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Greetings from Long Island, NY, my Stay-at-Home environment. I would have loved to be in Beer-Sheva, at Ben Gurion University with many of you for the BOG Meeting, but these are unprecedented times. I hope everyone is well and doing their best to stay safe and healthy. The Covid-19 pandemic poses immediate challenges great and small, to us all, and to this great and wonderful institution we are part of and have built into a world-class university. BGU’s history (including this pandemic) is one of remarkable accomplishments and 50 years since the establishment is a genuine milestone. In this report, we quite appropriately look back at the dramatic developments of the past 50 years while addressing the BGU’s future and ongoing responsibilities, including today’s issues.

The University’s commitment to academic and research excellence, its ethos of community outreach and dynamic campus life, in easier times, are all part of the special atmosphere and unique experience of BGU. I am proud to watch the BGU community tackle the present crisis. Students and faculty have made a smooth transition to online teaching. The BGU Coronavirus Task Force created by President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz is coordinating more than 50 projects where BGU’s researchers are putting their ingenuity to work; repurposing projects for the current crises and utilizing their decades of expertise to help the country and the world cope with Covid-19 and its effects. As always, the BGU family is reaching out to help the community. Their dedication is inspiring. Leveraging the sciences to address Israel’s and the world’s problems is encoded in our University’s DNA. 50 years ago, today and tomorrow.

The development of the North Campus is an historic process which will change the image and character of the University and the city of Beer-Sheva. The new campus will strengthen the University’s infrastructure, will allow an increase in the number of students and will enhance their academic experience with state-of-the-art laboratories and new classroom buildings, keeping us at the forefront of education for the next 50 years.

With the establishment of the Advanced Technologies Park, the University and the Beer-Sheva Municipality have succeeded in creating a unique entrepreneurial and research ecosystem centered around the University, bringing an ever-growing number of jobs and economic opportunities to the region, and innovations to the world. The tremendous potential of this collaboration was recognized earlier this year by the Israeli government, which funded the establishment of Israel’s first “Innovation District” in Beer-Sheva.

While the University provides immense brainpower and infrastructure, its resources are finite. Now is the time for the entire BGU family to step up and support this amazing institution (and thereby help ourselves, through the University, to overcome the challenges of this pandemic). This year is no different; the current and future success of Ben-Gurion University rest upon the members of the Board of Governors and friends of the University worldwide to diligently work to spread the news of BGU and to support it. I would like to thank each and every one of you for what you have done and what you continue to do for Ben-Gurion University, and am looking forward to thanking you, hopefully in person, next year in Beer-Sheva.

Wishing you well and praying for a swift and healthy outcome for all those affected by the coronavirus.

Lloyd Goldman

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Just as we were finalizing this special Report marking Ben-Gurion University of the Negev’s jubilee and celebrating its accomplishments, the COVID-19 pandemic emerged, an event that will leave its mark in every area of human life for years to come. For us this has meant postponing the physical celebrations of our jubilee. But here in this Report we can and do celebrate BGU’s amazing journey thus far.

In 1974, at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, where the University was renamed in honor of Israel’s first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, BGU’s President, Prof. Moshe Prywes, noted “the greatness of Ben-Gurion was threefold: practical achievement, foresight, and unlimited faith in the future of the State of Israel and of the Jewish People.” Prywes then wondered whether BGU would be able to capture and deploy this combination of realism, tenacity and vision in achieving its goals.

Some forty-six years later, the answer is a resounding “yes!” BGU exhibits precisely these characteristics, and this is what has made our journey truly remarkable and the results, thus far, beyond anyone’s wildest dreams. Over the past year alone, for example, four of our young recruits were awarded prestigious ERC starting grants; BGU was chosen to house and develop the National Autism Research Center; we established a new interdisciplinary honors program that is attracting top undergraduates from across the country; and work has begun on a new home for the Ben-Gurion Archives, which will not only provide public access to this invaluable resource, but also facilitate groundbreaking research into the history of Zionism.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we rapidly formed interdisciplinary research groups that have already discovered solutions to a range of challenges posed by the coronavirus. And despite the challenges of COVID-19-induced social-distancing, our responsibility to educate the next generation of leaders has not been forgotten, and we are continuing the 2019-2020 academic year, having made an early and smooth transition to remote learning online.

