund

As a fourth-year PhD candidate in political science at the University of Toronto, my academic objective is to understand how we can best realize the peace and security that is so desired by everyone who calls Israel home today.

I am learning Hebrew in order to support my doctoral research in peace and conflict. My career goal is to work in diplomacy — as a representative of the Canadian government, as a United Nations officer, or in a policy-development capacity within the international-relations sector. Thus, learning Hebrew serves the dual purpose of enabling me to achieve both my academic objectives and my career goals.

In addition to holding academic and professional meaning for me, this scholarship also has personal significance: my dad, whom I deeply admire, also studied in Jerusalem in his twenties. Your generosity means that I will be able to follow in his footsteps. For that, I am very grateful.



ARYEH FORTINSKY, ISRAEL
Allen Zysblat Memorial Scholarship Fund

I was thrilled to learn of my selection for the Allen Zysblat Memorial scholarship, and I am deeply appreciative of your support.

I am currently a PhD student in theoretical physics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. I am specifically trying to understand how intelligent behaviour emerges in neural networks and the brain. Upon completing my PhD, I plan to pursue a postdoctoral position followed by a faculty position or staff scientist position at a leading institution, tech company, or hedge fund.

The financial assistance you have provided will be of great help to me in paying my living expenses, and it will allow me to devote more of my time to studying. I will use this opportunity to become the best physicist I can.



JACKIE ORLAN, TORONTO
Bernard & Elinore Persiko Merit Scholarship Fund, Martha Cohen Scholarship Fund

Studying at Hebrew U has always been a dream of mine, mainly because of its highly regarded academic reputation and its location in Jerusalem. I am most looking forward to the opportunity to learn in a city of such rich history, diversity, and multiculturalism.

This scholarship is going to help my studies immensely and allow me to enjoy and explore all the wonders that the magical city of Jerusalem has to offer! I am studying social work at Toronto Metropolitan University. Once I finish my bachelor's degree, I plan to pursue an MA in social work as well, either in Canada or Israel.

Ultimately, my goal is to dedicate my knowledge and experience in social work to helping Jewish communities in the diaspora combat anti-Semitism through the strengthening of Jewish identity. Eventually, I hope to take my career to Israel to help heal Israeli society from within.

TAL REGEV, TORONTO
Bernard & Elinore Persiko Merit Scholarship Fund

I'm nearing completion of my first semester at the Hebrew University and I love the program! The courses are really interesting and the content is a perfect fit.

I work closely with students from all over the world. For example, I just completed an assignment about the life of Sarah and Abraham, where I got to collaborate with a student from South Korea and a student from Jerusalem.

For me to receive your scholarship is a great honour. I intend to cherish it by successfully completing the program and promoting my studies at Hebrew University for years to come. I promise to pay it forward in the future.

RACHEL KARASENTY SALTOUN, VANCOUVER
Allen Zysblat Memorial Scholarship Fund

I am currently completing a Masters degree in education, with a specialization in Jewish education, at Hebrew University. This scholarship will greatly alleviate the burden of supporting myself in Israel as I complete my studies.

By integrating both my psychology and research backgrounds with the skills I acquire from my MA, I will be able to create educational environments that impact and enrich my local Jewish community in Vancouver.

My educational pursuits would not have been possible without continued support from the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and your donors. Thank you for enabling me to reach my goals with one less obstacle standing in the way.

“This scholarship is going to help my studies immensely and allow me to enjoy and explore all the wonders that the magical city of Jerusalem has to offer!”

–Jackie Orlan



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Teeing off to beat pancreatic cancer

2022 Ruth Farb Charity Golf Classic
raises more than \$40,000

Since 2011, the annual Ruth Farb Golf Classic has raised funds that directly support groundbreaking, collaborative research into pancreatic cancer in Canada and Israel. The 2022 event, held July 27 at the stunning Lebovic Golf Club in Aurora, Ontario, raised more than \$40,000.

RUTH FARBER

Golf Classic



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A BEAUTIFUL DAY, A CRITICAL CAUSE: (L to R) Laurie Ellies, Murray Farb, Hayley Farb, Allen Koffman.

The Farb and Koffman families created the golf tournament in partnership with Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University to honour Ruth, who passed away in 2010 after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Funds raised continue to support world-class researchers and clinicians as they discover better strategies for earlier diagnosis, and develop more effective, personalized treatments that will improve the outcomes for future pancreatic cancer patients.

