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My Corner on Campus

BGU's campuses are more than offices, labs and classrooms. They are a HOME, where we experience, reflect, grow and transform.

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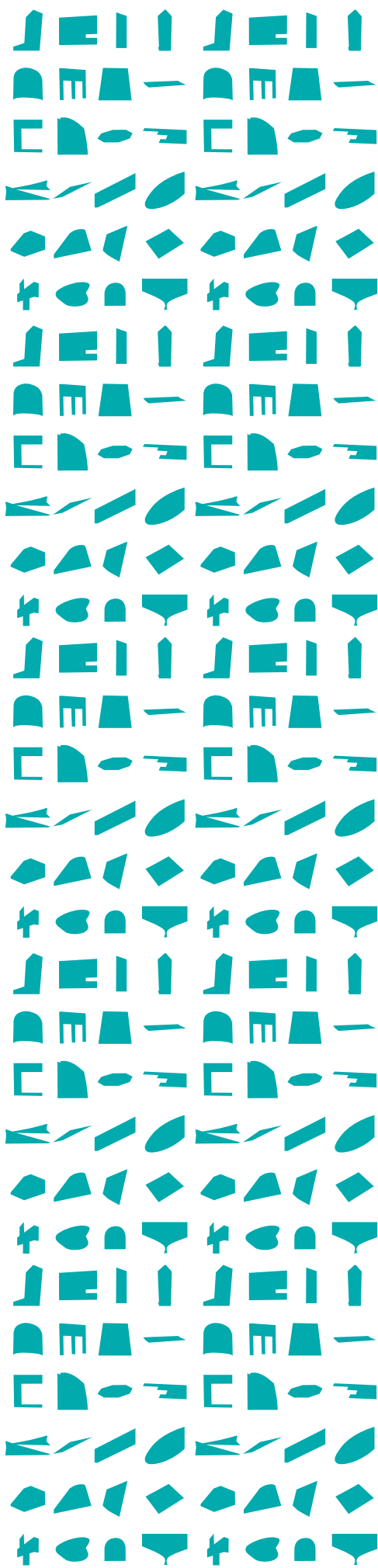
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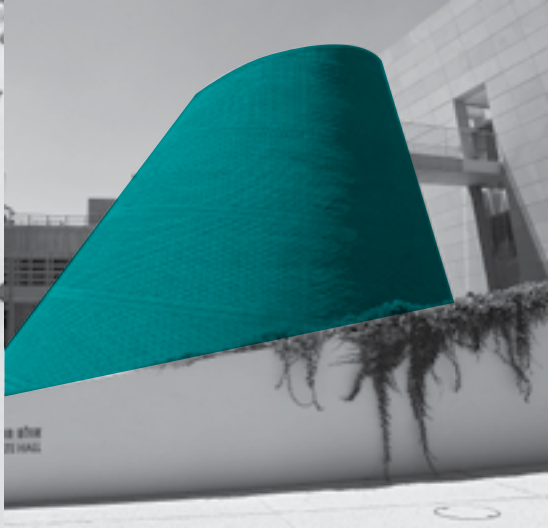
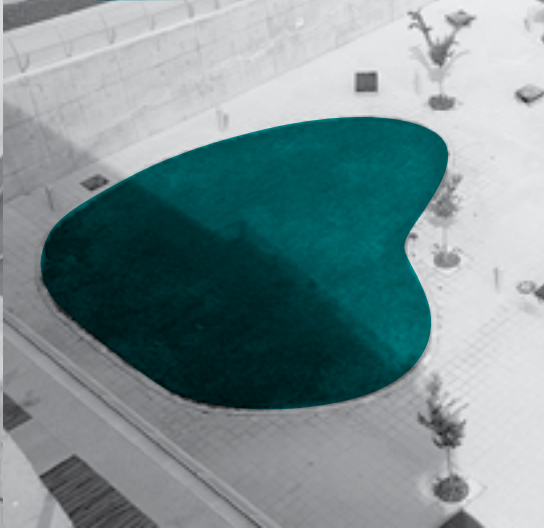
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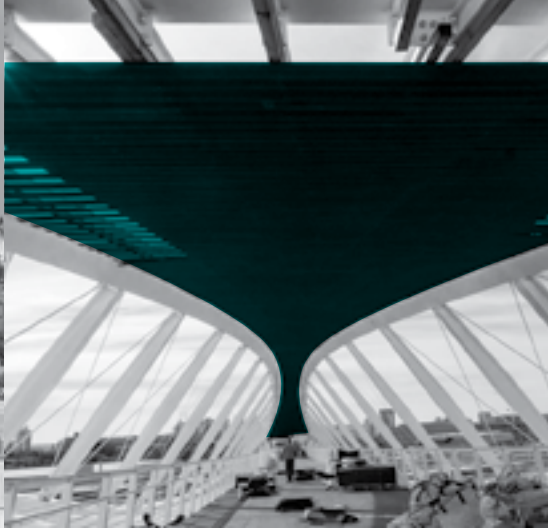
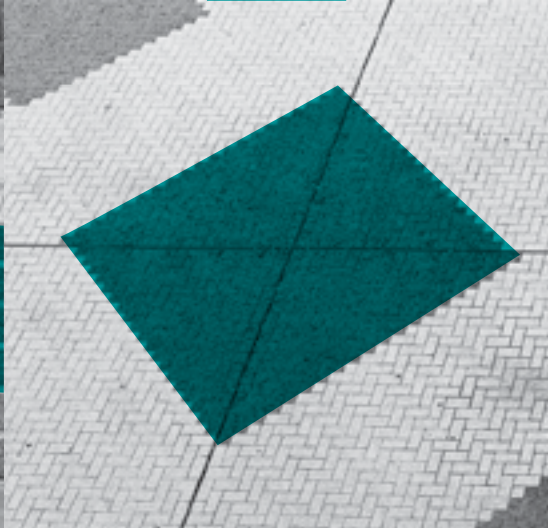
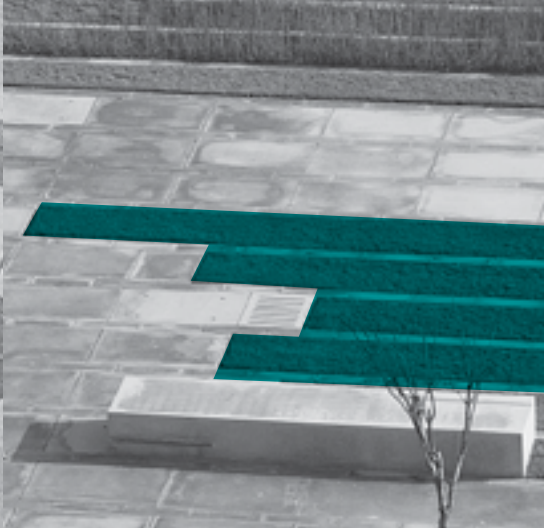
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From the Chairman

We are often reminded of David Ben-Gurion's vision for the Negev and of the emphasis he put on its development for the future of the State of Israel. He understood the potential of an academic institution to drive progress and transform the region. Located in the heart of the Negev, our University has played a pivotal role in translating his vision into reality.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is now heading towards its 50th anniversary and we can reflect with great pride on the achievements of the last half century whilst aiming for even greater heights in the next one. BGU will continue to invest in people – students, researchers, teachers and staff; in ideas, and in technologies that strengthen the weaker sections of society and help build bridges with Israel's neighbors, especially today when so many barriers exist.

The establishment of new research institutes, centers and laboratories, along with the upgrading of existing units, has made a major contribution to interdisciplinary research. Today, BGU is a globally recognized research university, and a new generation of young men and women who are studying, debating and working together at BGU play an important part in improving the lives of people far beyond the borders of this small country. We are privileged, all of us, to be part of this great and noble endeavor.

Since 2006, Prof. Rivka Carmi has led BGU with wisdom and energy and with a common sense approach that has allowed her to overcome many challenges from which lesser individuals would have run. As Chairman of the Board of Governors I enjoy our partnership, value her friendship and wish her continued success at the helm.

I wish to pay tribute to the man who headed our Board of Governors from 1996 until 2004, the late Lord George Weidenfeld. This was a period of tremendous growth and

change to which George brought his energy and wisdom to the benefit of BGU.

Lord Weidenfeld was one of the most decorated Jews in Britain, a great Zionist, a unique intellect and a warm human being. His widow, Annabelle, remains a valued friend of BGU.

With an eye to the future, I am delighted to announce that Lloyd Goldman, currently President of the American Associates, has agreed to serve as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Governors. Lloyd and his family are an integral part of the fabric of our University, and as head of the AABGU Board, he has been an exemplary leader. Already a valued part of the University's Chairman's Council of Country Associates, his wisdom and energy will be invaluable to our continuing work and I thank him for agreeing to this extra responsibility.

My friends and fellow Governors around the world, without your support we would not have achieved the success we celebrate now. You have laid the foundations for the future and as we look ahead to the enormous challenge of providing the new second stage of our magnificent campus, referred to as North Campus, I am reminded of the saying in Pirkei Avot: "You are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to withdraw from it." We are all aware of how much there is still to do and I am confident that you will join me in embracing the challenges ahead.



Alexander M. Goren

From the President

As we count up to our 50th anniversary, our jubilee celebration, we look back on our impressive accomplishments over the past half century in terms of the groundbreaking discoveries that have emerged from our labs and classrooms; the beauty of our campuses, which have grown exponentially; and our significant impact on the Negev region and the entire world, all driven by the remarkable people who make up our ranks. We take great pride in our success and have no doubt that we will continue to exceed every expectation.