BGU’s Marcus Family Campus took some 50 years to complete, growing and maturing with the University itself. Thanks to the foresight and long-term planning of the University’s leadership and the support of its friends, the North Campus provides us the physical space for our next 50 years of development, and allows us to focus on our most vital goal: transforming BGU into Israel’s premier, and one of the world’s top institutions of higher learning. This will be accomplished by attracting the best and brightest researchers, and providing them with cutting-edge facilities that will allow them to do their best work and attract the best students.

These accomplishments fuel my confidence that our University will emerge from the current crisis even stronger. When I see the students, who are continuing with their studies and reaching out to help wherever they can; our dedicated staff and faculty, who are keeping this institution running and carrying out cutting-edge research under challenging conditions; and our friends and associates around the world who have rallied to our call for support, I am filled with pride, and am secure that the BGU spirit endures.

BGU’s anniversary deserves celebration, and we will mark this milestone with all due pomp and circumstance when possible. I wish to thank each and every one of our friends and supporters over the last 50 years. Our achievements are your achievements. When we emerge from this period of crisis, we will have to resume our mission to guide BGU towards ever greater accomplishments, and even greater impact. Your continued support will be more important than ever.

Prof. Daniel Chamovitz

FROM THE PRESIDENT

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 50
In October 1977, while construction of Ben-Gurion University’s main campus was still in its early stages, the Board of Governors inaugurated the University’s Founders Wall. This Wall – which is now a series of walls winding through campus – lists for posterity those generous friends of the University whose gifts were the seeds that made BGU an “Oxford in the desert,” the remarkable institution of higher learning that is now celebrating its jubilee.

Some forty years on, the desert climate has taken its toll on the glittering letters. On the occasion of the University’s 50th anniversary, we undertook to restore these walls to the same high standards of more recent donor walls, such as the President’s Pillars, the Centennial Wall, and the Negev Society, as a sign of our eternal gratitude.

The contributions from our friends, great and small, have funded scholarships, classrooms, laboratories, gardens, entire buildings and many other aspects of the University’s operations. These gifts have made possible the advancement of science, research and education, and supported the University in its mission to help individuals realize their full potential and drive development in the Negev and the State of Israel, for the benefit of humankind worldwide.

I joined the BGU Family last year and am delighted to be part of this tribute to our friends. I hope that our renewed Founders Walls will inspire them to renew their own commitment to BGU. As we enter a new era reshaped by global forces, BGU has the potential to make a stand with humanity and help shape the world as a better place. The continued support of our friends in the coming years is more crucial than ever as we become a truly world-class institution and beacon unto the nations.

Jeff Kaye
Vice President for Public Affairs and Resource Development
On one end of the North Campus grounds, elegant dormitory buildings are taking shape – set to provide housing for an additional thousand students. Constructed in accordance with the green building standard, the first student residents of the North Campus will enjoy unparalleled comfort.

In most ways, dorms are the easiest to construct with their straightforward requirements. Research laboratory buildings, such as the new Diane and Guilford Glazer Institute for Homeland Security Building, are more complex and demanding. As befitting a building to be filled with cutting edge research, it is being designed with the most advanced software, instead of the blueprints of yesteryear.

The Israel Defense Force’s Digital C4 Campus is also beginning to rise from the desert. BGU President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz and Beer-Sheva Mayor Ruvik Danilovich, together with IDF representatives, cut the ribbon on the campus’ first building in June 2019. The campus will eventually occupy about 150,000 square meters of building space spread over 18 acres and be home to approximately 5,000 soldiers and permanent military personnel.

The Advanced Technologies Park continues to thrive and grow. The fourth building was recently completed and the fifth building is already under construction.

Finally, the academia-industry-government triangle that is already transforming the city of Beer-Sheva has been reimagined as an innovation district. Its axes will be Ben-Gurion Boulevard separating the Marcus Family Campus and Soroka University Medical Center, and Uri Zvi Greenberg Boulevard between the Advanced Technologies Park and the North Campus. Beer-Sheva’s Innovation District is one of just 100 being planned around the world, an engine of growth that produces streams of revenue, multi-disciplinary research, many more jobs and a pleasant physical environment that entices residents and passers-by to stroll, shop and visit.
COMMENDED THIS YEAR
- Graduate Students Residence
- Renovation of two buildings in the Zlatowski Dormitory Complex
- Renovation of the central lobby of the Zlatowski Student Center
- Renovation of classrooms in Building H2 at the Tel Aviv Campus

