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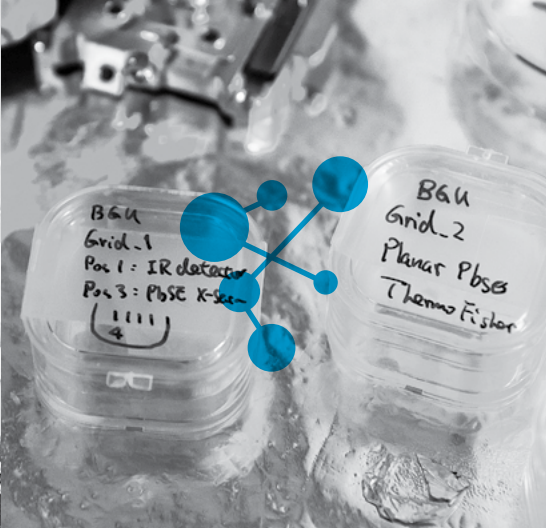
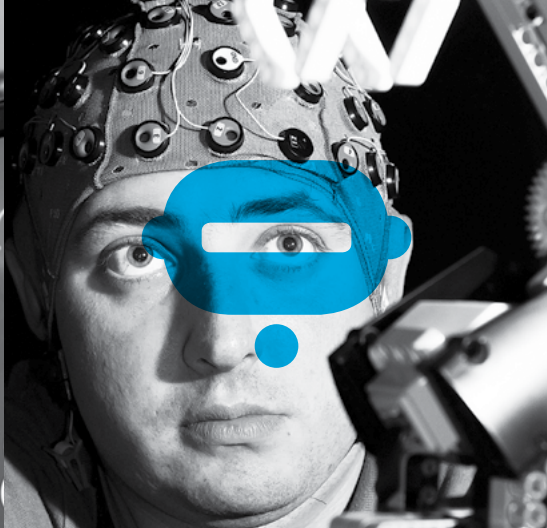
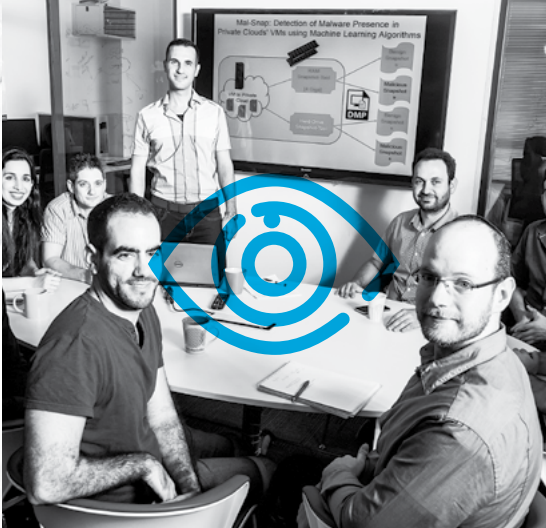
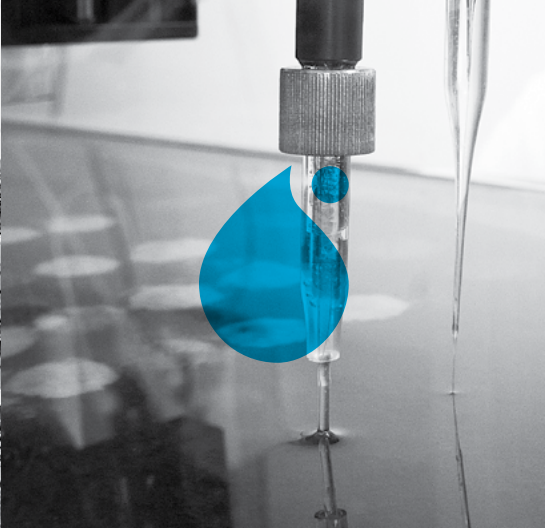
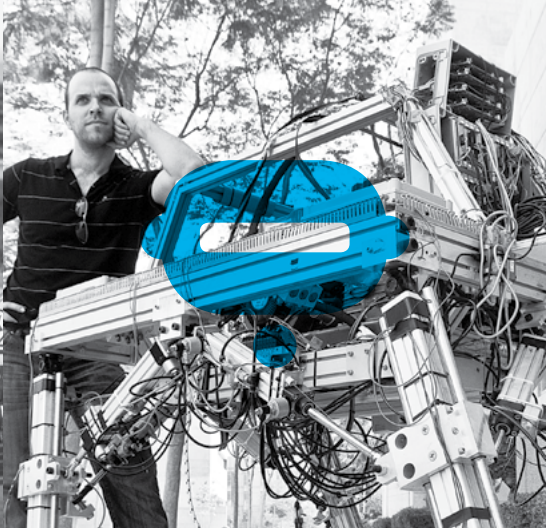
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From the Chairman

Israel's first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, said: *"Only through a united effort by the State ... by a people ready for a great voluntary effort, by a youth bold in spirit and inspired by creative heroism, by scientists liberated from the bonds of conventional thought and capable of probing deep into the special problems of this country ... we can succeed in carrying out the great and fateful task of developing the South and the Negev."*

As this year's Board of Governor's Meeting highlights the State of Israel's 70th anniversary, it affords us the opportunity to reflect on what makes Ben-Gurion University of the Negev a Zionist enterprise and how we, its governors, can help advance and promote it around the world.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev was created 48 years ago by government decision, with the mandate of bringing development to the south. This founding principle, that a university will make a difference in the community, has defined and shaped BGU since its inception. Today the University is a catalyst for unprecedented innovation and growth and plays a central role in the development of industry, agriculture and education in the Negev.