Leveraging that success, we are now planning the University's expansion into North Campus. The first buildings on North Campus will be the Undergraduate Village. Naturally, it is imperative that our students have reasonably-priced, comfortable accommodations. BGU is not a commuter school; our students come to Beer-Sheva to study and to live here for three years or longer and need a home on or near campus.

As an emerging global city, Beer-Sheva is also in need of a suitable international conference center, a venue for major academic conferences and other important events.

As you are all well aware, such a massive long-term undertaking is also a costly one. That is why we have launched our jubilee campaign five years ahead. Already halfway to our goal, we are turning to you, my dear friends, because I know that you believe in the capacity and capability of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev as much as I do. The need to expand is a natural outcome of our years of consistent investment in research excellence and infrastructure building. We now have many more assets and research strengths than in the past and we fully intend to leverage them into ever more stellar research achievements and unique collaborations.

Even as we look ahead, we recognize what has come before. This annual publication, as well as the four that

will follow, features some of these accomplishments over the past fifty years. This issue highlights BGU's unique architecture as it complements the Negev landscape. It is not by chance that most visitors comment on how lovely the campus is, or that the students enthusiastically take advantage of every aspect of it. It is a 'home away from home,' attentive, welcoming and warm for students, faculty and visitors.

In that spirit of recognition, we are saddened by the loss of four dear friends this year. Lord George Weidenfeld served as Chairman of the Board of Governors and was instrumental for many years in connecting people to BGU. Bertie Lubner, a dear friend of BGU for over 40 years, was a staunch supporter of students both at BGU and at home in South Africa. Magnanimous benefactors Lottie Marcus, and Howard Marcus who passed away two years ago wholeheartedly embraced the BGU vision and their legacy will live on even as we miss their indomitable spirits. Edgar de Picciotto was the visionary and the force behind the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev, which despite the challenges, transformed a dream into reality.

We will miss their steadfast support and enthusiasm and honor them in the best way we know – by making BGU great!

Dear friends, in the coming five years, your support and enthusiasm will be needed more than ever before. I know that all I have to do is offer you the challenge and you will rise to meet it.

Thank you as ever for your friendship and support.



Prof. Rivka Carmi

BGU By the Numbers

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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is evolving to meet the challenges of the global research environment, investing in new laboratories and young researchers, while planning the major expansion of the Marcus Family Campus to North Campus. With an emphasis on developing collaborative research with the world's leading universities and international corporations, BGU is positioning itself to take a leading role in the 21st century.

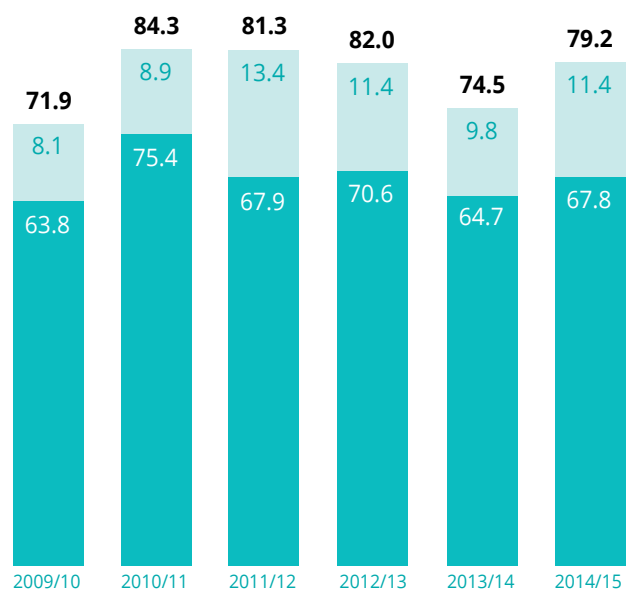
BGU added 36 new junior and senior faculty members this year, bringing our total faculty on all campuses to 823. At a time when enrollment is decreasing at all higher education institutions throughout Israel, BGU has largely held steady. Numbers of students and research budgets did not change significantly from last year, which enables the University to continue its future planning without untoward surprises.

Distribution of Students by Faculty and Degrees 2014–2016

	Humanities and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences	Engineering Sciences	Health Sciences	Business and Management	Desert Studies	Kreitman Graduate School	Ben- Gurion Institute
2015-16								
Bachelor's	3,897	1,987	4,378	2,074	1,064			
Master's	1,385	237	821	545	1,230	107		25
Ph.D.	447	272	315	219	71	104	127	
Post-Doc	53	98	56	30	4	36	2	
Non-Degree	147	69	229	21	30	4		
Teaching Certificate	300							
Total	6,178	2,651	5,724	2,851	2,397	246	129	25
								TOTAL 19,277
2014-15								
Bachelor's	3,987	1,935	4,487	2,006	1,115			
Master's	1,389	230	882	568	1,241	110		23
Ph.D.	457	270	305	220	60	114	132	
Post-Doc	71	94	47	21	6	18	1	
Non-Degree	168	46	138	17	32	2		1
Teaching Certificate	322							
Total	6,338	2,569	5,797	2,796	2,454	239	133	24
								TOTAL 19,475

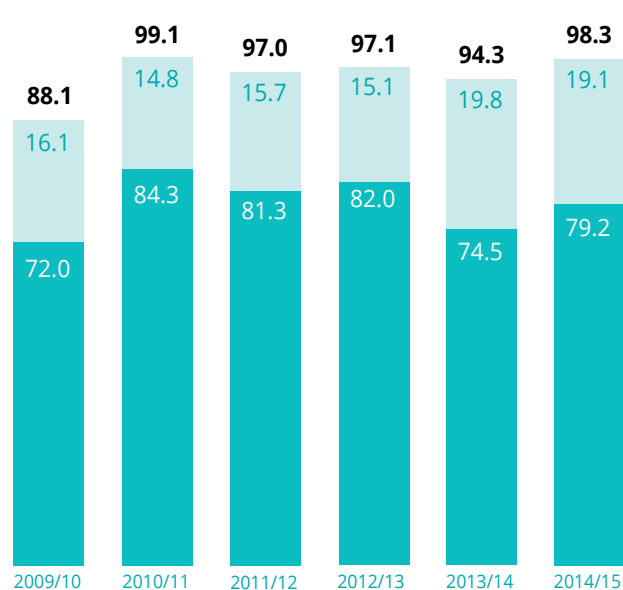
Please note, the student numbers have been reorganized and currently include all students studying at BGU in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer and Eilat in both degree and non-degree programs. Not all totals add up because there are students enrolled in multiple faculties or pursuing multiple degrees. The above figures refer to first semester only.

TOTAL EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING (\$US M)



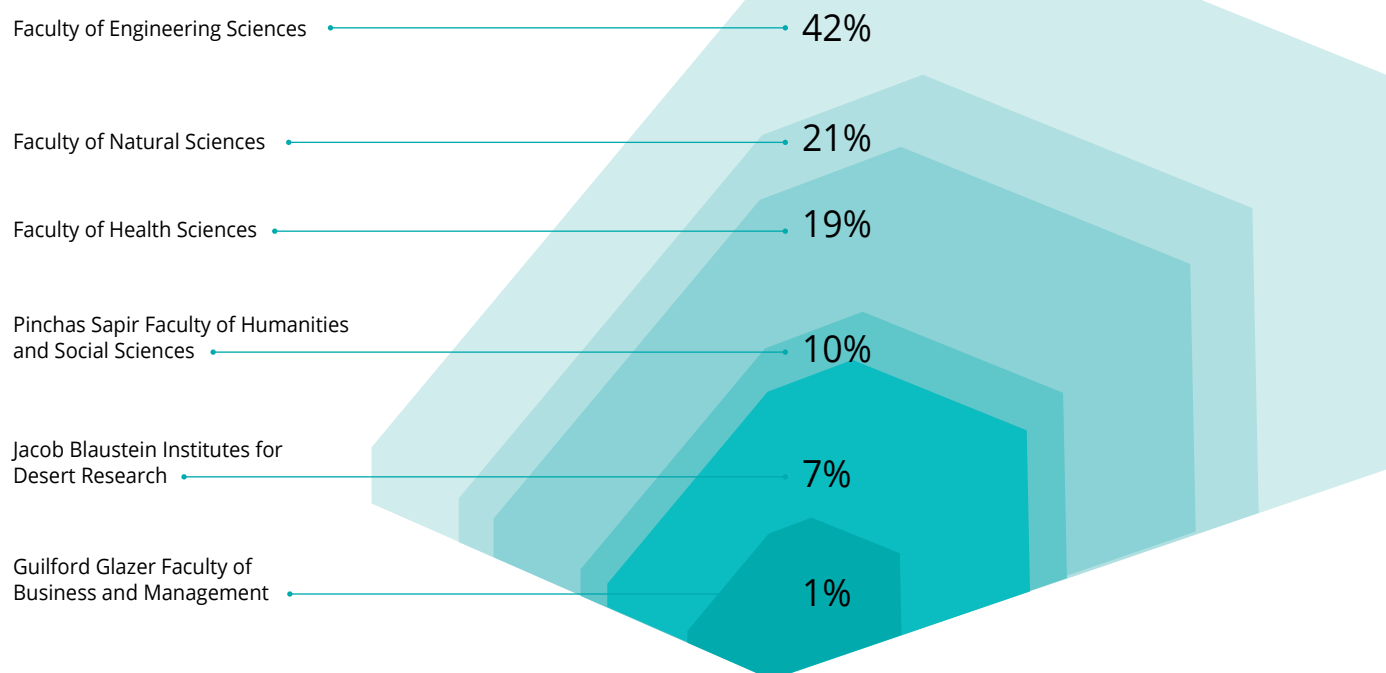
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TOTAL INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH (\$US M)