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- Larry I. Lokey Chemistry Building
- Undergraduate Village on the North Campus
- Medical Simulation and Classroom Building, to house the Field Family Foundation Simulation Center
- The Cyndi and Max Mintzberg Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism Building and the Cyndi and Max Mintzberg Ben-Gurion Archives Building
- Electrical room on North Campus

WORK TO BEGIN SOON
- Sylvan Adams Sports Centre expansion
- North Campus Energy Center
- North Campus utilities tunnels and underground infrastructure
- Renovation of the Gate of Aliya
- BGU-Soroka Joint Research Building supported by the Adelis Foundation

UNDER DESIGN
- Diane and Guilford Glazer Institute for Homeland Security Building
- Drahi Innovation and Entrepreneurship Building
- Computer Science Building
- A new plaza between the Larry I. Lokey Chemistry Building and the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering
- Adaptation of the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering basement for research labs
- Renovation of the Ilanot Gate

FUTURE PROJECTS
- Structural Engineering Building
- University Art Gallery
- Library for Engineering and Natural Sciences
- Health Sciences research laboratories building
- International Conference Center
- Ernest Scheller, Jr. Gate of Innovation, North Campus

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SPEAKING OF BGU
video project
As we celebrate BGU’s 50th anniversary, we asked five pairs of people whose lives are closely intertwined with the university to reflect on the remarkable history of BGU and their relationship with the university then and now.

- Our president and rector chart a vision for our future
- Generations of scholars and researchers reflect on changing times and research paradigms, as well as the legacy of David Ben-Gurion
- A former chairman of the board of governors talks about philanthropy with his son
- And finally, a graduate of the university’s very first cohort reminisces with the chairperson of the student union

You are invited to read excerpts from these conversations in the following pages and watch the videos online at: bit.ly/speakingbgu
Something that characterizes academia is the special relationship between a professor and the students. A lecturer can be someone inspiring, or a mentor, or just someone there to relay material. How do you preserve that special relationship with so many students?

One of the great things about coming to the coffee shop is that you can see students talking to their teachers and this is precisely the environment we want to encourage, to create a feeling of accessibility. For the lecturers too, this approach leads to new ideas, and these are practices we should encourage. I really think there should be an emphasis on the interpersonal relationship between students and teachers. After all, the information and materials are available online, but the relationship isn't.

I think that Zionism is part of BGU’s DNA. It is what makes us feel at home, and what attracts scholars to bet their future on this university. But what will keep the best researchers here is the fact that we are a world-class university that provides them with the same conditions – labs, libraries, and quality students – that they could have at any other leading university in the US or Europe.

We are not here to compromise our standards for Zionism; we are Zionists who aim for the highest standards here in the desert.
There's a process of desertification taking place around the world... An enormous number of people suffer from food shortage, from lack of nutrition. The knowledge that is being developed here in this place by the University's units can provide at least partial solutions to the catastrophes taking place now in different desert areas and in future desert areas around the world.

All this knowledge being developed here – including technologies related to plants, irrigation, fertilization – we beta test it here in the little State of Israel, and then we export those technologies to other places in the world, to other desert regions.

And it's not just technologies. We try to adapt existing crops to the extreme desert conditions we have here, as well as attempt to introduce new crops that can provide food in desert conditions.

While producing food, you also protect the soil, ensuring sustainable soil that can provide food for our grandchildren and for future generations.

Do you know that to produce two dates you need 100 liters of water! Wow!

That means either your evening shower or eating two dates. We want to reduce the use of water, so we can use the same amount of water to grow more dates – more crop per drop. Our research addresses the issue of irrigation scheduling: finding the optimal quantity and frequency of water application. And we also develop sensors that monitor the plant and check what is going on in the soil, how the plant is doing, how fast it is growing. Ultimately, we enjoy eating delicious dates from the Negev.
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Ilan → Look at this! What a place! What a view!

Paula → I guess it was a source of inspiration for Ben-Gurion and it’s definitely a source of inspiration for us.

Ilan → You know what this proves? That this is not just a place of desolation; it is a place full of possibilities. It is through here that the people of Israel walked in ancient times and it is where the people of Israel can come and build in the modern period. If you look around, you see possibilities, not an absence. You see what it can be: cultural, visual, spiritual, as well as green and scientific and all the rest.

Paula → If we follow Ben-Gurion’s way of thinking – the understanding that mankind has to reach out to new horizons, and that science and technology and knowledge are what we need to seek – we must, at the same time, never forget the spirit of human beings: it all comes from that, from the soul of humankind and that’s why the humanities have to be part and parcel of any scientific endeavor in the desert.

