



## International Aguna Day

Marking International Aguna Day, the Ruth and Emanuel Rackman Center for the Advancement of the Status of Women together with the International Coalition for Aguna Rights (ICAR) initiated a poster competition on the subject of Agunot for students of the Emunah Art College in Jerusalem.

During the competition 35 posters were displayed in the Knesset for a two-week period. In the photograph, Dr. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Director of the Center (at right), standing next to Leora Minka, Director of the national women's organization Emunah, and Atara Kenigsberg, Deputy Director of the Center (at left), flank the three top winners of the competition, Tamar Zohar, Avishag Danino and Vered Friedman.



### Bar-Ilan University Jubilee Logo

We are proud to introduce Bar-Ilan's 50th Anniversary logo, linking the traditional motif with the University's five decades of achievements. This design will be the new banner for Bar-Ilan's Jubilee, gracing all stationery, correspondence and announcements in the coming year.

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Prof. Moshe Kaveh, Bar-Ilan University President, left, with Israel Prize winning lyricist Ehud Manor during a recent visit to Bar-Ilan. Mr. Manor's wife, Ofra, will be accepting a posthumous Honorary Doctorate in his name. (Photo courtesy of Hans Englesman)

## From the President

Dear Friends,

This issue of Newsflash provides a prelude to our upcoming Jubilee Celebrations being launched on June 5, 2006. In these pages, you will learn about the University's accomplishments through a series of celebrations that are taking place over the year. Among these, we look back to the University's roots and the alumni reunion of our very first graduating class. Within you'll see pictures marking this occasion and also that of the first alumni gathering of our International MBA program.


Our doctors, honoris causa, are also important members of our alumni family, and this year an impressive roster of exceptional statesmen, public personalities, distinguished rabbinical personalities, philanthropists, and individuals from the arts and culture will be honored. Among them was Ehud Manor, Israel prize recipient and beloved Israeli lyricist. The picture above captures his visit to campus one week before we went to press with this publication. To our shock and profound sorrow, Manor passed away suddenly and tragically. Just before his death, he wrote a song in honor of Bar-Ilan, which will be performed for the first time during the Jubilee week.

This edition of Newsflash coincides with Israel's national Remembrance Day – a time of mourning, which is immediately followed by Independence Day – a day of rejoicing. Yom Ha'Zikaron is a time of remembering our fallen soldiers and acknowledging the past, while Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrates our proud roots and wonderful achievements. This dichotomy of sadness and joy is an integral part of our nation's history, and in the course of Bar-Ilan's fifty years of existence, our own history mirrors this national character. While we mourn the passing of so many of our wonderful students who have fallen during Israel's wars, we excitedly look to the future – in particular taking joy in the fledgling Student Ambassador Program established by our International Board of Governors (IBG). Our students are making their mark all over and this edition of Newsflash tells some of their stories.

Research at Bar-Ilan is flourishing and our Academic Newsbriefs section barely hints at the exciting work being done at the University in the fields of nanotechnology, stem cell and brain research, criminology, Jewish literature, environmental law and information studies.

We look forward to greeting the record number of old friends and new who will be visiting Bar-Ilan University this June under the auspices of the Board of Trustees meetings and the IBG Mission to help us celebrate our Jubilee.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday.

Sincerely,  
  
 Prof. Moshe Kaveh  
 President

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### Producing Nanomaterials in a Microwave Oven

Nanotechnology is one of the most exciting scientific fields today. The essence of Nanotechnology is to create very small-scale structures with unique optical, electrical, magnetic, and strength properties by miniaturization of materials and processes to a nanometer (one billionth of a meter) length scale.

Prof. Aharon Gedanken, of the Department of Chemistry, a leading member of the elite Center for Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, is among the most prolific and productive nanoscience researchers in the world with over 200 nanoscience research publications over the past six years alone.

Prof. Gedanken heads a research team consisting of 22 scientists, including postdoctoral fellows, PhD and MSc students, and technicians in the University's Kanbar Laboratory for Nanomaterials. The Kanbar Lab was established by entrepreneur and inventor Maurice Kanbar of San Francisco, who says his greatest pleasure in life is providing financial support to worthy projects.

Prof. Gedanken and his researchers have been working around the clock to produce nanomaterials that are unique, useful, and, above all, inexpensive. For instance, Prof. Gedanken's laboratory is the first to employ a simple domestic microwave oven to produce nanomaterials!

"Our laboratory is a world-leader in using sono-chemistry (ultra-sound) to fabricate nanomaterials," says Prof. Gedanken. "We are the first to use this particular method to produce an anti-bacterial nano-coating for textiles resulting in the manufacture of material that resists bacteria-causing smells. Imagine the potential benefits for the sock industry!"

