A YEAR OF MILESTONES

Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Annual Report

2014
MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

One of the constants — and one of the joys — of being a part of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is being surrounded by achievement.

If you read our website or subscribe to our news updates (and if you haven’t, please do at www.CFHU.org), you’ll know what we mean: every day brings news of yet another medical, technological, archaeological, intellectual or sociological breakthrough from The Hebrew University’s scholars, scientists and researchers. Just browse through the pages of this annual report to get a taste of what we mean. It’s no wonder that the University is ranked first in Israel and among the world’s top 100 universities and has produced seven Nobel Laureates in the span of eight years.

If the constant stream of good news flowing from Hebrew U weren’t so awe-inspiring, it might be tempting to take it for granted. But every so often a series of events come along that serve to remind us of just how far The Hebrew University and its Canadian Friends have come. In 2014 and 2015, we mark a series of anniversaries and milestones that help quantify our achievements.

This year, for example, marks The Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s 90th anniversary. A decade earlier, one of the University’s founding members, Albert Einstein, had published his Theory of General Relativity: like the institution he helped found and to which he bequeathed his papers and his image, it remains as vital and innovative today as it did a century ago. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of Yissum, which has commercialized and brought to world markets so many of the life-changing technologies created by Hebrew University researchers — read more about its achievements on page 7.

The year 2014 also marked the 70th anniversary of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Founded by Canadian philanthropist Allan Bronfman in 1944, CFHU has raised half a billion dollars in support of The Hebrew University since its inception. This Canadian support is evident across The Hebrew University campus, in the Asper Center for Entrepreneurship, the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies, the Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies, the Peter Brojde Center for Innovative Engineering and Computer Science, the Wilbush Patient-Centred Medical Forum and, of course, The Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC). One hundred million dollars has been raised for research that has helped earn Israel the designation of “the Start-Up Nation.” CFHU scholarships have assisted in the education of 50,000 Canadian and Israeli students, the University’s lifeblood.

Thank you for being part of our year of milestones. With your ongoing participation and support, we look forward to celebrating many more together.

Murray Palay    Rami Kleinmann
National Chair    President & CEO

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PARTNERSHIPS

**PANCREATIC CANCER PARTNERSHIP**
CFHU announced in April the creation of the Alex U. Soyka Pancreatic Cancer Research Project at IMRIC. Spearheaded by Torontonian Sylvia M. G. Soyka, the partnership is an initiative by the SMGS Family Foundation, which has provided a significant, multi-year funding commitment. IMRIC will partner with the Sheba Medical Center in Israel and the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research to uncover the molecular landscape of pancreatic cancer and pathways driving the disease.

**CANADA-ISRAEL AUTISM RESEARCH**
In March 2014, the inaugural Canada-Israel Autism Research Symposium brought together top Canadian and Israeli researchers, practitioners, parents and community stakeholders to share data and best practices. The three-day event partnered CFHU, the Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Research Hub at IMRIC, the Hebrew University’s Institute for Advanced Studies, the Ontario Brain Institute and NeuroDevNet. Israeli novelist Lihu Lapid spoke about finding happiness within her own family, which includes a daughter with autism.

**CANADA-ISRAEL FASD FUNDING**
Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries announced in May that it is providing $1.35 million to IMRIC’s Canada-Israel International Fetal Alcohol Consortium towards research aimed at improving early diagnosis, intervention and prevention of FASD.

**OH, JERUSALEM!**
CFHU was proud to learn that the IMAX film JERUSALEM won Best Film, Short Subject; Best Cinematography; and Big Idea Community Outreach at the 2014 Giant Screen Achievement Awards. The 45-minute, National Geographic Entertainment film was produced in partnership with CFHU. (See more on page 12.)

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**THE NEXT EINSTEIN**
The winner of Canadian Friends’ 2014 Next Einstein contest, Alberta teen Marin Schultz, received $10,000 for his design of an inexpensive, 3D prosthetic hand, designed to be easily accessible to victims of landmines. Schultz envisions “a network of sponsored prosthetic dispensary nodes around the world, which would custom-print, assemble and fit the devices to any and all who need them.” Got a great idea for how to change the world? Watch for details on our upcoming contest at thenexteinstein.com.