Ilan → The desert is the key. Think of the place of the desert in Jewish history. David, Moses, and generations after generations were able to make out of nothing something great that has lasted through millennia. That’s our job at Ben-Gurion University too. It really is. This is why people from all over the world come here to this spot: to study humanities, to study science, to study physics – all in order to make the world a better place in which to live. It’s an amazing dream that Ben-Gurion had!

Paula → And it’s our role to fulfill it.
Alexander M. Goren and Andrea Goren

Alexander M. Goren was born in Romania and has lived and worked in Israel, Italy and the USA. He is a managing partner at Goren Bros., a money management and real estate company. Alex and his family have been deeply involved with BGU since 1972, a commitment culminating with service as Chairman of the Board of Governors of BGU between 2012 and 2019 and an honorary PhD in 2015.

Andrea Goren, Alex’s son, has an MBA from Columbia University and is currently managing director and CFO for Phoenix Group, a private equity firm. He is a third-generation supporter of BGU and a member of the first cohort of AABGU’s Zin Fellows Leadership Program. He lives in New York. Andrea recently became Treasurer of AABGU.

Alex ➔ Pinchas Sapir said to my father “I’ve got good news and better news. The client for your textile mill will pay a very good price. The better news is that you’re gonna give me all the money because the Old Man [DBG] wants to build a university in the Negev.” My father said “It’s a deal.” He really loved the idea of an Oxford in the desert.

The cornerstone laying ceremony for our building* was the first time I was really in Beer-Sheva. And it was kind of a lunar setting... because in the middle of nothing there was the Aranne Library, which was a beautiful building. And in front of it was the Kreitman Building. And that was all there was!

In ’73 I went to live in Israel for eleven years. I got very involved in the University and went to Beer-Sheva often. And the University itself – it just exploded. When Avishay Braverman came in, he really grew the University to what it is today. The job he did in those years as president was really amazing. And Rivka Carmi afterwards too. They always got the top architects to design the buildings, and most of them are really beautiful architecturally.

Andrea ➔ It’s a Brutalist’s dream.

Alex ➔ You know. I’m very proud of the fact that you were part of the first Zin Fellows cohort. How was it?

Andrea ➔ In many ways it was life altering. The program gave me the opportunity to learn about BGU at a much deeper level and to see exactly what you and Nonno [grandfather] have been up to all these years. It’s really hard not to fall in love with the mission and with what’s going on at the University.

My philanthropy until then was more about the kids’ school or the synagogue, but it was all passive. Here I feel that I have become part of something that is much greater than myself, and even greater than the University or Israel. If you look at some of the research that’s going on, attracting people from all over the world, and the work going on outside the University in the community... It’s basically the most important thing that I’m working on aside from my familial duties, but I feel like I’m getting more out of it than I’m putting in.

Alex ➔ That’s the way I’ve always felt too. I’m very proud of your involvement with BGU and AABGU and I’m sure Nonno is also very proud that you’re continuing as the third generation.

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* The Cukier, Goldstein–Goren Building for the Humanities and Social Sciences.
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video project
BGU RISES TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Ben-Gurion University began preparing for the coronavirus pandemic just as Purim arrived and the second semester was about to start. All events and in-person classes were cancelled and the University made a rapid and remarkably smooth transition to online learning, even before Israelis were instructed to remain at home. The academic year is continuing as scheduled.

More than 50 scientists from across the University’s departments joined forces in a coronavirus taskforce charged with developing novel solutions to medical and social problems caused by the pandemic. Some 100 BGU researchers and graduate students responded to a call for volunteers, working in shifts to test blood samples for coronavirus at the Clinical Virology Lab at Soroka University Medical Center.

LEADERSHIP RECOGNIZED

Prof. Avishay Braverman, BGU’s 5th president, who served from 1990 to 2006, received the Israel Prize’s Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his vision and leadership in building BGU and the surrounding ecosystem, benefiting the Negev and the nation.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev ranked by Pitchbook among the top 50 undergraduate programs worldwide in the production of entrepreneurs. BGU ranks 15th on the Nature Index of Young Universities. The Index ranks universities 50 years or younger in the natural sciences.

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The Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research dedicated the archives of Prof. Sidney Loeb, pioneer of reverse osmosis desalination.

Entrepreneurship and Tech Management, a new program in the Dept. of Management, introduces students to the world of entrepreneurship and includes internship opportunities and collaborations with BGU’s Advanced Technologies Park.