In a more glamorous application of nanotechnology, Prof. Gedanken is working on the production of magnetic nano-products for the cosmetics industry. At the other extreme, Prof. Gedanken has received a patent for producing carbides in nano-form which may have important applications in the construction of stronger, more resistant bullet-proof vests. Prof. Gedanken's research is supported by grants from the governments of Israel, Germany, Japan, and the European Union.



### Replacing Body Parts With Stem Cell Research

Prof. Ron Goldstein of the Faculty of Life Sciences is among Bar-Ilan's leading researchers in one of the University's flagship projects: the hot – and controversial – scientific field of embryonic stem cell research.

"Stem cell research involves making cells and tissues that can be used to replace body parts that were damaged by either injury or disease," says Prof. Goldstein.

"Because of this great hope, many different aspects of stem cells are being studied intensively. Also, they are in the headlines because of political and ethical problems

regarding embryonic stem cells," he adds.

Prof. Goldstein is specifically directing human embryonic stem cells to mature along specific developmental pathways to obtain desired cell types. The central project in his lab is making special kinds of nerve cells.

"We are studying specific nerve cells that are involved in a disease called Familial Dysautonomia," says Prof. Goldstein. "This is a genetic disease of Ashkenazi Jews in which the peripheral nervous system, the part involved for example in sensing pain, degenerates for yet-unknown reasons. We are trying to make nerve cells of the types that are lost in this terrible disease. These cells will be useful immediately for developing and testing drugs for the treatment of Dysautonomia, and exploration of the mechanism of the disease. Eventually it is possible that these cells could be transplanted to patients to replace nerve cells that die as a result of the disease.

"Our lab is also working on two other projects with commercial implications, that are not directly related to stem cells," adds Prof. Goldstein. "One is to develop a test for anti-leukemia drugs using chicken embryos. The other is the study of intact human skin, including gene therapy and drug testing, again using chicken embryos."

### A Pathblazing Program Paves the Way for a Safer Israel

Since the State's founding in 1948, more Israelis have been hurt in traffic accidents than in war and terror acts combined. Yet surprisingly, there is a dearth of research on road safety and even senior officials in the field have not had the benefit of formal academic training in this area.

In order to address this need the Faculty of Social Sciences is pioneering a two-year interdisciplinary academic program on road safety that embraces the realms of psychology, sociology, criminology, education, law, and engineering. This unique Israeli diploma program, which has been operating for the past two years, aims to spearhead research on the causes of accidents, heighten national awareness of road safety, and train policy makers to advance important legislation.

In June 2005, the first class of 35 students will be graduating. These include senior officials in the Ministry of Transportation, road safety managers and officers in the local authorities and the hi-tech sector, driving instructors, and high school road safety teachers. Another group of some 30 students began the two-year course of study this past October.

The driving force behind this venture is Dr. Tova Rosenbloom, a psychologist and criminologist who is a leading Israeli authority on road safety. She has given numerous media interviews and serves on a steering committee of the National Authority for Road Safety. She has met with Israeli ministers, Knesset members and even with the President of the State of Israel in order to promote this pathblazing program.

"Bar-Ilan is taking leading steps in tackling one of the nation's largest challenges," says Dr. Rosenbloom. "In the next five to ten years, people will not be able to work in the field without academic training. Students are pleased to be complementing their field experience with a solid theoretical base in order to see the whole picture."



### Revolutionizing Information

The information explosion occurring over the past three decades has revolutionized our contemporary world, transforming information science into a dynamic and popular academic discipline. Indeed, the Department of Information Science has grown from just 20 students in 1976 to its current enrollment of over 450, including 260 graduate candidates.

The Department – Israel's largest and the only one to offer BA, MA and PhD studies – qualifies the nation's future information researchers and professionals to fill positions in information centers, R&D and hi-tech industries, public institutions, information brokerage services, and libraries. "We are the only ones in Israel conducting research in this field," says Dr. Snunith Shoham, the Department head for the past seven years.

Keeping pace with the rapid developments, the Department today offers such exciting study options as the new Web Technologies BA track and graduate programs in Knowledge Management, Information Needs and Services, Intellectual Property, Information Technologies, Librarianship, Social Information (including the area of Bibliotherapy), and Archival Studies.

Dr. Shoham, who holds a PhD from the University of California (Berkeley) in organizational behavior, notes that while libraries and archives have existed for thousands of years, in the past 35 years, with the debut of the PC and the Internet, the field has changed dramatically. As such, the Department employs the newest technologies in the field and 70% of courses take place in computer laboratories. "Our Department is very dynamic," she proudly relates. "Indeed, we were the first on campus to institute distance learning courses via the Internet."