**LEND A HAND TO HEAL**
When conditions escalated in Israel this past summer, CFHU responded immediately with its “Lend a Hand to Heal” initiative. Working with the Hebrew University’s Authority for Community and Youth, CFHU raised $38,000 to bus school-age children from Israel’s southern periphery to the Safra campus, where they enjoyed a fun, science-based learning program. A special kol hakavod to CFHU national board member and outstanding philanthropist Lenny Shapiro of Calgary, whose generous pledge to match donors’ funds encouraged even more support.

**MARCH MADNESS TURNS 20!**
CFHU’s March Madness Online US College Basketball Tournament has raised more than $600,000 in support of a variety of medical research and student scholarships at the HU. To mark the 20th anniversary of this CFHU tradition, committee co-chairs and Hebrew U alumni Lorne Persiko and David Kendal created the Bernard Persiko & Darren Kendal Merit Student Scholarship Fund. Eight scholarships were awarded in 2014. A portion of the funds raised was also directed toward the newly established Sam Garten Fund for Leukemia Research. (Read more about the impact of this funding on page 19.)
PRIZES & AWARDS

PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION
In one of his final acts before leaving office, Israeli President Shimon Peres awarded scholarships totalling NIS 1.6 million to eight PhD students working to advance science for the betterment of humanity. Five awards went to Hebrew University students, four of whom study at the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Daria Feldman, Adi Kliot, Itai Ofner, Lidor Shaar and David Shohami each received NIS 200,000 to cover three years of university studies and research, with the goal of advancing health and quality of life in Israel and around the world.

SCIENTIFIC SYNERGY
Two IMRIC researchers were recognized at the 2014 Kaye Awards for work that exemplifies the synergy between scientific excellence and commercial potential. Prof. Michal Banaiyash (above) was recognized for her invention of novel prognostic/diagnostic biomarkers to detect the immune status of people suffering from diseases characterized by chronic inflammation and immunosuppression. Yardam Bar-On, a PhD student of IMRIC Prof. Ofer Mandelboim, was recognized for his development of novel antibodies to treat influenza infections.

ISRAEL'S HIGHEST HONOUR
Three Hebrew University professors were awarded 2014 Israel Prizes, the country's top honour:

Business professor Haim Levy, who developed the new field of financial economics called Stochastic Dominance, was recognized for his innovations in the areas of political science, managerial science and international relations.

Prof. Yaacov Katan, of the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, received the award for his work on solarization, an innovative method for controlling soilborne pests by solar energy.

Prof. Emeritus Marta Weinstock-Rosin, of the School of Pharmacy, was recognized for her decades of work developing drug treatments for degenerative diseases of the central nervous system; the groundbreaking Alzheimer's drug, Exelon, is among her many accomplishments.

MAKING SMARTPHONES SMARTER
With one cell phone subscription for nearly every person on the planet, any innovation that reduces phones' environmental footprint is a huge boon. Prof. Shlomo Magdassi (above, far left), the Enrique Berman Chair at the Hebrew University's Casali Institute of Applied Chemistry, was recently recognized for his development of an affordable and Earth-friendly plastic touch-screen display for smart phones, which reduces the number of manufacturing steps by 80%. For his work, Prof. Magdassi received one of three $10,000 prizes from the Untold News Organization, an American nonprofit dedicated to promoting Israeli inventors and educating Americans on the positive news generated from the state of Israel.

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CREATIVITY & ORIGINALITY
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A PIONEER IN CANCER RESEARCH
World-renowned Hebrew University cancer researcher Prof. Alexander Levitzki has helped to lay the foundation for personalized cancer therapies, contributing to the development of new and precise cancer medications including Gleevac and Sentyr. For his achievements, he was awarded the 2014 Ilse and Helmut Wacker Award, presented at the Medical University of Innsbruck in the Tyrol in western Austria. Researchers at the two institutions hope to collaborate on cancer research.
DISCOVERIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IMRIC CANCER BREAKTHROUGH
In what has been called a “breakthrough” discovery, IMRIC graduate student Avi Maimon, under the supervision of Dr. Rotem Karmi (above), has identified a process by which cancer cells become resistant to certain drugs. The discovery could lead to more reliable predictions of whether chemotherapy will work in certain patients, and, in turn, more effective and personalized cancer treatment. Maimon’s findings were recently submitted as patent applications by Yissum, HU’s technology transfer company.