Four new specialization tracks are now offered in the Dept. of Chemical Engineering: Management and Innovation; Energy, Water and Hi-Tech; Bio-Substances; and a research track.

The Digital Humanities Laboratory, which utilizes computational techniques for the study and research of humanities, was launched.

Ben-Gurion University and Microsoft Israel launched two AI tools that will "bring to life" the Ben-Gurion Archives by revealing hidden relationships and themes in its documents.

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

The Israeli government, in collaboration with BGU, is investing NIS 200 million in a new Quantum Institute, which will be part of the Soreq Nuclear Research Center.

BGU and Northwestern University will lead a U.S.-Israel consortium - Collaborative Water-Energy Research Center (CoWERC) - with a total budget of $21.4 million.

As part of a national academic delegation led by Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, VP of Regional Development Prof. Dan Blumberg signed an MOU with Hanyang University and Konkuk University in South Korea.

BGU and the University of Bristol, UK, signed an MOU to collaborate on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence research.

BGU will partner with The State University of New York at Albany (SUNY Albany) to promote cybersecurity research, education and industry.

BGU and Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA signed a Memorandum of Collaboration to expand research into health disparities, bioethics and autism research.

A group of scientists from BGU and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies were awarded $14.3 million over five years by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH) to create a high-resolution atlas of how the mouse brain generates and controls skilled forelimb movements.

COMMERCIALIZATION AND APPLIED RESEARCH

Josh Peleg was appointed Chief Executive Officer of BGN Technologies, the University’s technology transfer company.

ANANDA Scientific and BGN Technologies signed a license and research agreement to develop and commercialize cannabinoid products, based on research conducted by Prof. Amnon Sintov of the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering and Prof. Shimon Ben-Shabat, director of the School of Pharmacy.

BGU sent a Prototype Solar Power Generator developed by Prof. Jeffrey Gordon and his US colleagues for testing on the international space station.

BGN Technologies and Vaxil Bio signed a license and research agreement to develop targeted cancer therapies.

BGU, the Israeli Ministry of Defense, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy agreed to pursue joint R&D programs to advance quantum technology.

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NOTABLE GRANTS

Four BGU researchers received the highly prestigious ERC Starting Grant: Prof. Menny Shalom, Dr. Benjamin Palmer, and Dr. Josh Baraban, all from the Dept. of Chemistry, and Dr. Deborah Toiber of the Dept. of Life Sciences.

Dr. Josh Baraban also won an Alon Fellowship from the Council for Higher Education.

Dr. Itzik Mizrahi of the Dept. of Life Sciences received an ERC Consolidator Grant. He also won a DIP Grant together with Prof. Edward Bayer and Prof. Ohad Medalia.

Prof. Ronen Segev of the Dept. of Life Sciences and Dr. Benjamin Rosental of the Shraga Segal Dept. of Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics, both received grants from the prestigious Human Frontier Science Program.

Prof. Michael Danilenko and Dr. Eitan Rubin from the Dept. of Physiology and Cell Biology won an ISF Precision Medicine Grant to establish a national leukemia database.

Dr. Niv Papo of the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Dept. of Biotechnology Engineering and the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev has been awarded an ERC Proof of Concept Grant.

Three BGU researchers were selected as Azrieli Foundation Fellows 2019-20: Dr. Benjamin Palmer (Chemistry), Dr. Ely Kovetz (Physics) and Dr. Jennifer Resnik (Life Sciences).

The 2019 Alumni Recognition Awards were also presented on Ben-Gurion Day this year to: Eyaid Ahmad, a community activist, founder of Hagar: Jewish-Arab Education for Equality and accessibility supervisor for Arab students at Sapir Academic College; Orly Ben-Hamu Lahav, plant manager at Intel’s Kiryat Gat facility; Sigal Regev Rosenberg, Director General of the Meuhedet Health Fund and first woman to hold such a position; Shira Salzer, founder of
Cambium, a software development company and hi-tech entrepreneur in Yeruham; and Moshe Vigdor, Director General of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation-Israel, former director general of the Council for Higher Education, the Jewish Agency for Israel and former VP and Director General of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED

“Fake news on Twitter during the 2016 U.S. presidential election” by Dr. Nir Grinberg of the Dept. of Software and Information Systems Engineering ranked number 58 on Altmetric’s Top 100 list of the most-discussed and shared pieces of research published in the past year.

