

BERNIE SHUSTER AND FAMILY

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An associate governor of the Hebrew University and a key leader of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Bernard Shuster is a passionate advocate of the University who has significantly raised awareness of the University in Montreal and ensured much generous support for its advancement.

Montreal-born Bernard Shuster is a pharmacist who started his business career as the owner of several pharmacies, going on to manage Miracle Mart, a major chain of discount stores, and also serving as a principal in a cosmetics distribution company. He continues to live in the Montreal area, having spent a short period living in Israel. He earned his degree in pharmacy from the University of Montreal and, in later years, also completed a degree in Jewish Studies at McGill University. He is a leading and respected member of the Montreal Jewish community who is a past president of Congregation Zichron Kedoshim, takes a close interest in local Jewish education at the elementary and high school levels, and is actively involved in Chabad in Montreal.

Bernie Shuster joined the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University over 40 years ago. As a new, young member of the Friends' board in the 1970s he was instrumental in launching the first young leadership group in Montreal. He went on to serve as Montreal Chapter president and remains a committed member of the Friends' Montreal and national boards, in particular in his longtime role as a national vice president of the Canadian Friends. Bernard Shuster is likewise an active member of the Hebrew University's Board of Governors and has served on its executive, finance and endowment committees.

Throughout his years of involvement Bernard Shuster has extended his own generosity to the Hebrew University where he supports scholarships and major projects, has astutely identified new sources of support, and has served as a persuasive ambassador on the University's behalf. He is an outstanding role model of philanthropy whose quiet and diligent advocacy has garnered significant support from new donors and has inspired others to become leaders of the University's Canadian Friends.