DIABETES DISCOVERY
Because of high levels of blood sugar, diabetics have twice the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease as nondiabetics. Now, Hebrew University biological chemist Prof. Daphne Atlas (above) and her team have developed a molecule that could potentially lower that risk, paving the way toward preventing and treating the cognitive impairments of people with diabetes. Prof. Atlas’s work has been patented by Yissum.

A STEP CLOSER TO STEM CELL THERAPY
IMRIC researcher Dr. Yosef Buganim (above) and his colleagues at MIT have developed a new gene cocktail that is highly effective at reprogramming adult cells to become high-quality stem cells. The new cocktail has been shown to create better and more stable stem cells than those engineered with earlier gene combinations. The study advances the field of regenerative medicine, taking us closer to a time when we can treat patients in need of cell transplants.

DNA-BASED COMPUTERS
An international group of scientists, led by Hebrew University professor Danny Porath (above), has made what may be the most significant breakthrough in a decade toward developing DNA-based electrical circuits. In a research paper published in the prestigious journal Nature Nanotechnology, the group reported achieving the first quantitative and reproducible flow of electric currents through DNA molecules. According to Prof. Porath, “This research could lead to a new generation of computer circuits that can be more sophisticated, cheaper and simpler to make.”

SEEING THE LIGHT
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DIGITAL EINSTEIN
They’ve been called the “Dead Sea Scrolls” of physics: Einstein cemented his enduring commitment to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem by bequeathing to it his copyright, his image and his personal papers. The Albert Einstein Archives at the Hebrew University have made digitized versions of many of the physicist’s papers and photographs available online. In 2014, the Hebrew University and Princeton University released the open-access Digital Einstein, a massive, online written legacy comprising more than 30,000 unique documents. Check it out at www.einsteinpapers.press.princeton.edu.

ARCHEOLOGICAL ARCHWAY
Three Hebrew University archaeologists — Roi Porat, Yakov Kelman and Rachel Chachy — have unearthed what appears to be an abandoned vanity project by the “architect-King” Herod, part of the monarch’s plan to turn his Herodium Hilltop Palace into a massive artificial hill shaped like a volcano. The archaeologists discovered a monumental entryway to the palace featuring a complex series of arches that reached a height of 20 metres. Herod apparently cancelled the project, instead deciding to convert the entire hilltop complex into a massive royal burial monument in his honour.

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What does it all add up to? The immeasurable impact of 50 years of the Yissum Research Development Company, founded in February 1964 to protect and commercialize the intellectual property of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In those five decades, Yissum has been instrumental in bringing groundbreaking products to the world market, like blockbuster Alzheimer’s and cancer drugs Eudistin and Doxil; agriculture innovations that have brought deserts into bloom and helped feed the world; novel treatments for human collagen; and technological advances like Mobileye and Orcam, which make the world safer and more accessible for drivers, pedestrians and the visually impaired. Nanotechnology company Qlipht recently signed a multiseg partnership with Germany’s Merck KGaA, while Morfesa — whose TruZIP technology can deliver any genetic trait to any plant without transforming the genome of the treated plant — has signed collaboration deals with the world’s largest seed company, AgriBio, meanwhile, recently raised $23 million for its drug to fight infections caused by resistent eating bacteria.

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A strong contingent of Canadians gathered in Jerusalem in June for the Hebrew University’s 77th annual Board of Governors meeting.

The University recognized four longtime Canadian supporters. Winnipeg’s Gail Asper was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate; the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship also paid tribute to Asper at a luncheon in her honour. Former Montreal chapter president Monette Malewski received an Honorary Fellowship, and her fellow Montrealer Leesa Steinberg was honoured at the Hebrew University’s Wall of Life. Andrew Brodie, who passed away in 2013 at the age of 101, was also honoured at the Wall of Life.

At a special and very touching gathering, Calgary’s Lenny Shapiro met with many of the recipients of his generous scholarships to Hebrew U students. Montreal’s Brojde family hosted a lively luncheon at the Peter Brojde Center for Innovative Engineering and Computer Science.

In 2014, CFHU’s Live, Learn & Explore trip delved into the wonder, tragedy and continuity of Jewish life in the Baltic region from medieval times until today.

Accompanied by Hebrew University scholar-in-residence Prof. Richard Cohen, participants visited ancient synagogues and Jewish neighbourhoods, toured the remains of Jewish ghettos, absorbed the architectural marvels of the city of Riga and surrounding areas, and lunched with Hagit Ben Yaakov, the Israeli ambassador to Lithuania and Latvia, in her residence.