Three graduates of the Creative Writing Program in BGU’s Dept. of Hebrew Literature received the Minister of Education and Culture Prize in Literature for their debut books. Roni Eldad’s Any Day Now; Tali Shamir-Werzberger’s Smooth as Water; and Adam Ratzon’s A Need to Fight the Obvious.

Prof. Jonatan Meir from the Goldstein-Goren Dept. of Jewish Thought was elected a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Three members of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology now lead their professional organizations. Prof. Lev Grinberg was elected president of the Israeli Sociological Society; Prof. Yael Hashiloni-Dolev was elected joint president of the Israeli Society for the History & Philosophy of Science; and Prof. Pnina Motzafi-Haller was elected president of the Israeli Anthropological Society.

Prof. Ya’akov Gal of the Dept. of Software and Information Systems Engineering was elected a senior member of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI).

Dr. Yoram Singer from the Division of Community Health received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Israel Association of Family Physicians.

Idan Hekselman, a student in the Dept. of Clinical Pharmacology and Biochemistry’s MD/PhD program, under the direction of Prof. Esti Yeger-Lotem, won the prestigious Rappaport Prize for Excellence in Biomedical Research for 2020 in the category of outstanding students.

Prof. Guy Beiner of the Dept. of General History was awarded three international prizes for his book Forgetful Remembrance: Social Forgetting and Vernacular Historiography of a Rebellion in Ulster.

Dr. Yehuda Ben-Shimol of the Dept. of Communications Systems Engineering received the Wolfram Innovation Award 2020.

Yulia Shevchenko, a PhD student from the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental & Energy Research, won the Israeli President’s Scholarship for Excellence and Scientific Innovation.

Ron Efrat, a PhD student in the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental & Energy Research, won the Adams Fellowship.

This year’s Yechiel Admoni Award was bestowed upon Dr. Muhammad Bashouli of the Alexandre Yersin Dept. of Solar Energy and Environmental Physics and graduate students Daniel Minkin of the French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands and Anne Bogler of the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research.

Prof. Avishay Goldberg, Chair of the Dept. of Health Systems Management, was appointed chair of the executive committee of the Israel National Institute for Testing & Evaluation.

Life Lines, an exhibit documenting Prof. (Emer.) Shaul Ladany’s remarkable life was displayed in the Forum of the Bergen-Belsen Memorial in Lohneide, Germany.
NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

A generous donation by Sylvan Adams of Israel will renovate and transform the University’s existing sports complex into a state-of-the-art facility which will be named the Sylvan Adams Sports Centre at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The Center for Israel Studies at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism will be named the Azrieli Center for Israel Studies thanks to the vision and generosity of the Azrieli Foundation Canada-Israel.

Morris Kahn renewed his support of Prof. Ohad Birk's “100 Diseases Project: From Scientific Discovery to Disease Prevention” at the Morris Kahn Laboratory of Human Genetics.

The Patrick & Lina Drahi Foundation have pledged to support the construction of the Drahi Innovation & Entrepreneurship Building to be built on the North Campus.

The generous bequest of Manya Igel from the UK will support the Medical Simulation & Classroom Building, establish the Manya Igel Institute for Innovative Food and Nutrition Biomedical Research at BGU, and provide funds to recruit and retain outstanding young scientists.

James M. Breslauer and the Breslauer-Soref Foundation of Cypress, CA renewed their commitment to support the University’s entrepreneurship endeavors by generously providing funding for Yazamut 360°.

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The B-Soulmate suicide prevention program was launched by the Dean of Students Psychological Services and the Student Union.

An “Eran – Emotional First Aid” hotline was dedicated specifically for BGU students.

The Student Union podcast “Galgalim” was launched in conjunction with the new BGU Radio project.

OUTREACH
BGU’s She Space program to encourage high school girls to pursue STEM education was chosen to represent the Israel Space Agency at the UN on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

The Council for Higher Education appointed Perach to manage a multi-year scholarship program to integrate students of Ethiopian descent into academia, especially into areas where they are underrepresented.

In Doctor at the Bar, ASRN, the health sciences student organization, organizes fun and engaging lectures on medical topics in bars around the city.

The Aviv Project was expanded this year to deliver workshops on sexual education, sexual violence prevention and medical training to youth in the Aviv immigrant absorption center near the University.

Street Festival, a new Student Union initiative, takes students off campus to create encounters with the community through neighborhood events.