**Encyclopedia of the Jewish Story**

From ancient times the heritage of the Jewish People has been handed down from parent to child through stories that have kept alive its values and traditions. These tales chronicle the history of the Jewish people and portray the unique morality, wisdom, humor, and suffering that form Jewish culture. They immortalize the memory of the Jewish communities of the Diaspora, from the Shtetl of Eastern Europe to the Magreb communities of North Africa. This precious legacy is now being catalogued and organized, for the first time, within a unique encyclopedia, produced under the direction of Profs. Yoav Elstein (at right) and Avidov Lipsker, of the Berman Department of Jewish

Literature. The first volume, published by the Bar-Ilan University Press, was just released. The Encyclopedia will eventually consist of ten volumes and a CD, which can be used in database systems.

"The preparation and production of the Encyclopedia of the Jewish Story is a monumental task," says Prof. Elstein. "It involves locating, collecting, documenting, and recording all the Jewish stories in their thousands of versions in Hebrew, Aramaic, Yiddish, Judeo-Arabic, and Ladino, tracing their development and ramifications from the period of the Midrash and legend down to the present day."

"The Encyclopedia will serve as a repository of Jewish stories gathered from sources scattered throughout hundreds of books, rare manuscripts, and the oral tradition of the Jewish folk tale," says Prof. Lipsker. "It will include scientific indices and photographs of manuscripts and will be of interest and value to every Jewish household, teachers, students, researchers, and academic scholars."



**Cleaning Up Israel Through Environmental Law**



Dr. Oren Perez, a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law, is trying to clean up Israel's act by helping to protect its environment. Dr. Perez manages the law school's environmental clinic, which he established in 2001. Staffed by an external lawyer and a PhD student, the clinic is supported by Keren Beracha, an environmental support fund.

The environmental clinic provides free legal assistance to environmental NGOs in Israel with environmental problems. For example, the clinic is representing an NGO that is trying to close down the operation of a dangerous municipal incinerator north of Haifa. The NGO found that the incinerator is unsafe and endangers the population around it due to the carcinogenic dioxins

it emits. The case is presently in court in Haifa and waiting for a decision.

In another instance, Dr. Perez is supervising a group of law students who are mapping environmental problems and their link to social problems in the University's neighboring town of Bnei Brak. The aim? To improve the residents' social conditions by eradicating existing environmental hazards and pollution in their neighborhood.

"As an environmental law researcher, I am also concerned with issues pertaining to global law," adds Dr. Perez. "My PhD topic and subsequent book focus on the linkage between global trade and the environment, exploring the environmental sensitivity of global economic players such as the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund."

Dr. Perez has published a number of articles dealing with the protection of open spaces and land. He has also written about environmental protection as a constitutional right. He is presently completing an interdisciplinary project (together with the Department of Psychology) for the Ministry of Environment examining the influence of voluntary standards on Israeli industry.



**Eavesdropping on the Brain**

"Our aim is to eavesdrop on the brain as it performs mental operations in order to investigate the time-course of processing in the brain," explains Dr. Avi Goldstein, Director of the Alter Family Cognitive Psychophysiology Laboratory in the Leslie and Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Multidisciplinary Brain Research Center.

"We do so by recording the electrical activity of the brain (EEG) using sensors placed on the scalp while volunteers are presented with pictures, words, or sounds, and are engaged in various tasks," Dr. Goldstein adds. "Using special analyzing techniques we are able to find the specific responses of the brain to different stimuli and tasks, and to get insights on basic mental operations like perception, attention, memory, or emotion."

The lab is investigating the functional difference between the right and left hemispheres of the brain in language and motivational processing, and how the level of activity in each hemisphere correlates with personality factors and emotional functioning in each individual.

Also being studied is how the brain processes emotional and attention-grabbing events, such as facial expressions. Frowns, smiles, and glares are important cues that have to be processed quickly and accurately in order to maintain social communication and understanding.

A final topic of ongoing research is memory. "Our memory research is focused on a special kind of memory – remembering to carry out intentions," says Dr. Goldstein. "A good example of what is called prospective memory would be remembering to take the cake out of the oven before it burns while we are engaged in another task like watching a good movie."



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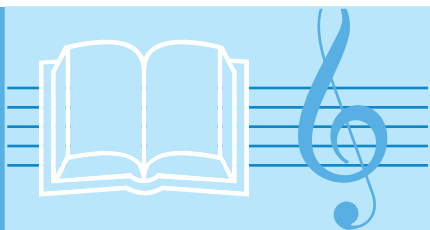


In the previous issue of Newsflash the following paragraph was inadvertently omitted from the article on the World Computer Chess Championship:

"Holding the event at Bar-Ilan University serves as a tribute to its Department of Computer Sciences, which enjoys a worldwide reputation in the fields of Algorithm Design and Artificial Intelligence," says Prof. Nathan Netanyahu. Bar-Ilan was represented by Omid David Tabibi (an MSc student in the Department of Computer Sciences), whose "Falcon" program (which finished 7<sup>th</sup>) played a crucial role in determining the eventual winner "Deep Junior," developed by Amir Ban and Shay Bushinsky.