In Israel, the group enjoyed high-level meetings and briefings with a range of Hebrew University researchers and personalities. Participants met with Carmi Gillon, former head of the Israeli secret service (Shin Bet). They learned about innovation and high technology in Israel through the Asper Center for Entrepreneurship and toured Israeli startups Clear Jet, Qlight and Collplant. They visited the architectural excavation of King Herod’s palace, heard from IMRIC researchers, and enjoyed the beauty of Mitzpe Ramon.

Hebrew University agriculture professor Haim Rabinovich, with one of his — and Yissum’s — successes: the Daniela tomato. Bred to ripen slowly and last longer on shelves, it helped to revolutionize the fresh market industry.
In 2014, CFHU showcased the Hebrew University’s and IMRIC’s spectacular achievements in a series of stunning gala events that paid homage to local leaders.

VANCOUVER

Honourees Gary and Nanci Segal, Vancouver CFHU President Randy Melner and Ram Semo, Director, Division for Advancement and External Relations at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Honouring Gary Segal
In April, CFHU partnered with the 2014 JNF Gala Dinner to celebrate the humanitarian work of Gary Segal, Vice President of Kingswood Capital Corp. Chaired by Kira Levy, with honorary chairs Ben Goldberg and Josephine Nadel, the event helped the JNF and CFHU raise $650,000 to fund a scientific educational program for youth in the periphery in Israel.

OTTAWA

CFHU President & CEO Rami Kleinmann, CFHU National Chair Murry Palyar, honourees Dorothy Nadolny, CFHU National Chair Murray Palyar and Ram Semo, Director, Division for Advancement and External Relations at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The Heart of IMRIC
In November, CFHU partnered with the JNF on its annual Negev dinner, honouring Dorothy Nadolny for her 50+ years of fundraising and philanthropy. The event raised more than $1.3 million for the establishment of the Herbert and Dorothy Nadolny Cardio-Metabolic Diseases Research Hub at IMRIC.

WINNIPEG

Murray Palyar, Hebrew University President Menahem Ben-Sasson, Scopus honouree Moe Levy.

2014 Scopus Award
In May, the Winnipeg chapter presented Moses (Moe) Levy, Executive Director of The Asper Foundation, with its 2014 Scopus Award. Levy is one of the key leaders and organizers behind the establishment of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Close to $1 million was raised to support infrastructure and other priorities at IMRIC.

TORONTO

Hebrew University President Menahem Ben-Sasson, event Chair Gerry Halbert, honouree Dr. Tony Lang and HU Prof. Hagai Bergman.

A Tribute to Tony
In May, 350 guests attended “A Tribute to Tony,” celebrating a landmark partnership between Toronto Western Hospital’s renowned brain scientist Dr. Tony Lang and IMRIC’s Prof. Hagai Bergman. The event raised nearly $1 million in support of research partnerships into Parkinson’s disease. Prof. Bergman was recently recognized for his groundbreaking work into deep-brain stimulation for the treatment of Parkinson’s (see page 5).
In 2014, CFHU’s national chapters continued their long-standing tradition of creating, curating and hosting a series of dynamic events and galas that showcased the Hebrew University’s and IMRIC’s achievements.

In Jerusalem, Yissum president and CEO Yaacov Michlin spoke at the chapter’s Einstein Business Forum. The three young women featured in the IMAX documentary JERUSALEM flew from Israel to be at the film’s premiere in Toronto in February. Farah Ammouni, who is Muslim, Nadia Tadros, who is Christian, and Revital Zacharie, who is Jewish, answered questions about their experience after the screening, along with Daniel Ferguson, JERUSALEM’s Montreal-born writer and director. Toronto CFHU board members Judy Nathan Bronfman and Karen Simpson-Radomski hosted an intimate reception the night before the screening. The 45-minute National Geographic Entertainment film was produced in partnership with CFHU. In October, Canadian Friends’ Montreal chapter hosted that city’s screening as a tribute to its producer — and CFHU supporter — the late Jake Eberts (see above photo).

In Ottawa, Yaacov Michlin, President and CEO of Yissum, the Hebrew University’s technology transfer and commercialization organization, was the keynote speaker at the Ottawa chapter’s Einstein Business Forum in March. At a breakfast presentation at the Ottawa offices of event co-sponsor (with Welch LLP) Gowlings, Michlin discussed his role in leading and assisting pharmaceutical, high-tech and biomedical companies — including Teva, Bioline, CBI and Brainsway — in technology commercialization deals, licensing agreements, capital raising, mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. (Read more about Yissum on page 7.)