A team of high school students who trained at BGU’s Jusidman Science Center for Youth won two gold medals and three silver medals at the International Physics Olympiad in Lisbon.

SUSTAINABILITY
BGU continues to lead Israeli universities on the UI GreenMetric measuring environmental sustainability. It ranked 190 among some 800 universities around the world.

The BGU Student Union’s annual political organizations’ fair.

BGU Zero Waste, a student organization, collaborated with Green Campus to reduce the use of disposable cups at this year’s opening event.

As part of the Live Laboratory project, teams were established to deal with analysis of waste and to analyze and lead energy streamlining on campus.

Engineers Without Borders took first place in a Green Campus competition with their initiative to establish the first hydroponic garden on campus. The garden, hanging on a wall at the Jusidman Science Center for Youth, will be used for study and experiments by the Center’s pupils.
NEW & NOTEWORTHY

INTERNATIONALIZATION
All six BGU faculties and all fields offer a PhD in English, and 22 master’s programs currently offer courses in English. Altogether, 459 courses in English were provided last year.

Last year, BGU had 140 international master’s students, 150 PhD students and 175 international postdocs, as well as 472 overseas students in short programs.

About 100 BGU students participated in student exchange programs. The most popular destinations were Italy, Germany and Canada.

The Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation hosted several international hackathons with students from SKEMA Business School in France and Penn State University in the US.

The Bengis Center also hosted two week-long intensive international programs, one with 22 Colombian MBA students from Pontificia Javeriana University, who were introduced to elements of the Israeli innovation ecosystem, and one with 15 Danish students from University College Absalon and UCL University College.

The Holiday of Holidays, celebrating the December festivals of the three monotheistic religions, was marked for the first time on campus.

FACTS & FIGURES

50 YEARS OF GROWTH

BGU PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2020
### FACTS & FIGURES

#### STUDENT ENROLLMENT OVER 50 YEARS

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2016/17 2017/18 2018/19

Competitive grants
Non-competitive grants
Other external sources
BGU research funding

FACTS & FIGURES

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS BY FACULTY AND DEGREE 2018–2020

2019–2020

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TOTAL 20,771

ACTUAL TOTAL* 19,710

2018–19

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TOTAL 20,388

ACTUAL TOTAL* 19,490

Please note: The student numbers include all students studying at BGU in Beer-Sheva, Sde Boker, and Eilat, in both degree and non-degree programs. They do not include international students, students in academic prep courses, the Air Force pilot program, and auditors. The above figures refer to first semester only.

* Actual number of students enrolled does not match total because there are students enrolled in multiple faculties or pursuing multiple degrees.
FACTS & FIGURES

2019/20 OVERALL UNIVERSITY BUDGET (NIS/USD THOUSANDS IN CURRENT PRICES)

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UNIVERSITY OPERATING BUDGET

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NIS/USD exchange rate: 3.70
Higher education budgeting index: 132.41

DESIGNATION OF DONATIONS

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*Various: Leadership training, community involvement; support for certain centers/institutes, fellowships and scholarships outside the operating budget, faculty development, special projects, pending designation.

OUR WORLDWIDE FAMILY OF ASSOCIATES

AT WORK 2018/19 YEAR-END FIGURES

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Notes: Contribution figures are gross and do not reflect local fundraising charges. All figures are approximate due to fluctuating exchange and interest rates. Endowment balance includes $496.18 million in the Marcus Fund and approximately $514.61 million in endowment funds held in the US by and on behalf of AABGU. This figure does not include approximately $24 million in trust funds held by and on behalf of AABGU. 2018/19 interest income figure above represents the income distributed on endowments held in Israel (3.5%), $22.04 million income released from the Marcus Fund; and $1,295,177 (4%) income released on endowment funds held in the US by and on behalf of AABGU.
WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS WORLDWIDE, WHOSE SUPPORT FOR BGU’S MISSION HAS MADE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
**PRESIDENT'S PILLARS**

https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/associates/Pages/Pillars.aspx

