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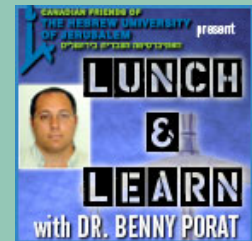
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CALGARY - Champions of Spinal Cord Research - A Special Gala Evening with Rick Hansen - April 27. [Full details - Register](#)



WINNIPEG - Scopus Award Dinner Honouring Joe Bova - May 16th [Full details - Register](#)



TORONTO - "Unjust Enrichment: The Potential Contribution of One Talmudic Issue to Modern Legal Discourse"- April 7th. [More](#)

VANCOUVER - Hillel House Lecture May 3rd - HU's Dr. Michael Friedmann. [More info](#)



VANCOUVER - Robert Rogow Memorial Lecture Series: Dr. Reuven Hazan "Current Insights Into Israeli Politics" - May 19



VANCOUVER - Grow Strong 2011: Israel Programs and Opportunities, May 29 [More](#)

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IMRIC Highlights

Canada Gairdner International Awards Recognizes Two IMRIC Researchers at Hebrew U

Two Hebrew University of Jerusalem professors were named as winners of the Canada Gairdner International Awards, which are presented annually to researchers from around the world for outstanding contributions to medical science. The honorees are Prof. Chaim Cedar and Prof. Aharon Razin - they are the first Hebrew University faculty members to have won the Gairdner Awards. [Read More](#)



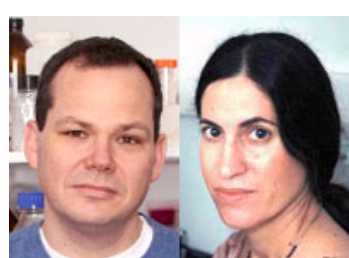
IMRIC Scientist and Alberta Collaborator Identify Key Trigger for Pancreatic Beta Cell Regeneration For Type 1 Diabetes

Study reveals that a glucose-sensing enzyme signals the production of new insulin producing cells, suggesting a new path of treatment possibilities for type 1 diabetes. Prof. Yuval Dor and colleagues have identified a key signal that prompts existing insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas to form new beta cells in mice, a breakthrough discovery that may ultimately help researchers find ways to restore or increase beta cell function in people with type 1 diabetes. [Read More](#)



Two Hebrew U. IMRIC Scientists To Be Awarded Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund Prize

Dr. Eli Pikarsky and Prof. Sigal Ben-Yehuda are being awarded the Sir Zelman Cowen Universities Fund Prize for Discovery in Medical Research, in recognition of their contributions to the understanding of human disease. This is the first time the award has been shared between two nominees. The prize committee noted the impressive contributions both scientists have made to our understanding of complex and difficult diseases - cancer, and antibiotic-resistant infections. [Read More](#)



Mechanism For Invasion Of Tumorous Cells Discovered By Hebrew University Researchers at IMRIC Opens Door For Possible Early Detection, Treatment Of Cancer

Dr. Pikarsky has also been involved in a major discovery just announced: a previously unknown mechanism whereby tumor cells invade normal tissues, spreading cancer through various organs. In conjunction with Prof. Yinon Ben-Neria of the Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada at the Hebrew University Faculty of Medicine, an article reporting their work appeared in a recent issue of the journal Nature. [Read More](#)

March Madness Wrap-Up

CFHU's March Madness Online Basketball Tournament has once again come and gone. This year was an unbelievable success. Our Chair, Lorne Persiko, and his committee raised over \$50,000 towards The Bernard J. Persiko Graduate Student Scholarship Fund at the Hebrew University. With over 200 participants and tremendous support from our sponsors this has been one of the greatest years in a long time! This year's winners are: **1st - Jeff Zemel, 2nd - Bill Birnbaum & Jack Frieberg, and 3rd - Allan Rakowsky.** Sweet 16 winners: **1st - Marc Mandel, 2nd - Mike Berman, 3rd - Bernie Tanz.** Once again, thanks to Lorne and the March Madness 2011 committee, our sponsors and participants. We look forward to many years of building on this successful event!



HU Truman-Palestinian Poll - Following Unrest In Arab World Majority Of Gazans Feel Need To Demonstrate Against Hamas Government

Following the recent dramatic events in the Arab world, 67% of Gazans feels the need to organize similar demonstrations against the Hamas government in the Gaza Strip. [Read More](#)



Hebrew University Highlights

Mandel School For Advanced Studies In The Humanities To Be Established At Hebrew University Of Jerusalem

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is proud to announce the establishment of the Mandel School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities on the Mt. Scopus campus of the university. The Mandel Foundation approved an \$18 million grant for a building to house the new school and a renewable grant of \$2.5 million for programs. This is one of the largest gifts in support of the humanities worldwide. [Read More](#)



Former Hebrew U President Professor Menachem Magidor Awarded Humboldt Prize

Former president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Prof. Menachem Magidor has been awarded a Humboldt Research Award, it was announced recently by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. [Read More](#)



Nanocrystal Doping' Developed By Hebrew University Researchers Results In Semiconductor Nanocrystals With Enhanced Electrical Function

Researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem have achieved a breakthrough in the field of nanoscience by successfully altering nanocrystal properties with impurity atoms -- a process called doping - thereby opening the way for the manufacture of improved semiconductor nanocrystals. [Read More](#)



Prof. Ruth Gavison Of Hebrew University Announced As Winner Of Israel Prize In Law

Prof Ruth Gavison of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Faculty of Law is the winner of the 2011 Israel Prize for legal research, it was announced this week. Prof. Gavison is widely recognized as an authority on constitutional law and human rights and on issues related to law and society and state and religion, among other topics [Read More](#)



Archive Of Interviews With Child Survivors Of Holocaust Received By Oral History Division Of Hebrew University's Harman Institute

An invaluable archive of more than 1,500 oral testimonies from child survivors of the Holocaust, collected in numerous countries over the past 30 years, has been received by the Oral History Division of the Avraham Harman Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. [Read More](#)



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About IMRIC

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