Total external research funding
BGU research funding

Percentage of Grants By Faculty 2014/15



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By the Numbers

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Operating Budget

	2013/2014			2014/2015			2015/2016			
	NIS m	\$ m	%	NIS m	\$ m	%	NIS m	\$ m	%	% change
INCOME										
Planning & Budgeting Committee	851.7	230.2	72.3%	867.0	240.8	71.9%	882.5	226.3	72.2%	1.8%
Tuition and Dorms	195.0	52.7	16.5%	200.4	55.7	16.6%	204.1	52.3	16.7%	1.8%
Contributions	13.0	3.5	1.1%	12.6	3.5	1.0%	13.7	3.5	1.1%	8.7%
Endowment Funds	42.0	11.4	3.6%	50.0	13.9	4.1%	50.0	12.8	4.1%	0.0%
Other Income	62.1	16.8	5.3%	60.9	16.9	5.1%	69.3	17.8	5.7%	13.8%
Transfer from Funds	14.7	4.0	1.3%	14.8	4.1	1.2%	3.3	0.8	0.3%	-77.9%
TOTAL	1,178.5	318.5	100.0%	1,205.7	334.9	100.0%	1,222.9	313.6	100.0%	1.4%
EXPENDITURE										
Salaries	857.6	231.8	72.8%	888.4	246.8	73.7%	907.8	232.8	74.2%	2.2%
Fellowships & Student Assistance	68.1	18.4	5.8%	70.4	19.5	5.8%	70.1	18.0	5.7%	-0.4%
Teaching & Research Expenses	43.4	11.7	3.7%	44.0	12.2	3.6%	43.7	11.2	3.6%	-0.6%
Institute & Research Centers	45.9	12.4	3.9%	43.8	12.2	3.6%	39.2	10.1	3.2%	-10.5%
Computer Expenses	11.3	3.1	1.0%	11.9	3.3	1.0%	13.4	3.4	1.1%	12.6%
Library Expenses	25.8	7.0	2.2%	25.7	7.1	2.1%	28.3	7.3	2.3%	10.2%
Administration	30.1	8.1	2.6%	28.2	7.8	2.3%	28.8	7.4	2.4%	2.3%
Maintenance	87.6	23.7	7.4%	84.9	23.6	7.0%	83.7	21.5	6.8%	-1.4%
Financing	8.6	2.3	0.7%	8.5	2.4	0.7%	7.8	2.0	0.6%	-8.2%
TOTAL	1,178.5	318.5	100.0%	1,205.7	334.9	100.0%	1,222.9	313.6	100.0%	1.4%
NIS/\$ exchange rate:	3.70			3.60			3.90			8.3%
Higher education budgeting index	125			126.5			127.2			

2015/16 Overall University Budget (NIS Thousands in Current Prices)

	Operating Budget	Research Budget	Development Budget	Special Programs	Total Budget
Expenditures	1,222,896	298,000	113,817	115,236	1,749,949
Income	1,222,896	304,755	113,817	120,176	1,761,644

BGN Technologies is taking a leading role in the creation of a vibrant hi-tech ecosystem and fostering cooperation between more than 40 companies at the Gav Yam Negev Advanced Technologies Park.

BGN Technologies

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's innovative spirit was recognized last year when BGU ranked among the top 100 worldwide universities granted US patents. BGN Technologies develops and manages the University's ties with the business world, linking research with industry, creating joint research centers, patenting and licensing BGU's technologies and establishing new startup companies.

BGN Technologies is taking a leading role in the creation of a vibrant hi-tech ecosystem and fostering cooperation between more than 40 companies at the Gav Yam Negev Advanced Technologies Park (ATP) adjacent to the University. There are now over 1,400 hi-tech employees in Beer-Sheva, up from just 100 two years ago, and the plan is to expand to some 7,000 over the next seven years. There are currently two technology incubators in the Park, committed to the establishment of more than thirty startups in the next three years.

The first and second buildings in the ATP are now fully occupied by a unique range of global and local companies, including startups. The third and fourth buildings are in the planning process and expected to be inaugurated in early 2018.

Current focus areas at the ATP include cloud computing, data analysis (Big Data) and cyber-security related technologies. Israel's Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) opens at the ATP in mid-2016.

This year, BGN Technologies was involved in the creation of the Center for Digital Innovation (CDI), focusing on



enabling digital health and education entrepreneurship. Another important activity was the establishment of Inno-Negev, a technology accelerator providing unique support and tools.

This thriving hi-tech eco-system is the result of collaborative efforts by the University, Beer-Sheva Municipality, the government, and the Israel Defense Forces.

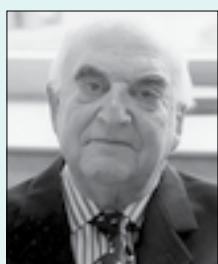
Five startup companies were created based directly on BGU technologies, and six more startup companies were established in southern Israel by Capital Nature and JVP Cyber Labs – two technology incubators partnering with BGN – specializing in alternative energy and information technologies. In addition, BGN Technologies has signed dozens of agreements with companies in Israel and abroad, in the fields of clean-tech, bio-tech and hi-tech this year.

Our Worldwide Family of Associates at Work 2014/15 Year-End Figures

	Total
Contributions Received	\$50,312,501
Interest Income from Endowments	\$8,935,190
Endowment Fund Balance (as of 30/9/15)	\$225,239,372

Notes: Contribution figures are gross and do not reflect local fundraising charges | All figures are approximate due to fluctuating exchange and interest rates | 2014/15 interest income was calculated at approximately 3.0% | Figures do not reflect approximately \$48.6 million in endowment and trust funds held in the U.S. by and on behalf of AABGU (including outside managed trusts).

Senior Administration



Ben-Gurion
University of the
Negev deeply
mourns the passing
of Lord Weidenfeld
of Chelsea, Chairman
Emeritus of the
Board of Governors



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Counting Up to 50

Prof. Steve Rosen
Vice-President for External Affairs

As we launch our 2020 Jubilee Campaign, leading up to the 50th anniversary of the founding of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, our present bridges an evolutionary past to a revolutionary future. The accelerating pace of growth at this wonderful university, the engine of development for Beer-Sheva and the entire Negev, and indeed a torchbearer for the State of Israel, proves every day that David Ben-Gurion's dream that the desert would be the crucible for the renaissance of the Jewish People, was in fact no dream, but a reality.

From the metaphorical bridge of past-to-present-to-future, we may stand on the real bridges: the Double Helix Bridge tying Ben-Gurion University to the Gav Yam Negev Advanced Technologies Park (ATP), Israel's newest and most dynamic hi-tech park; the Mexico Bridge linking the University to Israel Railways and rapid transit to the rest of the country; and the Jim and Liz Breslauer Bridge connecting BGU to the Faculty of Health Sciences and to Soroka University Medical Center, providing vital services to Beer-Sheva and the Negev. BGU stands at the center of progress, integration and service.



Our 2020 Campaign, begins NOW and culminates with the 50th anniversary jubilee celebrations in 2020.

And we've only just begun. We are poised to start a new era for the University, for Beer-Sheva, and for the Negev as the potential for advancement, growth and development begins to be realized.

Specialist units of the Israel Defense Forces are moving south, taking advantage of both the resources of the University and the spaces and services that Beer-Sheva and the Negev can provide. Camp Ariel Sharon, a professional training base south of Beer-Sheva, is already up and running; the IDF technology campus is being built next door to the University and the ATP; and further intelligence and computing units moving south will bring 40,000 additional IDF personnel to the region. We anticipate adding some 4,000 students, both undergraduate and graduate, to our ranks within less than a decade.

We are growing. The acquisition of the North Campus doubles the area of the University's main campus, allowing for physical expansion, but more importantly, for expansion in terms of the services the University can provide.

Our 2020 Campaign, beginning NOW and culminating with the 50th anniversary jubilee celebrations in 2020, is the chance to literally get on board, to join the vision and to be a pioneer in building the State of the future. The future of Israel lies in the Negev, in the desert where the people of Israel were first forged into an identity. It lies in education, vision and innovation. Ben-Gurion University offers the opportunity to become actively involved in that true pioneering spirit, to take part in building the future of the State and the people of Israel.