## The Musical Rabbi



Uri Brener is not your typical rabbi or musician. Until the age of 12, the Moscow-born pianist didn't even know he was Jewish. Paradoxically, his initial introduction to Judaism came via music. "My music history teacher was Jewish," recalls Uri, who is now specializing in composition in the Department of Music located in the Marcus and Ann Rosenberg Music Building. "He opened up a whole new world for me."

Uri, a resident of the ultra-Orthodox community of Telz-Stone near Jerusalem, comes from a family of professional musicians. After studying at the Gnessin State Musical College in Moscow and later at the Academies of Koln and Duesseldorf in Germany, Uri immigrated to Israel in 1996 with two distinct goals in mind: "To finish my music education and to begin my Jewish education." He subsequently spent eight years learning in Ofakim and at the Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Last year he received his rabbinical ordination.

Since arriving in Israel, Uri has performed in a number of concerts, festivals, and live radio broadcasts. In 1997, he was accepted into the League of Israeli Composers, becoming its youngest member. Two years later, he won the league's prize for the best young composer.

Through his public appearances, he met Dr. Gideon Lewenson, the head of Bar-Ilan's composition doctorate program, who invited him to enroll. Half way through the program, Uri is busy creating a symphonic work under Lewenson's guidance. "The program is unique, the only one like it in the country," says Uri, who last semester initiated a concert series on campus. "There is a special relationship between the faculty and students."

At the recent dedication of the Alter Family Music Classroom in the Rosenberg Music Building, Uri played two improvised piano pieces. It was a magnificent "keynote performance" by Bar-Ilan's very own musical Rabbi, whose new CD of jazz and classical music will be released this year.



## PRIZE WINNERS



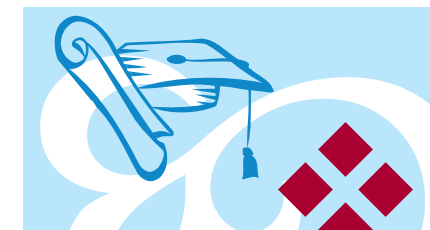
Among recent Bar-Ilan prize winners, the University proudly salutes and extends warmest congratulations to Prof. Moshe Kaveh upon his receipt of the 2004 Rotary Award for Higher Education in Israel. Bar-Ilan is fortunate to have Prof. Kaveh at its helm, a leader who personally exemplifies the international scientific excellence and appreciation of Jewish values that is a hallmark of the University's credo. Under his visionary leadership, Prof. Kaveh is piloting Bar-Ilan University into our Jubilee anniversary, with a strong academic foundation in the present and an ambitious plan of advancement for the future.

The University also congratulates the following scientists who received the 2004 EMET Prize for Art, Science and Culture in Israel awarded by the Prime Minister's Office. Through their devotion to scientific excellence these researchers have contributed enormously to the betterment of humankind.

- ♦ Prof. Moshe Abeles, Director of the Leslie and Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Multidisciplinary Brain Research Center
- ♦ Prof. Mario Mikulincer, Department of Psychology (Anna and Max Webb & Family Psychology Building)
- ♦ Prof. Hillel Furstenburg, Department of Mathematics

Congratulations are also due to Dr. Yoram Louzoun, of Bar-Ilan University's Department of Mathematics, who received the Krill Prize for Excellence in Scientific Research granted by the Wolf Foundation Scholarships Committee.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS



**Prof. Harold Basch has been appointed Bar-Ilan University's new Vice President for Research.**

"Due to his international standing as a renowned scientist, Prof. Basch brings much prestige to this most important post, and is certain to lead Bar-Ilan toward significant achievements in research and development in the coming years," said Prof. Moshe Kaveh, upon congratulating Prof. Basch on his appointment.

Prof. Basch has been at Bar-Ilan University since 1970, serving as Chairman of the Department of Chemistry (1973-6) and Dean of the Faculty of Sciences and Mathematics (1988-90). On the national level, Prof. Basch was a member of the prestigious Council For Higher Education, served on scientific grants' committees of the Israel Science Foundation, was a member of the scientific board of the InterUniversity Computer Center, was appointed to the National Council for Research and Development (Prime Minister's Office) and was a member of the computer grants committee of the Planning and Budget Council (VATAT).

Prof. Harold Basch is a pioneer in computational quantum chemistry. His current computational research efforts are directed towards finding appropriate molecular bridges that can serve as nano-conducting and switching elements in electronic devices.



**Judith Haimoff has been appointed Bar-Ilan University's first Associate Vice President.**

As such, she will be responsible for creating an integrated strategy for Bar-Ilan University's development (fundraising) marketing communications and public relations programs and will be establishing and overseeing a new, dynamic Division for External Relations.