Fondation Adelis, Israel
Joan W. and Robert H. Arnow, United States
Milada Ayrton, Switzerland
Arnold M. Bengis, United States and United Kingdom
Yoda Léon and Luna Benoziyo
Dr. Aron Bernstein, Poland and United States
Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, United States
Norbert and Hannah Blechner, United States
The Crown and Goodman Families, United States
Dr. and Mrs. Heinz-Horst Deichmann, Germany
The Helen Diller Family Foundation, United States
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Dr. and Mrs. Paul Feher, France
Rhut Flinkman-Maran and Behrouz Marandy, United States
Guilford and Diane Glazer, United States
The Joyce and Irving Goldberg Family Foundation, United States
Goldstein-Goren Family, United States and Italy
Lillian and Larry Goodman Foundations, United States
The Guzik Family Foundation, United States
Helmly Charitable Trust, United States
The Kahn Foundation, Israel
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The Kahn Foundation, Israel

Harold Irving Korn, M.D. and May Elting Korn, United States
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Irene and Hyman Kreitman, United Kingdom
Lorry L. Lokey, United States
Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, United States
Dr. Howard W. and Lottie R. Marcus, United States
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Negev Foundation
Helen Nichumsky, United States
Edgar D. de Picciotto, Switzerland
Richard and Jeanne Pratt, Australia
Rashi Foundation
The Marcus Rich Foundation, Switzerland
Eric F. and Lore Ross, United States
The Skirball Foundation, United States
Anita and Henry Weiss, United States
Carole and Marcus Weinstein, United States
Elsa Weinberg, Israel
Wolfson Family Charitable Trust and Wolfson Foundation, United Kingdom
Suzanne M. Zlotowski, United Kingdom
Roy I. Zuckerberg Family Foundation

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The Drake Family
Jewish Federation of Delaware, Goldinger Trust
Melvin S. and Loitza E. Goldstein, New York, NY
Marlene and Samuel Halperin, Washington, DC
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Lisa Jane Scheller, Allentown, PA
Jackie and Solomon Steg, CA
Edith and Robert Zinn, Houston, Texas

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Fondation Adelis
Kurt S. Adler, Los Angeles, CA
Dr. and Mrs. Sam L. Agnon, Montville, NJ
The Alan Family Foundation, Saratoga, CA
I/m/o Rita H. Alitru, Altura Family, Los Angeles, CA
The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
Robert and Joan Arnow, United States
Isaac and Carol Auerbach Family Foundation, PA
Milada Ayrton, Aursanne
Azrieli Foundation, Canada-Israel
Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M.
Rhoda and Jordan Baruch, Washington, D.C.
Dr. Beryl Bearint, Port St. Lucie, FL
Bengis Family, Cape Town/New York
Eric and Illana Benhamou, Saratoga, CA
Yoda Léon and Luna Benoziyo
Hilda and Manashe Ben Shlomo Foundation
Dr. Aron Bernstein, Poland and United States
Famille Danièle et Maurice Bidermann, Paris, France
Martin and Rena Blackman, New York
The Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation
Hannah and Norbert Blechner, New York, NY
Foundation Bona Terra, Genève, Suisse
The Camelia E. Botnar Foundation, Switzerland
Rhoda Boyko, New York City, USA
Jim & Liz Breslauer and Frank Parlato, Long Beach, CA
The Brink Family, Belgium

**NEW MEMBERS**

I/m/o Naftali & Anni Bronicki, Mordechai & Miriam Wander
Dr. Hubert Burda, Munich, Germany
Rothtem L. Caplan, Lebanon, PA
The Chais Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
Charina Endowment Fund
Aron Chalweh Family, USA
Fanny Cohen Kohn, Caracas, Venezuela
Hannah Litvin Cohen and Robert Marc Cohen, Tampa, FL
Sir John and Lady Cohen, Great Britain
The Sam Cohen (Windhoek) Scholarships Trust
Elisabeth and Sidney Corob, London, England
Crown Family, Chicago, Illinois
Riki and Coby Dayan Family, Los Altos Hills, CA, USA
Dr. and Mrs. Heinz-Horst Deichmann
Prof. Ute Deichmann, Omer, Israel
Helen Diller Family, California
Ing. Pedro Dondisch, Mexico
Doron Foundation for Education and Welfare
Harry T. and Shirley W. Dazor, Philadelphia, PA
Tamara and Ariel Elia
M. Ernst, Paris
Maks and Rochelle Etingin, New York, NY
Evans Family (Olivennes, Ollivennes), Worldwide
George Evans Family, Antwerpen

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Zlotowski Classroom Complex
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Abrahams-Curiel Auditorium
Adelis Garden
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Samuel Ayrton Sports Pavilion
Avraham Baron Art Gallery
Bona Terra Foundation Walkway

Benhamou Incubation Center
Benhamou Technology Hall
Berenfield Field
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Simon Bond Physiology Wing
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