↑ Illustration of the future North Campus

← The newly opened Double Helix Bridge linking the University to the ATP

BGU's Architectural Heritage

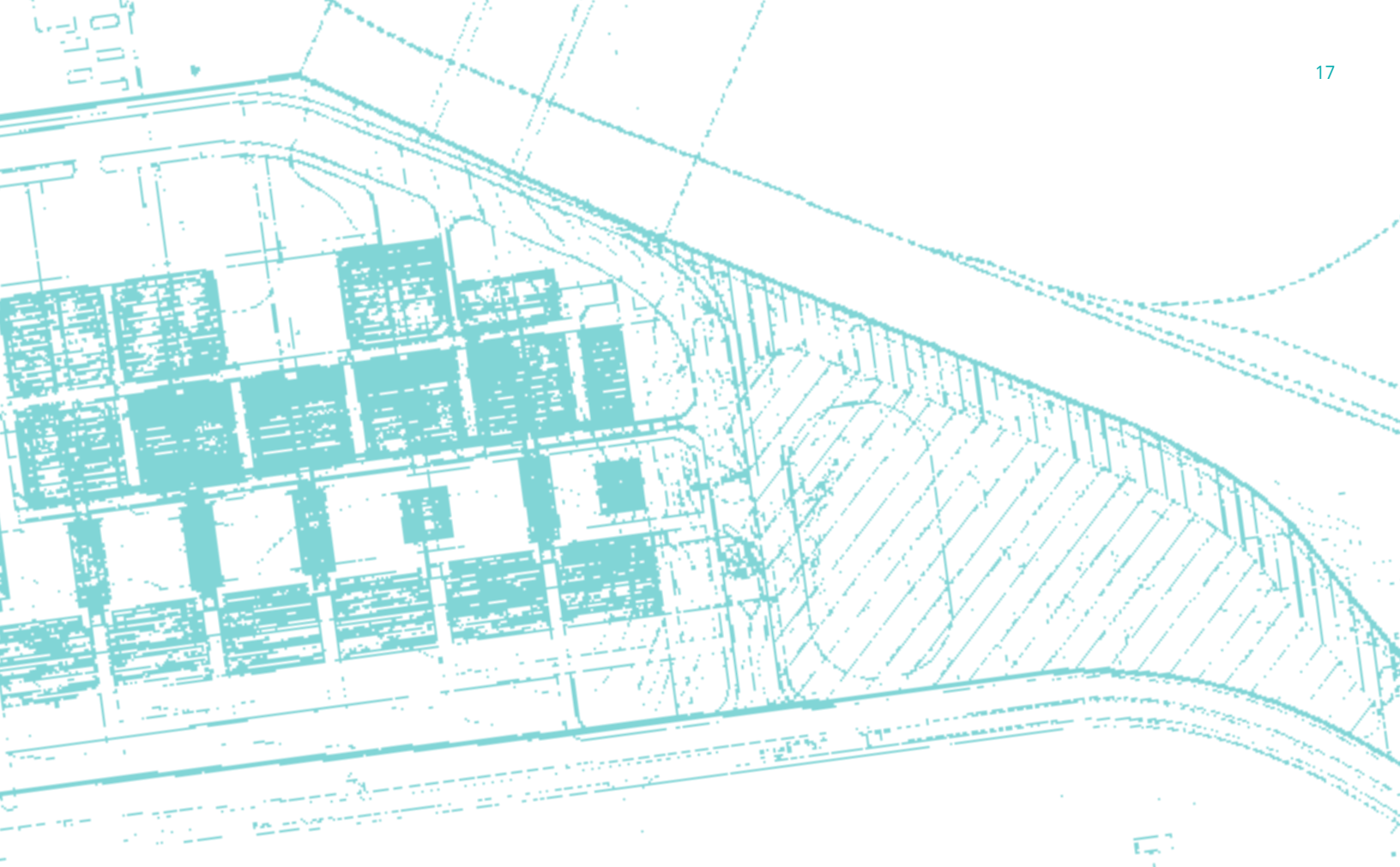
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Ben-Gurion University's Marcus Family Campus has from the very beginning presented unique opportunities for architectural experimentation and vision, and has long been considered one of the most important centers of architectural innovation in the country. Indeed, the University's architectural journey is as extraordinary as the story of the University's growth and development into a major institution of international repute.

Beer-Sheva, home to Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, is a city in the desert, dominated by a hot and dry climate and an intensely bright sun. It is a place of extremes, where shade and the smallest enclave of greenery are cherished. The modern city is barely older than the University; both have grown and transformed in the past decades, yet BGU remains Beer-Sheva's crown jewel as a

physical landmark and its most important social and cultural institution.

In 1969, when the State of Israel decided to found an institution of higher education in what was a dusty desert town, a group of young Israeli architects, led by Avraham Yaski, were tasked with laying out its design principles and its master plan. The resulting design was deeply inspired by Brutalism, a highly influential architectural movement which sought to express the structure's truth in its forms, to make visible its functions, materials and the movements within it. This no-frills ethos provided a literal architectural translation of the young and heroic aspirations of a nation, a city and a university in the making. Yaski received the Israel Prize in recognition of his design for the University in 1982.



True to the times, Yaski's master plan was simple and effective: a hierarchically ordered geometric grid, it envisioned a succession of intimate courtyards, public spaces where students and faculty could come together and share ideas. The desert climate was also a major consideration and the plans emphasized convenient movement between closely set buildings and shaded passageways.

The first buildings were built with deep exterior galleries stretching horizontally along their facades. These arcades cast long and deep shadows, with light and textures transforming throughout the day along with the movement of the sun. The material – concrete – readily available and inexpensive, has weathered the harsh climate well in the years since, softening without losing its presence. These architectural elements became the physical vocabulary of the campus and came to express its modest yet pronounced pioneering spirit. Brutalism may not be the easiest style to love, yet its distinctive iteration in the desert is truly singular and has given the University and the city a unique identity.

The campus grid radiates outwards from Kreitman Plaza, a central meeting place spanning the axes connecting the various faculties. It is dominated by the Zalman Aranne Central Library, designed and placed to stand out from the rest of the campus buildings. The Library's thick concrete walls are opaque, yet plentiful light penetrates into its central spaces through the iconic honeycombed roof, with multiple eyes facing north.

By the 1990s, the University had grown, gained recognition for its academic achievements and needed a new identity and a new architectural language to express its transformative role in the region; and it certainly needed much more space to house its expanding faculty, students and research. A revised master plan was prepared by Ada Karmi-Melamede in 1995. The new plan respected BGU's Brutalist heritage and allowed it to echo in the expanded campus. Function continued to be reflected in the structure and exterior of buildings, but new materials were brought in: stainless steel and glass. These temper the moodiness of concrete by promoting

Brutalism's distinctive iteration in the desert is truly singular.

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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is now poised to break ground on the North Campus extension.

a sense of precision and delicacy that concrete cannot convey on its own.

Kreitman Plaza's redesign by Shlomo Aronson in the mid-1990s also ventured beyond Brutalist minimalism yet remained inspired by the desert environment. At its center is an abstract of a desert oasis, with a water-feature representing a desert stream bordered by desert vegetation. The abstract center is enclosed by an arcade representing the order and conceptual organization of the academic world.



The new master plan also extended the campus' main axis eastward toward the railway station. Connected by the pedestrian Mexico Bridge, the railway station has become a new gateway to campus, linking the University to the country at large.

The master plan for the Marcus Family Campus was again updated in 2004 by Bracha Chyutin in an attempt to engage more significantly with the city surrounding the University. The plan emphasized the main axis between the western entrance to campus on Rager Boulevard and the train station to the northeast and placed the community-oriented parts of the University close to the campus gates facing the city. Additional large open spaces, such as Deichmann Plaza, were incorporated into the campus plan, with the thought that such spaces should be preserved now that reserves for future construction across the train tracks had been acquired. In fact, the complex including the Spitzer-Salant Building for the Department of Social Work and the Deichmann Building for Community Action facing Deichmann Plaza has won acclaim and architectural awards precisely for its innovative and thoughtful design in conversation with its environment.

➤ View from the Henwood-Oshry Life Sciences Teaching Laboratory Building

➔ The Alon Building for Hi-Tech



↑ Light and shade under the Sacta-Rashi Building for Physics

← Weathered concrete at the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Building for the Humanities and Social Sciences

BGU's Architectural Heritage

Onward to North Campus

At the heart of the plan is an “Urban Forum,” a series of linked plazas.

In just under fifty years, the University has grown and developed and has accounted for just about every inch of the original grid; the campus is full and vibrant.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is now poised to break ground on the North Campus extension across the train tracks

from the Marcus Family Campus, adding 200,000 m² of floor space over the next 30 years.

The master plan, by Chyutin Architects, envisions the North Campus extending and integrating with both the existing campus and the urban environment surrounding it.

At the heart of the plan is an “Urban Forum,” a series of linked plazas which will integrate the two parts of the North Campus – the urban-residential and the academic – with commercial functions serving both.

The urban complex will contain faculty and student housing and merge with the residential neighborhoods to the north.

The academic section, containing teaching and research facilities, as well as venues for student activities, links to the Marcus Family Campus through pedestrian passageways.

As on the main campus, pedestrian movement is paramount, and buildings will be set fairly close together, with covered pathways and sheltered inner courtyards. Anchoring North Campus and serving as its landmark feature will be a large state-of-the-art international conference center.



← Rendering of North Campus by Chyutin Architects

Pioneering Bioclimatic Architecture in Sede Boqer

← Latticework shading the French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands is borrowed from traditional Middle Eastern architecture

Photo: Wolfgang Motzafi-Haller

At the Sede Boqer Campus, smaller and more intimate than the Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva, the dictates of the local desert have played an even greater role in the way the buildings housing the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, their students and staff were designed and built. At a higher elevation, overlooking the Zin riverbed, winters in Sede Boqer can be bitterly cold, and differences between daytime and nighttime temperatures in the summer are extreme.

The Sede Boqer Campus was established in the early 1960s, in direct response to David Ben-Gurion's vision of founding an educational institution deep in the Negev. It was later officially incorporated into BGU in 1978. The Desert Architecture and Urban Planning Unit of the Bona Terra Department of Man in the Desert was directly involved in much of the Sede Boqer campus' construction, meaning that the campus is literally an architectural laboratory; ideas and technical advancements arising in the halls of the academy are scientifically tested in practice.

The first major building for the Institutes, now housing the Albert Katz International

School for Desert Studies, was designed by the Department and includes many elements of the bioclimatic approach which has since guided construction on the Sede Boqer Campus: shading, the orientation of windows and doors to the south and north, externally insulated walls built of materials that absorb and store heat during the day and radiate it inwards at night, and an evaporative cooling tower.