"In my new position, I will be reporting directly to the President, and as AVP will take both a strategic and operational role in ensuring that the External Relations of the University flourish," says

Ms. Haimoff. "I am proud and happy to be able to lead the way in positioning Bar-Ilan from the development and marketing perspectives in communities in the Diaspora and Israel. No longer will we be the 'best kept secret'."

Judith joined Bar-Ilan in 1978, and occupied a number of key positions since then, creating the University's professional Ramat Gan-based fundraising operation until her most recent assignment as Director of Bar-Ilan's Division of Global Development, a position she held since 1992. In this latter capacity she was key in helping to dramatically increase the global campaign; developing and directing strategic planning for global fundraising; and oversaw liaison with professional development staff in Bar-Ilan offices around the world.



**Amos Gaver is Bar-Ilan's new Executive Director of the Division of Global Development.**

With the University since 2001, Mr. Gaver is the former Director of Development, Israel Desk. It is his success in this position, as well as his deep knowledge of both Israel's challenged communities and its hi-tech and venture capital sector that led to this important promotion. Amos has for many years managed community centers throughout Israel within the framework of the Community Centers Association of Israel. He is also an active member of the boards of a number of charitable organizations and recently established a foundation which has already donated \$250,000 for educational organizations in Israel.

Abroad, Amos has been a representative of the Keren Hayesod in London and the Jewish Agency in New Orleans. With degrees in psychology and NGO Management, Amos brings to his new work much expertise and a firm commitment to Bar-Ilan. "It is my ideological attachment to Bar-Ilan that gives me the impetus to perform to my utmost in this demanding post," says Amos.





Friends Around the Globe




▲  MK Ehud Olmert, Deputy Prime Minister of the State of Israel and Minister of Industry, Trade, and Labor, addresses the Israel Business Forum. From left to right: Yaakov Neeman, Chairman of the Executive Council; Ehud Olmert; Prof. Moshe Kaveh; and Judith Haimoff, Associate Vice President of Bar-Ilan University.




▲  Israel Makov, President of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (left); Benny Gaon, President and Chairman of Gaon Holdings Ltd. (center), and Muzi Wertheim, Chairman of the Board, Central Bottling Company Ltd., participate in one of the Israel Desk's Business Forums on November 24, 2004. The bi-monthly Forum, under the auspices of Yaakov Neeman, Chairman of the Executive Council, is an opportunity for influential Israeli businessmen to meet on campus, share a breakfast, and hear lectures given by well-known Israeli personalities in the sphere of politics and/or business.


▼  The Arison Foundation, represented by Jason Arison (left) visited Bar-Ilan in March. Amos Gaver, Executive Director of the Division of Global Development (center), introduced Mr. Arison to Dr. Danielle Gurevitch, Head of the Multi-Cultural Dialogue Program (right).



▲  Vera Muravitz, Director of Special Gifts (right), participated as a delegate in the impressive entourage accompanying Israel's President Moshe Katzav on his official Trade Mission, under the patronage of the State President.



▲  From left to right: Leonid Nevzlin, Almog Yam Holdings Ltd.; Ala Levy; Amos Gaver; Azi Feuchtwanger, Chairman of Trisogen Biotechnology Ltd. Partnership; and Shira Ben-Or, Director of Donor Relations Israel Desk, Bar-Ilan University, participate in the annual dinner reception of the Bar-Ilan Israeli Business Forum.

▼  From left to right: Tim George, Australian Ambassador to Israel; Benjamin Netanyahu, Minister of Finance of the State of Israel; Yaakov Neeman, Chairman of the Executive Council; Dr. Sami Shamoon; and Elisha Yanay, General Manager of Motorola Israel Ltd. and Senior Vice President of Motorola Inc., attend the annual dinner reception of the Bar-Ilan Israeli Business Forum, which took place at the residence of the Australian Ambassador to Israel.








# Friends Around the Globe



▶  Sam and Brenda Gewurz (left) and Johanne and Norman Sternthal (right), longtime friends and benefactors of the University, welcome Prof. Kaveh to Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. Gewurz head the committee for the Jubilee Dinner honoring Norman Sternthal.



▶ Shale Stiller, trustee of the Aharon Dahan Foundation (second from left), visited Bar-Ilan to become acquainted with the University and the students benefiting from Mr. Dahan's generosity. Some of the people he met with included Shimon Ohayon, Director of the Aharon and Rachel Dahan Center for the Study of Sephardic Heritage (second from right) and Dahan scholarship recipients, from left to right, Roy Kalay, Shoshana de la Fuente, and Hodaya Arazani.



▶ Prof. Gerald Steinberg, Director of the Graduate Program for Conflict Management and Negotiation (left), was keynote speaker at the Canadian Friends annual Women's Luncheon. Also pictured from left to right are Lori Ulmer, Rebecca Nadler, Sarena Koschitzky, Rena Greenwald, Dianna Zauderer, and Dov Altman, Director of the Canadian Friends.



