A four-day open house at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Experience the passion and pioneering spirit of the students and faculty at Israel’s youngest, most innovative university.

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Events, tours, programs, local transportation, and all delicious meals are FREE! All you pay for is airfare, hotel and transportation to Beer-Sheva.
**Immerse Yourself in the Negev**

Be BGU’s guest in Beer-Sheva, the capital of Israel’s Negev region; travel with us to Sede Boqer and Mitzpe Ramon. Participate in a variety of engaging programs, tours, receptions, delicious meals, fun, and community.

**Be a Student Again**

Attend lectures by BGU scholars and scientists who are conducting groundbreaking research in areas such as regenerative medicine, cyber security, robotics, and more. Hear international guest speakers speak about their areas of academic expertise.

**Attend Exclusive Briefings**

Hear from President Prof. Rivka Carmi, M.D., and key decision-makers about the latest developments on BGU’s North Campus, and the move of IDF’s strategic intelligence units to a high-tech center next to BGU in Beer-Sheva’s Advanced Technologies Park.

**Celebrate American Contributions to BGU**

Join AABGU at dedication ceremonies including the Stephen and David Breslauer Archaeological Laboratory Building, the Jim Breslauer Pavilion, the Ruth Flinman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Multidisciplinary Research Laboratory Building, and the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering.

**Honor the World’s Luminaries**

Attend BGU’s annual Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony recognizing exceptional individuals who have made their mark in areas such as social action, the arts, science, academic achievement, and philanthropy, including AABGU Vice President Ernest Scheller, Jr. and Prof. Jeffrey Ullman of Stanford University.

**Where the Desert Blooms**

Visit the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research at the Sede Boqer campus and see how BGU is leading the world in water technologies, alternative energy, desert agriculture, and more. Participate in the naming ceremony for the Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies International Program.

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**Schedule and Details**

The official program begins Sunday evening, June 5, with a festive student evening, and ends late Wednesday evening, June 8, with a closing reception at the magnificent Beresheet Hotel in Mitzpe Ramon. On June 9, participate in optional tours of Mitzpe Ramon and the surrounding area, including lunch and a wine tasting at a local vineyard.

Those returning to the United States after this event are advised to book flights no earlier than the afternoon of Thursday, June 9, to avoid missing the closing activities, and to take advantage of group ground transportation from Mitzpe Ramon.

To view the full program of events and register online: visit www.bgu.ac.il/board

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