In some campus buildings, the borrowing and adaptation of elements from traditional Middle Eastern architecture, such as latticed porticos and windows, is quite explicit. The French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands, for example, is wrapped in a shading envelope of latticework, which blocks direct sunlight and reduces heat absorption in the structure. Homes in the new graduate student housing complex (American Associates Village) need no air conditioning despite the extreme temperature variations. The secret here is using specially designed and meticulously placed windows that make use of passive heating and cooling. Residents proudly refer to it as the best student housing in the country.

The Sede Boqer Campus was established in the early 1960s, in direct response to David Ben-Gurion's vision.

Home to the Future

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The new North Campus will do just that!

The new North Campus can be seen on the horizon. At this stage we are working on developing the basic infrastructure, starting with earthwork and preparing the land for construction. In today's rapidly changing world, a modern university's infrastructure platform must allow for constantly evolving technologies and malleable spaces that can be used and reconfigured as needs change. The new North Campus will do just that!

The first projects to be constructed on North Campus will be the Undergraduate Village (student dormitories) and the International Conference Center. As part of the expansion process, we also plan to consolidate the academic units now based at the David Tuviyahu and Ernst David Bergmann campuses at the new North Campus.



We have signed an agreement for a DBOT (design-build-operate-transfer, a form of project financing) Graduate Student Dormitories project, designed specifically for graduate students with families. The project is expected to be completed by October 2019 and will be located a five-minute walk from the Marcus Family Campus.

BGU continues to thrive, while maintaining its warm family atmosphere that encourages interaction and collaboration. Our plan for the future is focused on the human factor, while reaching for the stars.

Completed this Year

- Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering
- Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Family Multidisciplinary Research Laboratory Building
- Stephen and David Breslauer Archaeological Laboratory Building
- American Associates Village at Sede Boqer – Phase 4
- Renovation of two sections of the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex

Under Construction

- Jusidman Science Center for Youth at BGU, supported by the Rashi Foundation
- Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Institute for Social Leadership Building
- Carole and Marcus Weinstein Information Systems Engineering and Cyber Security Building
- Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building



↑ The Double Helix pedestrian bridge, linking BGU and the train station to the Advanced Technologies Park

→ The Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Multidisciplinary Research Laboratory Building

← The Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering



Work to Begin Soon

- Murray H. Shusterman Gate of Knowledge
- Medical Simulation and Classroom Building, to house the Field Family Foundation Medical Simulation Center
- Graduate Student Dormitories
- Undergraduate Village on North Campus
- BGU-Soroka Joint Research Building supported by the Adelis Foundation

Future Projects

- A new building for the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism and a new home for the Ben-Gurion Archives
- Brain and Cognitive Sciences Building
- Sports and Recreation Center expansions
- A new plaza between the Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building and the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering
- Homeland Security Institute (including the Dept. of Structural Engineering)
- University Art Gallery
- Library for Engineering and Natural Sciences
- Health Sciences Research Laboratories Building
- International Conference Center

The Advanced Technologies Park (ATP)

- The Double Helix pedestrian bridge between the ATP and the North/University Train Station was opened in January
- The second building was completed and occupied
- Construction will begin soon on the third and fourth buildings

My Corner on Campus

"I studied karate for many years, and took a course in first-aid as part of my training. I fell in love with the profession, and then when I went to the army I served as a medic. Now I love working with kids in the Children's Ward at Soroka University Medical Center."

Bery Shvarts

Bery Shvarts is a second-year nursing student at the Leon & Mathilde Recanati School for Community Health Professions. He also volunteers with children at a local women's shelter.



New and Noteworthy

Milestones

British Ambassador to Israel, H.E. Matthew Gould, bestowed an honorary **Commander of the British Empire** in the name of Queen Elizabeth II upon BGU President **Prof. Rivka Carmi**. The award recognizes Prof. Carmi's leadership and contribution towards building scientific links between the UK and Israel through her work with the UK-Israel Life Sciences Council.

The Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation provided a magnanimous leadership gift in honor of BGU's 50th anniversary campaign. A significant sum will allow for the construction of dormitories on the **North Campus** and for endowed faculty research at the **Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School**. Funds are also being provided to endow the medical school's **International Advisory Review Committee** and provide student scholarships at the **Medical School for International Health**.

BGU moved up twelve places to **18th on the QS Top 50 Under 50 World University Ranking** for 2015. The University also rose 33 ranks, to 259 in the overall **QS World University Rankings**.

New and Noteworthy



↑ David, Jim, Liz and Stephen Breslau at the dedication of the Jim and Liz Breslau Bridge during last year's Board Meeting

Physical Development

The final and fourth phase of the **American Associates Village at Sede Boqer** was completed thanks to an inspiring fundraising campaign led by American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Mona's Garden at the Faculty of Health Sciences was dedicated in June to honor the life and memory of **Dr. Mona Sutnick**, in the presence of **Dr. Alton Sutnick** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and their daughter, **Amy Sutnick Plotch**. The Sutnick family recently donated Alexander Calder's painting, "Two Boomerangs, One Filled," which greatly enhances BGU's art collection.

BGU dedicated the **Robert H. Arnow Student Center for Bedouin Women** with the generous support of **Robert H. Arnow** of New York, in the presence of his son, **Josh Arnow**. This special lounge provides a warm, friendly, designated space on the Marcus Family Campus where Bedouin women can study, relax, meet with peers, or talk to counselors about their particular needs and concerns.

BGU dedicated the **Jim Breslau Pavilion** in the Center for Digital Innovation at the Advanced Technologies Park, which was made possible through the vision and generosity of **The Breslau-Soref Foundation** under the direction of **Liz and Jim Breslau** of Long Beach, California and their son, **Frank Parlato**.

The Stephen and David Breslau Archaeological Laboratory Building was dedicated thanks to the generosity of **the Soref-Breslau Texas Foundation** under the direction of **Stephen Breslau** and his son, **David Breslau**, of Houston, Texas.



↑ (L-R) Prof. Philip Needleman, Prof. Avishai Braverman, Prof. Raymond Dwek, Prof. Rivka Carmi and Prof. Richard Ulevitch at the dedication ceremony of the Edgar de Picciotto Family National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev Building

BGU dedicated the **Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Multidisciplinary Research Laboratory Building** thanks to a generous gift from **Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy** of Los Angeles, California.

The **Malware Analysis Laboratory**, part of BGU's Cyber Security Research Center, received generous support from the **David and Janet Polak Foundation** of Los Angeles, California.

The first cohort of AABGU's **Zin Fellows Leadership Program** dedicated an apartment in the **Lillian and Larry**

Goodman Open Apartments Program in honor of Dr. Paula Kabalo and Prof. Isaac (Sakis) Meir.

The **Edgar de Picciotto Family National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev Building** was officially dedicated in February.

Four solar-powered charging stations for cell phones were installed across BGU's Marcus Family Campus, together with 39 new recycling facilities. The project was led by BGU's **Green Campus Initiative** in cooperation with **Bank Hapoalim**.



↑ BGU President Prof. Rivka Carmi and JLU Executive Vice Chairperson Prof. Li Cai sign an agreement to establish a joint innovation center during the Forum of Presidents of Israel-China Higher Education Institutions, while Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong and Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennett look on

Photo: Council for Higher Education (CHE)

New Academic Collaborations

BGU and Jilin University, the largest university in China, signed an agreement to establish a joint center for entrepreneurship and innovation in March. The first activity staged by the new center was the Global Entrepreneurship and Innovation Conference held in May 2016 at BGU.

The Toby Mower Curriculum for the Prevention and Treatment of Addiction signed a multi-pronged agreement with the International Nurses Society on Addictions.

Academic and Research Activities

The Israel Studies International Program at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism was named the **Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies International Program** this June thanks to the generous support of **Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman and Roberta and Ernest Scheller, Jr.** of Pennsylvania.

The Aaron and Marion Gural Foundation together with **Leonard Litwin** and family of New York are continuing their generous support of Alzheimer's research, specifically the efforts to develop an effective vaccine.

New and Noteworthy



↑ (L-R) Ben Marandy, Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and the first incumbent of the Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Chair in Quantum Physics and Nanotechnology, Prof. Ron Folman, from the Dept. of Physics

The University launched a unique **Data Mining and Business Intelligence Summer Program** for International Students this year. The program takes advantage of BGU's leadership in the field of cyber security and will be taught by some of BGU's leading cyber security researchers. Another new program is the **Innovation and Leadership Summer Program**, leveraging the experience of the Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the emerging start-up hotbed next door at the ATP.

The **Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies** at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research is offering a new intensive summer program in Sustainable Agricultural Solutions.

BGU and Technion researchers, led by **Prof. David Katoshevski** of the Department of Environmental Engineering, received major funding from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Space - Infrastructure Program for two projects focused on water treatment.

New Academic Chairs

The **Aron Bernstein Chair in Jewish History** was established thanks to the legacy gift of **Dr. Aron Bernstein** of Poland and the United States, a Holocaust survivor and the last surviving member of his family. The incumbent, Prof. Hanna Yablonka, is a member of the Department of Jewish History and is a Holocaust scholar.

Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy of Los Angeles, California established the **Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Chair in Quantum Physics and Nanotechnology**. The first incumbent, **Prof. Ron Folman**, is a member of the Department of Physics.

The **Sumner T. White Professorial Chair in Finance** was established thanks to the generosity of the late **Sumner T. White** of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

New Scholarship Funds

The **Aron Bernstein Scholarship Endowment Fund** was established thanks to the extraordinary legacy gift of **Dr. Aron Bernstein** of Poland and the United States.