In Vancouver, Prof. Raphael Mechoulam debated the topic with UBC neurology professor Kathryn Selby and Schara Tzedeck Synagogue’s spiritual leader Rabbi Andrew Rosenblatt, who also has a biochemistry degree. Michael Levy, CKNW radio and Global TV personality, moderated the panel.

In Winnipeg, Misphatim is on its way to becoming the premier program for Canadian law students to study in Israel. The three-week academic partnership between the University of Manitoba law school and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has expanded to include not only U of M law students but also students from its Asper School of Business and law students from across Canada. With a focus on Israel’s strength as a world leader in high-tech innovations, students compare and contrast how Israel and Canada each adapt constitutional and regulatory frameworks to their respective social and economic challenges.
CFHU gratefully acknowledges and appreciates all of our generous supporters over the past year. Every effort has been made to ensure that donors who have given $1,000+ between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2014 are listed correctly. Please contact us with any questions or concerns.
Selected Financial Information.
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### CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

#### 2014
- Hebrew University: $8,409,355 (95%)
- Canadian universities and foundations: $289,905 (3%)
- Scholarships, research grants and other academic affairs: $159,945 (2%)
- **Total**: $8,859,205

#### 2013
- Hebrew University: $7,865,307 (95%)
- Canadian universities and foundations: $124,720 (2%)
- Scholarships, research grants and other academic affairs: $207,042 (3%)
- **Total**: $8,197,069
OPEN MINDS IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGE

Canadian students at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem demonstrated their open-mindedness, resourcefulness, intellectual rigour and sociopolitical curiosity in 2014.

Last summer, Canada sent more international students to the Hebrew University than any other country, all of whom stayed in Israel despite the escalating tensions. With ever-strengthening partnerships between the Hebrew University and Canadian schools — including the University of Western Ontario, Dalhousie, the University of Manitoba, the University of Ottawa, the University of British Columbia, McGill University, York University and U of T — Canadian students were able to choose from a variety of high-level course offerings that showcased Israel’s unique standpoints and talent.

Scholarships are an essential part of attracting Canadian students to the Hebrew University. Here, we feature the voices of several students who were able to attend Hebrew U because of scholarship funding. Please consider supporting Canadian and Israeli students in their studies at Hebrew U.

LAUREN ABECASSIS-KANDRAVY, 27
MA in Public Policy, Federmann School of Public Policy, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Bernard Persiko and Darren Kendal Merit Scholarship, Peter Lougheed Fellowship in Canadian Studies

My time at HUJI has been overwhelmingly positive. The professors are engaging and at the top of their field, and I’ve been warmly welcomed into an Israeli, Hebrew-speaking student population — even though I speak with a funny accent! The challenge and quality of education that I am getting, coupled with the unique experience of studying in Jerusalem, will be a life-enhancing experience. The funding and grants I have received have helped ease the financial burden of studying, especially overseas without my immediate family close by.

Sarah Park (far right) with fellow students at The Hebrew University.

SAMUEL MOSONYI, 23
MPhil Candidate in Criminology, University of Cambridge

Bernard Persiko and Darren Kendal Merit Scholarship

The Coexistence in the Middle East course at Rothberg challenged my perceptions and opened my eyes to the nuances of the region. Rather than sitting in a classroom, we went out to meet political and community leaders. We learned and heard from people on all sides of the conflict, and also observed heartening instances of cooperation and peace-building. I am grateful to the Persiko and Kendal Merit Scholarship, which helped make it possible for me to study at the world-renowned Hebrew University. I look forward to giving back to CFHU by serving as an ambassador for the University.

Torontonian-turned-Israeli Lauren Abecassis-Kandravy (left) and a close friend on study trip, May 2015.

GRACE KO, 24
University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law
Asper National Scholarship, Stephen Victor Scholarship and Zelikovitz Family Scholarship

My experience in Israel was simply: unforgettable. Living in Israel humanized the recent escalation of the Israel-Gaza conflict; examining the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through a wide range of narratives challenged me to grasp the history and potential evolution of the conflict. I learned to appreciate the beauty and complexity of the Israeli culture. This opportunity would not have been possible without the support from the Canadian Friends of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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