The sold-out 2022 golf classic was a beautiful, fun-filled day that Ruth would have enjoyed immensely. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

TRAVELLING THE INTERNATIONAL

ENTREPRENEURSHIP HIGHWAY



SUPPORTING INNOVATION IN TORONTO AND JERUSALEM: (L to R) Prof. Janice Stein, Founding Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy at the University of Toronto, moderated a panel on fundamental issues affecting innovation in Toronto and Jerusalem. Participants featured Leah Cowen, U of T's Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives; Amnon Dekel, Executive Director of startup incubator ASPER-HUJI Innovate; and Ido Kaminsky, Director, Technology & Venture Development, at Toronto Innovation Acceleration Partners.



INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Hebrew University President Asher Cohen (R) and University of Toronto President Meric Gertler met on November 22 to formalize the next phase of the two universities' Academic and Research Alliance.

In January 2020, as the pandemic was becoming a reality, leaders from the Hebrew University and the University of Toronto met to establish the **University of Toronto-Hebrew University of Jerusalem Academic and Research Alliance.**

The Alliance is built on the two institutions' shared history of student exchange and research partnerships, which dates back to the 1960s. It reflects their ongoing commitment to STEM, the humanities, and the mutual principles of global engagement and collaboration.

July 2022 marked the Alliance's first in-person visit, when a delegation of young Israeli entrepreneurs from ASPER-HUJI Innovate — the Hebrew University's centre for innovation and entrepreneurship — came to Toronto to participate in the Collision Conference and meet fellow entrepreneurs from the University of Toronto. In November, U of T's return delegation was warmly received in Jerusalem, marking the first of many more exchanges to follow. The visits are part of CFHU's ongoing efforts to develop entrepreneurial ecosystems in both countries, and to foster a robust innovation highway that links the two countries.

On November 16, 2022, U of T President Meric Gertler and Hebrew U President Asher Cohen met in Jerusalem to sign an agreement formalizing the next phase of the Alliance, which will further opportunities for collaboration between the two universities' entrepreneurial networks, truly enriching both centres.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS

A statistical snapshot of HU in 2022



GLOBAL RANKINGS

SHANGHAI RANKING 2022

1st IN ISRAEL

77th WORLDWIDE (up from 90th in 2021)

17th Math & Communications

30th Law

48th Public Administration

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GLOBAL RANKINGS

10 EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL
(ERC) GRANTS

3 EMET PRIZES

2 KRILL PRIZES

41 ISRAELI INNOVATION
AUTHORITY GRANTS SINCE 2016

PHYSICS WORLD'S 2021
BREAKTHROUGH OF THE YEAR
AWARD FOR DR. SHLOMI KOTLER

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STUDENTS

13,546 UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS

5822 MASTERS STUDENTS

1933 DOCTORAL
STUDENTS

1120 INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

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TEACHING

6000+ COURSES TAUGHT

6 CAMPUSES

7 FACULTIES

14 SCHOOLS

315 DEPARTMENTS

1000+ FACULTY MEMBERS

1442 RESEARCHERS

IMPACT STATEMENT 2022

Preliminary & Unaudited

For the year ended September 30

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
DONATION REVENUES	19,356,354	11,433,334
INVESTMENT GAIN (LOSS)	<2,652,957>	13,590,385
EXPENDITURES	1,544,898	2,166,541
CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS	20,224,456	10,957,961

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>
Charitable Distributions				
Hebrew University	98%	19,890,696	98%	10,830,127
Canadian universities and foundations	1%	260,092	1%	42,357
Scholarships, research grants and other academic affairs	1%	<u>73,668</u>	1%	<u>85,447</u>
	100%	20,224,456	100%	10,957,961

Selected Financial Information
(Expressed in CAD Funds)



BALANCE SHEET 2022

Preliminary & Unaudited

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets		
Cash	4,001,073	6,844,538
Managed Funds	72,316,680	76,005,191
Other	<u>9,793,207</u>	<u>8,872,708</u>
	86,110,960	91,722,436
Liabilities	<752,540 >	<1,298,051 >
Fund Balances	85,358,420	90,424,385

Selected Financial Information (Expressed in CAD Funds)

Note: CFHU's fiscal year extends from Oct. 1 until Sept. 30



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