New and Noteworthy

→ H.E. José Ángel Gurriá receives the Ben-Gurion Leadership Award during Ben-Gurion Day in November



Dr. Robert Cohen of Tampa, Florida established the **Hannah Litvin Cohen Undergraduate Scholarship Endowment Fund** in memory of his beloved late wife.

The board of the **Jewish Recovery Houses** of Baltimore, Maryland established the **Toby and Mort Mower Endowment Fund in Nursing** in honor of **Drs. Toby and Mort Mower** of Denver, Colorado.

Stuart and Evelyn Steinberg and their children **Jake and Paige** of Encino, California honored the memory of their son and brother, **Max**, who fell in **Operation Protective Edge**, with the establishment of the **Max Steinberg Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund**. The fund is particularly earmarked for students who served in the **IDF** as lone soldiers, and therefore lack a family support network in Israel.

The **Rosenbojm-Komor Scholarship Fund for Community Medicine** was established thanks to the generous support of the **Rosenbojm-Komor Foundation** of Boulder, Colorado. The Fund supports students who participate in the **Faculty of Health Sciences'** cooperative program with community clinics in the **Negev** region.

Grace and Martin Rosman of Edgewater, Maryland established the **Rosman Scholars Program**, a student scholarship fund that provides tuition and living expenses to deserving students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Honors Bestowed by BGU

OECD Secretary-General, H.E. José Ángel Gurriá, credited with Israel's inclusion in the **OECD**, received the **Ben-Gurion Leadership Award**.

Excellence Recognized

Three BGU researchers (out of 291 worldwide) were awarded the prestigious **Horizon 2020 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant**:

Prof. Itzhak Mizrahi of the Department of Life Sciences and the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev (NIBN) won the grant for a project on microbial communities living in association with multicellular organisms; **Dr. Eyal Arbely** from the Department of Chemistry and NIBN for a project to develop synthetic methods for understanding the regulation of glucose metabolism in cancerous and non-cancerous cells; and **Dr. Natan Rubin** of the Department of Computer Science was awarded the grant for the project "The Combinatorial Aspects of Computational Geometry."

A man with short brown hair, wearing a black polo shirt with yellow and blue trim on the collar and sleeves, is sitting in a laboratory. He is holding a white ceramic cup with both hands, and steam is rising from it. The background is filled with various pieces of laboratory equipment, including pipes, valves, and digital displays. A white speech bubble with a teal border is positioned in the upper right corner of the image.

My Corner on Campus

"I built the Blechner Center for Industrial Catalysis and Process Development lab from scratch. It took me six months. The researchers tell me what they need, and I make all the parts in my workshop. I am proud that my work could contribute to far-reaching change because we are making liquid fuels from renewable resources, such as CO₂ and water."

Eli Saal

Eli Saal, head of the technical staff in the Dept. of Chemical Engineering, joined BGU as a 16-year-old lathe operator and metal worker to support his family and worked here until 1979. He returned in 1998 as a fully trained technician.

New and Noteworthy

Prof. (Emer.) Jacob Bentolila, a renowned expert on Ladino (Jewish-Spanish) and Haketia (Jewish-Moroccan) and former chair of the Department of Hebrew Language, was appointed to the **Royal Spanish Academy** in recognition of the cultural and historical significance of Sephardic Jewry.

Prof. Nathan Cherny of the Faculty of Health Sciences received the ESMO Award from the European Society for Medical Oncology.

Dr. Haim Chertok of the Department of English as a Foreign Language received his second Simon Rockower Award for an essay about a French village that sheltered hundreds of Jewish orphans during WW II.

Prof. Neve Gordon of the Department of Politics and Government, and

Dr. Catherine Rottenberg of the Department of Foreign Literatures and Linguistics and the Gender Studies Program, were awarded the prestigious EU Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions - Research Fellowships.

Prof. Eduardo Guendelman of the Department of Physics was invited to become a member of the Foundational Questions Institute, which focuses on questions at the foundations of physics and cosmology.

Prof. Chaim Hames, head of the Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters (I-CORE), was invited to join the Scientific Selection Committee for the Norwegian Centres of Excellence in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Prof. Richard Isralowitz, Director of the Regional Alcohol & Drug Abuse Research Center at BGU's Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work, received an award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse at the US National Institutes of Health.

Prof. Haim Kalman of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, together with University of Florida researchers, was awarded a BARD (United States-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund) grant to improve the production of biogas through improving the capabilities of anaerobic digesters.

Prof. Joseph Kost, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Sciences, was elected as a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Prof. Yoram Meital, chairperson of the Chaim Herzog Center for Middle East Studies and Diplomacy, was awarded the University of Massachusetts' Lowell Medal for Intercultural Understanding in recognition of "his extensive work in the area of peace and conflict studies and his continued efforts to promote understanding and creative thinking in the context of the potential transition to democracy in the Middle East."

Prof. Taleb Mokari of the Department of Chemistry and the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology was awarded the Israel Chemical Society's Tenne Family Prize for Nanoscale Sciences for his discoveries of novel synthetic approaches to high quality semiconductor nano-crystals, hybrid nanoparticles and nanowires.



↑ BGU's student team placed 2nd overall in the prestigious 12th annual iGEM Competition

Photo: Justin Knight, iGEM Foundation

Prof. Sharon Pardo, Chair of the National Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence - The Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society, was appointed to the international advisory council of the German Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Prof. Iris Shai of the Department of Public Health was appointed as the sole academic representative of the sciences to a new committee charged with compiling a national policy for regulating healthy nutrition.

Dr. Eran Viesel of the Department of Bible, Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies won ACUM's (The Society of Authors, Composers and Music Publishers in Israel) Aharon Ashman Prize for Creative Writing for his novel *In Praise of Loneliness*.

Dr. Esti Yeger-Lotem from the Department of Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmacology and the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev was awarded a fellowship at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard.

Prof. Abraham Zangen of the Department of Life Sciences received a Juludan Research Prize from the Technion.

DiaCardio, a medical technology start-up based on research at BGU by **Prof. Hugo Guterman** of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, **Michal Yaacobi** and **Dr. Noa Liel-Cohen** of the Faculty of Health Sciences, came in first place in the Shengjing Global Innovation Awards 2015.

The **Mandel Social Leadership MBA Program** at BGU's Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management was the first Israeli MBA program to receive **EPAS accreditation** from the European Foundation for Management Development.

Student Achievements

A BGU student team won the Best Health and Medicine Project category in the prestigious annual iGEM (International Genetically Engineered Machine) competition in Boston with a biological cancer therapy called "Boomerang."

New and Noteworthy



↑ Former NYC mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani met with President Rivka Carmi during his visit to BGU

BGRacing, BGU's student race car team, broke into the **top 10** at the Formula SAE competition, the first Israeli team to do so, and placed 8th out of 48.

A team from the **Jusidman Science Center for Youth** won the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award at the Israeli competition of FIRST Tech Challenge, a global robotics competition for young people.

President Reuven Rivlin awarded the Presidential Fellowship for Scientific Excellence and Innovation to two BGU graduate students this year: **Yaara Rosner-Manor** of the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research; and **Avi-Ram Zoref** of the Department of Jewish History.

Five BGU PhD students, more than any other Israeli university, received **Fulbright program postdoctoral fellowships** in the United States: **Lea David**, who was also awarded Fulbright's Rabin Fellowship for best student in the social sciences, **Mor Ben-Tov**, **Noga Cohen**, **Shai Pilosof** and **Noam Weinbach**.

Regional and International Impact

Former NYC mayor **Rudolph W. Giuliani** visited the University and the adjacent ATP to learn about advances in cyber security, as the new global chairman of Greenberg Traurig's Cybersecurity and Crisis Management Practice.

BGU is the academic partner of **Cybertech 2016**, a series of major global cyber security technologies events (in Tel Aviv, Singapore, Los Angeles and more), organized by Israel Defense and the Israeli government.

The first sustainable farming initiative to reduce rice-crop water use began this spring at Conaway Ranch in Woodland, California. The project draws on the expertise of **Prof. Eilon Adar**, former director of the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research at BIDR.



My Corner on Campus

"I was sitting in the library and a young woman at the next table asked me to watch her things while she went out for a short while. That short while turned into most of the day, but I took my promise very seriously. I didn't realize that I'd be watching my wife Bat El for the rest of my life."

Moshe Kaspi

Prof. Moshe Kaspi is the Dean of Students and a professor of Industrial Engineering and Management.

New and Noteworthy



More than 200 international emergency medicine experts attending the 4th International Conference on **Healthcare System Preparedness and Response to Emergencies & Disasters (IPRED)**, observed a large-scale regional toxicology drill held at BGU and Soroka University Medical Center in January.

BGU and **BGN Technologies** inaugurated the **Center for Digital Innovation (CDI)**, a non-profit research center to promote and develop digital medicine, in partnership with a group of Israeli entrepreneurs. CDI, located at the Advanced Technologies Park, will also promote education technologies.

The 3rd European **Neighborhood Policy Ph.D. Summer School** was held at BGU, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Jerusalem and Ramallah, and in Warsaw.

Three scientific discoveries from BGU are displayed in a new year-long exhibit, "**Israeli Scientific Discoveries and Developments that Influenced the World**," at Ben-Gurion International Airport: **Prof. Smadar Cohen's** injectable algae-based scaffold to repair damaged heart muscles; **Prof. Shosh Arad's** method for growing algae on an industrial scale; and **Prof. Yossi Mizrahi's** contribution to the development of cherry tomatoes.

Local Impact

BGU's Unit for Employment Direction signed a collaboration agreement with the Lauder Employment Center and was renamed the **Center for Career Development in Collaboration with the Lauder Employment Center**.