▶ Participating in a reception prior to the dedication of the new Chauncey Stillman Chair in Sephardic Law & Ethics established by the Homeland Foundation were, from left to right, Prof. Zvi Zohar, the Chair incumbent; Adv. Ezra Levin, who helped bring the Chair to fruition; Batya Levin; Judith Haimoff; Prof. Joshua Schwartz, Dean, Faculty of Jewish Studies; and Prof. Moshe Kaveh.



▶ At the Marcus Rosenberg Memorial ceremony, the Rosenberg family poses in front of the building bearing his name. Pictured here from left to right are Prof. Eitan Avitsur, Chairman of the Department of Music; Prof. Moshe Kaveh; Gary Sigel; Yoni Sigel; Dina Sigel; and Ariela Rosenberg, granddaughter of Marcus & Ann Rosenberg.



▶ Lou Gonda (center) toured the building which carries his family name, the Leslie and Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Brain Research Center. Joining him were, from left to right, Judith Haimoff, Prof. Moshe Kaveh, Shmuel Gan-EI, Deputy Director General, Construction and Development, and Cheryl Zoller Simon who manages the Leslie and Susan Gonda (Goldschmied) Foundation.

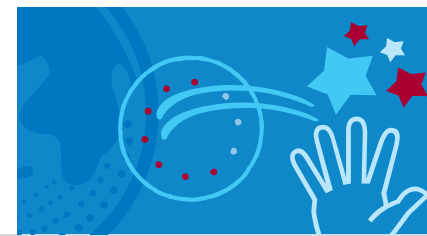


▶ Eng. Israel Feldman, continuing the historic friendship of his late father Shimshon z"l, toured the campus and met with Dr. Shabtai Lubel, Director General (left), who also briefed him on the University's exciting development plans. Eng. Feldman later told Prof. Izak Yohai, Chairman of the Latin America Desk (right), how impressed he was with the pace of growth at Bar-Ilan. Eng. Feldman had a chance to visit the Shimshon & Chana Feldman International Congress Center that he established with his family in 1998.







Friends Around the Globe




 Jane Biran, representative of the Dorset Foundation (UK), toured campus with Prof. Harold Basch, Vice President for Research (right) and Prof. Haim Breitbart, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences.

 Prof. Zvi Zohar, Director of the Ruth and Baruch Rappaport Center for Assimilation Research and Strengthening of Jewish Vitality, welcomes Dr. Baruch Rappaport h.c. at the Center's annual meeting.




 Prof. Shulamit Michaeli, a specialist in parasitic diseases, receives the Taubenblatt-Lipinsky Award for Research in Science. Prof. Michaeli (right) is pictured here with Prof. Mina Teicher, outgoing Vice President for Research and Development.



 Vera Muravitz (standing), joins Prof. Moshe Kaveh (left) in congratulating Dr. Sami Shamoan h.c. on the signing of the agreement establishing the Sami Shamoan Centre.




 Prof. Avidov Lipsker, head of the Rena Costa Center for Yiddish Studies (center), shows some interesting texts to Mr. & Mrs. Alain Zigler when they visited campus.



 Vera Muravitz (left); Prof. Moshe Kaveh (second to left); Judith Haimoff, Associate Vice President (second to right); and Prof. Eitan Avitsur (right) welcome Dr. and Mrs. Sam Alter and family at the dedication ceremony of the Alter Family Music Classroom and the Alter Family Brain Research Laboratory.

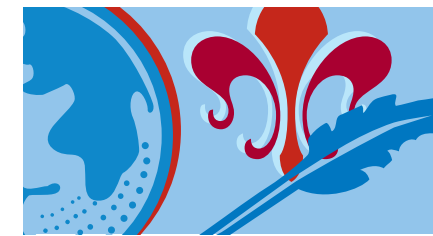
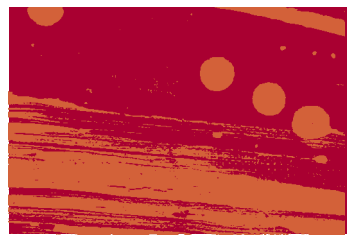
 Solly Krok, President of the South African Friends of Bar-Ilan (standing) and his twin brother Abe Krok welcome the opportunity to reactivate the South African Friends. The Kroks are especially excited about participating in the University's Jubilee Celebration.



 Danniella Rich, daughter of Marc Rich, Chairman of the Board of the Rich Foundation for Education Culture and Welfare, tours the brain research facility housing the Paula Rich Multidisciplinary Center in Mind, Brain and Behavior with Doron Schlesinger (right), and Prof. Moshe Abeles, Director of the Center (left).







## IMBA

Bar-Ilan's International MBA Program is an integral part of the Graduate School of Business. It brings together international students and faculty and emphasizes international business administration, while interfacing with students in the regular and Executive MBA programs. IMBA alumni, faculty, and current students gathered at the Sheraton City Tower for the Gala IMBA Alumni Networking Event. This very special evening included honored guest, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Giora Eiland, who spoke about the current security situation in Israel.

# IMBA

International MBA students, graduates, and faculty are excited to be "getting together" for the alumni reunion.



Yitz Raab, IMBA alumni Co-Chair (standing); Maj. Gen. (ret.) Giora Eiland; Prof. Moshe Kaveh; Dr. Shmuel Stashevsky, Director, International MBA.

## First Graduating Class

A gala alumni event took place at Bar-Ilan in February 2005. Out of the first graduating class of 1959 – those who began their studies the year Bar-Ilan opened its doors in 1955 – all but one of the 24 living alumni attended. Joining in the evening were about 200 friends and faculty, who included the President, Rector, Deans, and Bar-Ilan professors. The crowd watched a "Bar-Ilan Then and Now" multimedia presentation, and all alumni were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from current Bar-Ilan professors.

### Alumni – from Generation to Generation

Tzipora Sachs (center), of the first Bar-Ilan graduating class, is pictured here with her three daughters, also all graduates of Bar-Ilan (left to right): Shira Ben-Or, Director of Donor Relations, Israel Desk, studied English; Tchiya Altar, Chemistry; and Dina Sachs, Law. Tzipora was studying English when she met her husband Dr. Baruch Sachs, z"l, who also studied at Bar-Ilan and was the first Chairman of the Student Union.



Prof. Moshe Kaveh addresses the standing-room only crowd.

Dina Berniker, Member of the Executive Council and Special Advisor to the President, recites a poem she composed especially for the occasion.



Group picture of the alumni with Yona Tillman, Director of the Public Relations Department, who initiated this outstanding event.



Left to right: alumnus Esther Efrati Netzer, and Prof. Yosef Yeshurun, Rector, share a moment. Prof. Joel Walters of the Department of English is in the background.



Alumnus Yehudit Caesari shakes hands with Prof. Harold Basch.



Prof. Haim Taitelbaum, Department of Physics, and alumnus Dr. Zvi Yehoshua who flew to Israel from the USA especially for the event.



INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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What do Efrat (born in Israel), Davina (raised in France), Elisa (from New York), David (of California), Klarina (Uzbekistan), Omid (Iran) and Ezra (Ethiopia) have in common? They and five other Bar-Ilan University students comprise the first dozen "graduates" of the Student Ambassador Program initiated and launched by the newly-formed International Board of Governors (IBG) chaired by Jane Stern Lebell.

The IBG Student Ambassador Program was designed to encourage connections between exceptional Bar-Ilan students from a wide variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds and a wide spectrum of academic disciplines together with potential Bar-Ilan friends and donors.

"The idea was to deploy Bar-Ilan students here in Israel and abroad to work with our lay leadership and professional development people and brief them on how the University is impacting on their lives and that of Israeli society," explains David Wolfe, Executive Director of the IBG.

"Our first step was to carefully select an elite cadre of young scholars – ranging from those in the one-year foreign student program to BA, MA and PhD students – to be Bar-Ilan ambassadors," says Wolfe. "Many of them are scholarship recipients with compelling personal stories, while they all have good communication skills and fluent English or other languages," he adds.

"The students then underwent an intensive 4-day training program, focusing on interpersonal, group communication skills as well as an in-depth briefing on the University's mission, history and achievements," says Wolfe.

These dynamic, bright, young people, who have served Israel in key capacities within the Israel Defense Forces or in the National Service, are now pursuing first-rate academic training that will enable them to contribute to the advancement of Israeli society. In serving as Bar-Ilan's new Student Ambassadors, they will also personally attest to the University's unique educational and social mission.



IBG Student Ambassador Program candidates posing on the Bar-Ilan University campus

DETROIT MEETS BAR-ILAN STUDENTS



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DETROIT JEWISH NEWS

Hundreds of children and adults in Detroit, USA, were "turned-on" to archeology in Israel last summer thanks to Mr. Aaron Greener, MA archeology student at Bar-Ilan University. When the Detroit Federation decided to have a model archeological "dig" designed for Jewish youngsters and teens last summer, it recruited Aaron to be its archeologist-in-residence for the six weeks of the program. Aaron represented the State of Israel, and Bar-Ilan University, in a natural and effective manner, exciting hundreds of youth and many adults.

Another Bar-Ilan University student who made an impression was written about in the Detroit Jewish News in December. Winner of a 2004 Fulbright scholarship, Havi Murad is a Bar-Ilan University Doctor of Excellence fellow. Havi visited Marcia and Eugene Applebaum, her Bar-Ilan sponsors in Detroit, before starting a three-month fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Maryland. Havi charmed the Detroit community with her knowledge, her character, and the facility she showed with her subject matter. Her aim is to "help the world by doing research in the medical field."