Prof. Julie Cwikel's **Em l'Em (Mom to Mom) Program**, providing at-home support to new mothers with inadequate social networks, received the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Organization.

Twenty psychologists and social workers from **Hura** received diplomas recently after completing a workshop on parental reflective functioning given by Dr. Naama Atzabia-Poria in the Department of Psychology.

Some 100 **asylum seekers** from the Holot Detention Center received certificates of completion from the Free Your Mind Project, an eight-week academic program organized by **Prof. Vered Slonim-Nevo** and **Dr. Maya Lavie-Ajayi** of the Spitzer Department of Social Work and **Moran Mekamel** from Ben-Gurion Students for Refugees and Asylum-seekers.



↑ An illustration of Prof. Smader Cohen's scientific breakthrough at an exhibit in Ben-Gurion International Airport

↖ A major regional-scale toxicology drill was held at BGU and the Soroka University Medical Center in January

→ Moran Mekamel of Students for Refugees and Asylum Seekers with some of the students from the Free Your Mind Project



My Corner on Campus

"We like to walk along the cliff overlooking the stark beauty of the Wilderness of Zin. It clears our minds. Studying here is so special because of this natural environment."

Darnell Jones (R) of Chicago, Illinois applied to the Woodman-Scheller Israel Studies International Program after a chance encounter with the African Hebrew Israelite community in Dimona.

Brandon Payne (L) of Ada, Oklahoma lived in Israel previously, volunteering on a kibbutz in 2001. He applied to the Program at Sede Boqer after spending time teaching English in Vietnam.







International Affairs

Home away from home

The Office of International Academic Affairs (OIAA) was recently recognized by the European Commission for the quality of the 'home away from home' it provides for international students and researchers: The European Commission recognized the University for providing 'Human Resources Excellence in Research,' an acknowledgment of BGU's adherence to the best practice guidelines of the 'European Charter of Researchers' and the 'Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.'

The OIAA, through the Ginsberg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program, is launching two new summer programs, one in Innovation and Leadership, and the other in Data Mining and Business intelligence for Cyber Security Applications. The two new programs will join the Global Health Summer Program, running for the third

year, and the 'veteran' programs, the German Summer University and Summer Ulpan.

The OIAA continues to work relentlessly to advance BGU's international standing. Not only did the OIAA facilitate new agreements with other universities, it also built a firm infrastructure for student and faculty exchange through bilateral agreements and Erasmus plus, the EU program which funds mobility of students and staff between universities within the EU.

It is imperative for us that every international student walking through the BGU gates feel welcome and taken care of. That is why we established International Orientation Day. Moreover, we created a pre-departure booklet that helps students and researchers prepare for their stay at BGU, and a welcome packet that includes important facts about the city and the area, and maps of the campus, the city and main bus lines. We are also in the midst of a huge translation project including most units that deal directly with students. Our main objective is that any information sent out in Hebrew for Israeli students will be sent out in English for international students as well.

↑ International graduate students Yu JinJin, Simone Horst, David Kazdan, Thalia Ortega and Elizabeth Sieck at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

Photo: Wolfgang Motzafi-Haller



← Prof. Nadav Davidovitch, Chair of the Department of Health Systems Management, with Dr. Sri Janani at the closing ceremony of the Global Health International Summer Program

A Global Health Ambassador

Just a few months after returning home from the 2015 Global Health International Summer program, Sri Janani, a doctor from Chennai in southern India, was forced to put into practice what she had learned over the summer. Chennai experienced its worst flooding in over a century in November and by December 2nd the city was declared a national disaster area after several hospitals lost power.

"The city is flooded and people are dying due to the rains... the city is becoming a disaster. I remember the session we had where there was a shock room scenario. With the help of the mock session we had, I saved some lives by doing emergency preparedness over here," Sri wrote to Dr. Inon Shenker, one of the program's leaders.

"...If people are blessing me today for saving them, the total credit definitely goes to you..."

"Thanks a ton, Dr. Inon. If people are blessing me today for saving them, the total credit definitely goes to you. Please pray for Chennai," she continued.

"I did what I'm supposed to as a responsible citizen and as a student who received some great exposure at a place like BGU, so I am proud that I could contribute something to my city and my country," she says. "There is no doubt that the Global Health Program has changed my perspective towards such social causes and given me the confidence to face challenges and health crises like the one which struck Chennai."

My Corner
on Campus

"Bedouin students, especially women, face so many challenges. I see this center [The Robert H. Arnow Student Center for Bedouin Women] as a new tool to help improve our experience. It's a safe space for us to get together and seek advice."

Eman Abu Aiada

Eman Abu Aiada just completed her BA in English Literature and Linguistics and has received a Fulbright scholarship to study in the US. Born in Kseife, she lives in Rahat with her husband and teaches English at the Abu Kaf Regional High School.

Community Outreach

The Kidma program provides basic education in subjects such as English, Hebrew, math and computers for adults.

↓ Trainee guide dog and student trainer taking a break in Niusia and Aron Chilewich Square

Community Action Department

The Community Action Department (CAD) activities aim to reduce social gaps and increase the social awareness of participants, while instilling the BGU values of equality and mutual responsibility. Each year, over 5,000 adults and children participate in a range of programs and activities on and around the Marcus Family Campus.

700 Jewish and Bedouin students participated in the Access to Higher Education Program, which offers, for the first time this year, four university credits to pupils who have participated in the program for three years.

The Department also welcomes adults who for various reasons never completed high school: The Ad Halom Program enables adults to earn a high school matriculation certificate and the Hamama program allows soldiers to obtain the certificate during the course of their military service.

The Kidma program provides basic education in subjects such as English, Hebrew, math and computers for adults. The teachers are the remarkable students from the Keren Moshe Leadership Training Program, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, generously supported by the Halpérin family from Switzerland. 300 adults from all walks of society – new and old immigrants, Jews and Bedouins, people with disabilities – all with a passion to study, participated this year.

In addition, 600 adults from disadvantaged populations participated in the Access for All Program, where they heard lectures from BGU students on topics such as psychology, business management and medicine. The Knowledge Trail Program for mentally challenged adults, launched last year, offered classes in basic medical education and in management and economics for 33 participants.

The Justice for You Program, operated in coordination with the Itach-Maaki organization by volunteer women lawyers,





provides women with legal knowledge about their rights. It includes a support group guided by two BGU students.

The Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program (OAP) promotes communal responsibility in Beer-Sheva's disadvantaged neighborhoods. A range of projects and activities are run through the program, including 100 enrichment classes, the adoption of 100 families, a Purim party, an unprecedented Passover house painting drive (where over a hundred homes of the elderly and people with disabilities are painted), summer activities and more.

A multidisciplinary community theater project, led by social activist and artist Zamira Ron and organized through the OAP, is run by Goodman Fellows in multiple locations. The project's end-of-the-year photo exhibition and performance attract hundreds of people from the communities involved.

This year, the OAP and Prof. Richard Isralowitz of the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work hosted a group of students from SUNY New Paltz on a week-long study tour of emergency preparedness and community involvement at BGU.

The HaBarvaz Theater Group, a community theater for youth funded by the HaBarvaz Foundation, continued its drama activities. Teens attended weekly rehearsals at the University and presented the play 'Stage Door' to family and friends.

Since opening last year, over 4,000 people from all sectors of society have participated in various programs at The Rothschild Cube – Center for Effective Social Action. At the heart of the Cube is a 'social simulator,' a unique interactive experience that fosters effective social action and provides training in the values, skills and tools indispensable to social activists.

↑ Perach children and mentors play in Deichmann Plaza

The Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program promotes communal responsibility in Beer-Sheva's older neighborhoods.



My Corner on Campus

"I've seen gazelles, foxes, partridges and jackals. It's like meditation when I ride alone; you've got a lot of time to reflect. I get my best ideas while riding to and from Lehavim. Then I refine them while showering in the Maintenance Building."

Prof. Yoav Tsori

Prof. Yoav Tsori is a member of the Dept. of Chemical Engineering and the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology. He studies the thermodynamics of materials common in daily life.

Community Outreach

The Re'im Project is an individual mentorship program providing social and academic assistance to BGU students with disabilities.

Perach

A total of 1,740 BGU students were involved in Perach projects this academic year. The core of Perach activities remains individual and group mentorship of elementary and high school students. Most notably, Perach runs large-scale mentoring programs for high school students in which 721 students are involved. In addition, BGU launched two new programs in which students assist their peers: The Re'im Project is an individual mentorship program providing social and academic assistance to BGU students with disabilities (physical, emotional and more); and an individual academic mentorship program within the BGU Engineering Preparatory Program is aimed at assisting those students who need additional individual help in order to succeed in their studies.

A new online course for Perach mentors aims to provide tutors with specific tools to use with adolescents. The course follows other online courses launched over the past two years, which supply professional knowledge and tools regarding group and individual mentorship based on up-to-date research.

Two BGU students (out of 12 nationwide) received Merit Scholarships in recognition of their outstanding dedication and contribution to the Perach project.

The Center for Pre-Academic Studies

The Center runs a range of programs to help students acclimate to university life: Approximately 300 students study in the preparatory tracks, and about 65% of them are subsequently accepted to



undergraduate studies at the University. In addition, around 1,000 students take refresher or prerequisite courses prior to commencing regular academic studies every year.

The Path to Academia Program began as a pilot program in the 2014-2015 academic year and, as of February 2016, has already gone through six cycles, each with 120-250 participants. The program is geared toward candidates hoping to study at BGU, who have a high school matriculation certificate, and offers a course where the program grade serves as a substitute for a psychometric exam score.

Alumni

The mission of the BGU Alumni Association is to develop and strengthen the relationships amongst alumni and between the University and its graduates. The Association also works to strengthen ties and cooperation with business and industry, as well as with the Beer-Sheva Municipality, with regional NGOs and associations and,



← An Osim Rechov (Street Makeover) volunteer from the Student Union and the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program helps beautify neighborhoods adjacent to the University



of course, with the University's departments and faculties. There are now about 120,000 registered alumni.

Alumni who hold key positions are invited to visit the University, where they meet with President Prof. Rivka Carmi and representatives of the academic department in which they studied. The idea is that these alumni can serve as BGU's ambassadors. We have also begun



working with academic departments to establish departmental alumni groups. An important related activity is the Mentors Project, where alumni mentor students preparing to enter the job market.

Two employment fairs for BGU graduates were held, bringing together graduates and employers with a range of employment opportunities and also included a performance by Shlufta, a comic improvisation group composed entirely of BGU alumni.

In 2016, BGU initiated a process for recognizing alumni who have made unique and significant contributions to society, economy, culture or science in Israel and the world. The first Alumni Recognition Awards were conferred in May.

↑ The social simulator at the Rothschild Cube – Center for Effective Social Action

← Perach volunteer and children at the Havayeda Teva Interactive Science Center

Campus Life

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Office of the Dean of Students

Following a long period during which the Marcus Family Campus synagogue had no Torah, a scroll donated in memory of Dr. Manuel Bronstein was dedicated in the summer. The scroll completion ceremony was followed by a procession of faculty, students and guests of the donors to the accompaniment of a Klezmer group to install the scroll in the synagogue.

The Office of the Dean of Students awarded 942 scholarships based on socio-economic criteria. Ninety percent of the students receiving scholarships volunteered in community outreach activities. The number of Bedouin students receiving scholarships increased, as did the amounts provided. Ariel Katz is the first BGU alumni to establish a scholarship fund. Thanks to an anonymous donor, 100 students in need were given food vouchers for Passover.



Over the past year, the professional services offered by the Unit for Psychological Services were expanded and procedures revised to make them accessible to a greater number of students and reduce waiting time. New group therapies were introduced, such as a support group for students in the program for dropout prevention.

The number of students with disabilities requesting the assistance of the Student Support Center for students with special needs has increased. Equipment and software adapted to their needs were purchased, including additional laptops and printers. An Accessibility Day was organized jointly with the Student Union and, as of this year, all University-wide ceremonies are accessible to the hearing impaired.

The first workshop on Arab-Jewish dialogue was held with 30 participating students, half of whom were Arab and half Jewish. Also, the University dedicated The Robert H. Arnow Student Center for Bedouin Women, where they can rest, study, join activities and wait for their rides home.

We began collaborating with the Katzir Foundation's Maskila Program, which provides financial assistance and social, academic and general support for single mother students.

A pilot software engineering preparatory program was launched with the aim of



↑ BGU's student dance group, Pola, bid farewell to director Dedi Alofer

→ Students celebrate Purim (and Holi)



found employment in organizations located in the Negev with the assistance of the Lauder Center.

BGU's debate club continues with impressive achievements in tournaments. The English Cup Debating Championship was held at BGU this year, and a BGU representative was ranked third. The Red Sea Open was hosted at BGU's Eilat campus for the sixth year running.

reducing dropout rates. The program includes special intensive coursework in topics with high failure rates, workshops on learning skills, tutoring in small groups and counseling.

The Dean of Students Office continues to organize employment fairs for graduating students, including a career week for humanities and social sciences students. An employment fair for structural engineering graduates was held at the new Lauder Employment Center with ten southern companies and 70 students and graduates attending. Thirteen BGU graduates took part in the "B for Bayit" Project, aimed at creating communities of BGU graduates in the greater Beer-Sheva region. Five of the project's participants

Pola, the Ben-Gurion University Dance Group, bid farewell to Artistic Director Dedi Alofer, and welcomed the renowned choreographer Neta Pulvermacher, who will direct the group together with two young choreographers, Ella Ben-Aharon and Eran Abukassis.

Student Union

The Student Union promoted a number of new projects endorsing physical activity, including a student running group. The new aerobics and spinning studio has expanded its activities to include yoga, Pilates, TRX, CrossFit and dance classes, allowing students and staff to work out on campus every weeknight in a state-of-the-art studio.

← Celebrations of a new Torah scroll, donated in memory of Dr. Manuel Bronstein, for the Marcus Family Campus synagogue.

Photo: Israel Belizovsky

Campus Life

➤ A BGU student practices "slacklining" between classes

→ The University installed four solar-powered cell phone charging stations

The library is now up-to-date, attractive and inviting: there are both quiet and non-quiet study areas, group study rooms, a classroom and a computer classroom.



We continue to promote interaction with city residents and integration into the city's neighborhoods. In our annual Osim Rechov (Street Makeover) events, students and residents organized 'street festivals' with the purpose of improving the appearance of their neighborhood.

A strong emphasis on promoting coexistence on campus continues: the School for Peace in Neve Shalom has been coordinating the Bridging the Differences Workshop, and events involving Jewish and Arab students were a great success.

Computation

The Division of Computing and Information Systems continued to implement new applications and technologies to improve user services and functionality for the entire University. A major change in handling usernames and passwords was designed and implemented. The Virtual Server



environment was significantly enhanced: a private cloud facility, based on VMWARE software, is available to researchers and administrative departments.

The Kreitman School of Advanced Graduate Studies is implementing a new management system that is already simplifying the process of approving dissertation topics and judging for doctoral students.

Zalman Aranne Central Library

Renovations of the library continued through 2015. Despite our apprehensions, we were able to continue to provide satisfactory services to researchers and students. The library is now up-to-date, attractive and inviting: there are both quiet and non-quiet study areas, group study rooms, a classroom and a computer classroom.

We continue to streamline and make more efficient our purchasing, periodicals and databases. This economizing has led to considerable savings, which will allow the development of the collection and the purchase of new databases, scanned primary sources, e-book bundles and more. We have also constructed digital forms, thereby contributing to economizing on paper and to streamlining bureaucratic processes.



→ Open Day for prospective students at the Marcus Family Campus

↓ Researchers in the field of autism, led by Dr. Ilan Dinstein, acknowledge the Light it Up Blue for World Autism Awareness Day at the Helen Diller Family Center



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Green Campus

BGU was ranked 38th out of 450 universities in the most recent (2015) UI GreenMetric World Ranking, which compares sustainability and environment-friendly management efforts of universities.

BGU offers around 500 courses with environmental components each year. Green Campus launched a new elective course, 'Issues in Environment, Sustainability and Conservation,' and continued to support other courses. It also hosted a lecture series on environment and sustainability.

The University continued to support the annual Social and Environmental Initiatives Competition, in which students and employees submit proposals and carry out socio-environmental initiatives. This year's winning submissions included the Department of Donor and Associates Affairs switch to a new environmentally friendly format of digital reports to scholarship donors.

Green Campus continues its involvement in five community gardens in Beer-Sheva, as well as one in Arad and one in Yeruham.

My Corner on Campus

"I made Aliya in 1989 and the first winter I spent in Beer-Sheva it snowed. It reminded me of Russia. Then I fell in love with the country. While there isn't much of an autumn in Israel, this garden does change color in the fall and it symbolizes my transition from one life to another."

Dr. Maria (Masha) Vyazmensky

Dr. Maria (Masha) Vyazmensky has been a lab manager at BGU for 25 years. She now oversees Dr. Stas Engel's Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmacology lab at the NIBN, where they focus on targeted Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) drug delivery.



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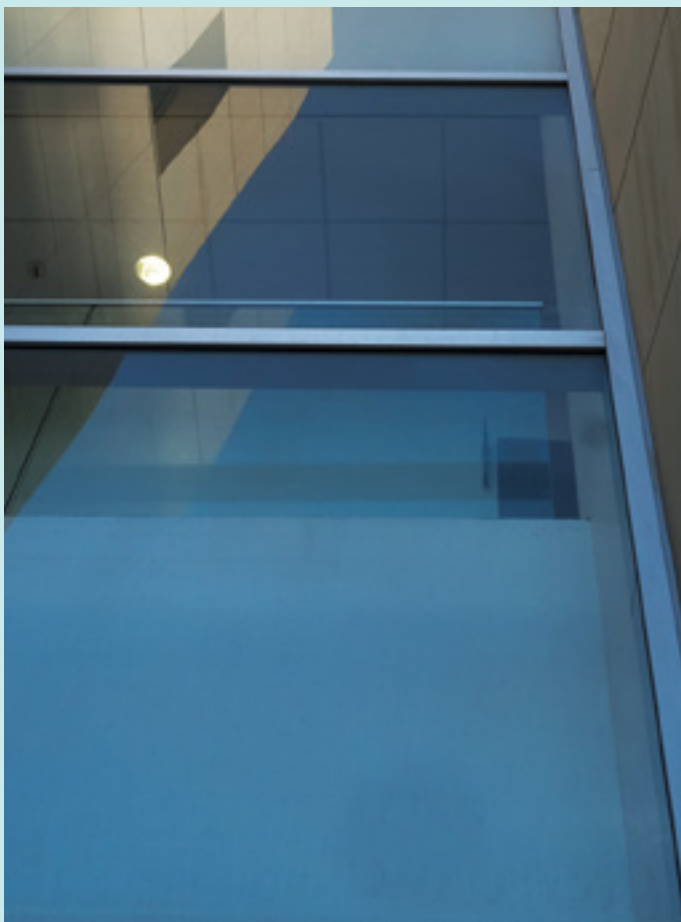
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