Havi Murad and Eugene Applebaum



The Dr. Jacob Isler Foundation (Israel) granted six scholarships to Bar-Ilan graduate students (one of whom, Ronit Shapira, is pictured here). These scholarships were given to students who had served in the Israel Defense Forces, or are handicapped IDF veterans, or victims of terror attacks, or relatives of victims of terror attacks.







Congratulations to dear friend Aharon Dahan, Honorary Chairman of the Global Board of Trustees, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. May he long be blessed to continue to lead a full life.



Bar-Ilan University and the Department of Music deeply mourn the passing of our very dear friend Marcus Rosenberg, of Dallas, Texas, founder of the Marcus and Ann Rosenberg Music building. (See Friends section for a picture from his Memorial Service on campus.)



It is with great sorrow that we mourn the passing of Dr. Sam Sebba *Honoris Causa*. He recently celebrated his 100th birthday, when his lifetime of accomplishments and philanthropy were noted. Pictured here: Conrad Morris, Chairman of the UK Friends (right), congratulating Sam Sebba on his 100th birthday in London.



Bar-Ilan deeply mourns the passing of Savi (Zvi) Khafi of Singapore. Devoted friend and Global Board of Trustees member, he was renowned for his great communal deeds in the Singapore Jewish community and devoted support of the University, where three of his children earned their degrees.



Emmanuel Racine of France passed away in February. Active in the Resistance Movement, he was awarded the Legion of Honor Medal for his acts of bravery in WWII. A noted philanthropist, he established a Scholarship Fund for Bar-Ilan students.

THE 50TH IBG JUBILEE MISSION TO ISRAEL

JUNE 6 - 11, 2005



Bar-Ilan University's International Board of Governors (IBG) has organized a 50th Anniversary Jubilee Mission to Israel that IBG Chairman Jane Lebell Stern promises will be an unforgettable event. The Mission will be launched at the time of the University's Global Board of Trustees meetings, chaired by Dr. Mordecai D. Katz. IBG Mission delegates will join global board members for an unprecedented week of activities on campus and around the country. Highlights include an opening Jubilee extravaganza on Monday night (June 6), to be attended by Israel's leading public figures representing the political, military, financial and cultural sectors.

On Tuesday, a breakfast briefing with a prominent Israeli political figure at the Tel Aviv Hilton will be followed by a tour of the Bar-Ilan campus and research facilities. Later, the dedication of the state-of-the-art Fred and Barbara Kort Language Studies Building will take place on Bar-Ilan's newly developed North Campus. In the evening, the University will confer honorary doctorates upon world renowned figures of state, holders of public office, philanthropists, and spiritual and artistic personalities.

During these campus days, lectures will be given to faculty, students and the public-at-large by distinguished honorees such as Prof. Alan Dershowitz.

Over the course of the next days, an innovative touring program has been planned for key sites throughout the country. On Thursday, the group will gather to celebrate a gala IBG Event at the foot of the Temple Mount in the Ophel Archaeological Park. A wonderful weekend with the delegation and Israel friends will also take place, capping off an unforgettable week of excitement.

JUBILEE GLOBAL CELEBRATIONS

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMER LAUNCH

Tuesday, May 31  
Thursday, June 2  
Sunday, June 5

Student Tribute to Bar-Ilan  
Lecture in the Institute for Higher Torah Studies and Woman's Midrasha  
Lecture by Prof. Alan Dershowitz (Honorary Doctoral laureate to-be) in Faculty of Law

SPECIAL UNIVERSITY RECEPTION FOR HONORARY DOCTORS

Monday, June 6  
Tuesday, June 7

Board of Trustees Committee Meetings  
Lecture by José María Aznar (Honorary Doctoral laureate to-be) at the Begin Sadat Institute for Strategic Studies  
Jubilee Gala Launch Dinner and Event

Board of Trustees Plenary Session  
Simultaneous - IBG Delegation Campus Workshops  
Lecture of Prof. Alan Dershowitz to Board of Trustees and IBG Delegation, together with Remote Learning session in UK school  
Dedication of Kort Language Studies Building  
Lecture on Brain Research by Dr. Richard Axel (Nobel Prize and Honorary Doctoral laureate-to-be)  
Festive Dinner and Conferment Ceremony of Honorary Doctors in the presence of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

Wednesday, June 8

Touring of IBG Delegation throughout Israel  
Evening Jubilee Event for Faculty and Administration Staff

Thursday, June 9

Touring of IBG Delegation throughout day  
Israel IBG Inauguration Gala Dinner

Friday - Saturday, June 10-11

Shabbat weekend for IBG delegation, Board of Trustees and Israel Friends