Ben-Gurion University conducts groundbreaking research in fields that include desert and water research, bio- and nanotechnology, robotics, neuroscience, medical research, cyber security, quantum research, Israel studies, Jewish thought, Hebrew literature and more. BGU researchers are making an impact on people's lives in the Negev, throughout Israel and around the world.

However, it is not only the research and scholarly achievements of our students and faculty that contribute to the advancement of the Negev. More than 6,000 students are involved in a wide variety of community and social projects in the region. As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open

Apartments Program, it is worth noting that there are 73 "Open Apartments" in Beer-Sheva's neighborhoods, where students live and actively engage with the local community through various cultural and educational activities.

Beer-Sheva's Advanced Technologies Park, established in partnership with the University, is home to international and Israeli hi-tech and cyber security companies for which BGU provides the best and brightest employees. The University played a major role in the IDF's decision to move its technology intelligence units to the Negev and build its Hi-Tech Center and Communications R&D facility adjacent to the ATP and the Marcus Family Campus.

I don't know of any other research institution that is so well invested and so profoundly committed to the prosperity and well-being of its surrounding population as BGU has been under the management and leadership of its President, Prof. Rivka Carmi. As Chairman of the Board of Governors it has been my privilege to work side by side with her and I want to thank her heartily for her hard work and dedication to the realization of David Ben-Gurion's vision. Rivka Carmi is the epitome of modern Zionism and an example to us all.

As Governors of this University, our major roles are the promotion of the achievements of this outstanding institution in our respective countries and raising the funds to support its research activities. Leading up to our 50th anniversary, I kindly ask you to intensify your efforts to raise awareness of the University and to ensure the continued success of our beloved BGU by enlarging our circle of worldwide donors and raising the funds necessary for the development of the North Campus.



Alexander M. Goren



From the President

This year we are celebrating Israel's 70th anniversary and acknowledging our contributions to the State of Israel, the Negev, and the world, even as we count up to our own jubilee, just two years away now. We have much to be proud of!

From a tiny institution housed in borrowed space, we have prospered and grown into an internationally renowned university with some 20,000 students and over a thousand academic faculty. We are busy preparing for another influx of students as the IDF's major technology and intelligence units complete their move south. Work at the North Campus site, which will nearly double the University's footprint in Beer-Sheva, is continuing apace, to ensure that we have sufficient classrooms, dorms and laboratories to accommodate an expected 4,000 additional students.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev was charged with the mission of developing the Negev, and we have done just that! The University has played a major role in the exponential growth and flourishing of the city of Beer-Sheva, while at the same time pursuing innovative research of the highest caliber. In particular, BGU and its world-class faculty have been the catalyst driving the recent tech boom in Israel's south. Thanks to the innovation ecosystem we have created around us, there are thousands more jobs and opportunities available for both our graduates and neighbors, thus contributing to making the Negev's population more prosperous and resilient than ever before. That growth will continue as the Advanced Technologies Park continues to expand. Indeed, a recent study by Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs has cited the "cyber cluster" surrounding BGU as one of three successful case studies worldwide from which to learn about "Cybersecurity as an Engine for Growth."

One of our greatest achievements is the innovation in community outreach, which began almost from the very start. The Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments

Program has been studied and reproduced around the world and our students are an inspiration to their neighbors, encouraging them and helping them strive for a better future. It is an innovation that is as current now as it was when it was launched forty years ago. Our numerous programs expanding access to education have been highly successful. Indeed, one of our major undertakings over the past year has been to ensure that the University complies with new accessibility legislation, making infrastructure changes, expanding services at the Dean of Students and completing a major overhaul of our websites and systems so that even more people can study and grow here.

Being part of Ben-Gurion University's continued prosperity and growth is a calling, as well as an honor, that I answered when I came to the University and the Negev over forty years ago. The University is at present searching for my successor, and until I can pass on the torch, I remain committed to nurturing this flourishing oasis of learning and increasing our forward momentum into a very bright future.

This year's President's Report, like the Board of Governors Meeting, celebrates our achievements and contributions in research and beyond. I know they will fill your hearts with pride and I encourage you to share that pride with your friends as you regale them with tales of the University in which you play such an essential part.

Thank you for your continued friendship and support. Without you, we could never have realized Ben-Gurion's vision.



Prof. Rivka Carmi

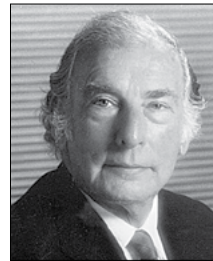
Senior Administration



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BGU By the Numbers

Distribution of Students by Faculty and Degrees 2016–2018

	Humanities and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences	Engineering Sciences	Health Sciences	Business and Management	Desert Studies	Kreitman Graduate School	Ben- Gurion Institute
2017-18								
Bachelor's	3,639	2,211	4,646	2,103	1,021			
Master's	1,227	291	859	568	1,277	87		22
Ph.D.	499	277	366	257	58	124	106	
Post-Doc	71	98	47	16	3	50	12	
Non-Degree	159	58	215	14	23	1		1
Teaching Certificate	159							
Total	5,703	2,929	6,050	2,904	2,380	256	118	23
TOTAL 20,363								
ACTUAL TOTAL* 19,490								
2016-17								
Bachelor's	3,775	2,098	4,503	2,023	1,064			
Master's	1,240	264	816	521	1,319	97		24
Ph.D.	463	284	340	243	70	125	121	
Post-Doc	45	97	53	20	3	43	4	
Non-Degree	150	111	197	14	26	4		
Teaching Certificate	297							
Total	5,909	2,847	5,844	2,785	2,482	269	125	24
TOTAL 20,285								
ACTUAL TOTAL* 19,378								

Please note: The student numbers include all students studying at BGU in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer, and Eilat, in both degree and non-degree programs. They do not include international students, students in academic prep courses, the Airforce 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.

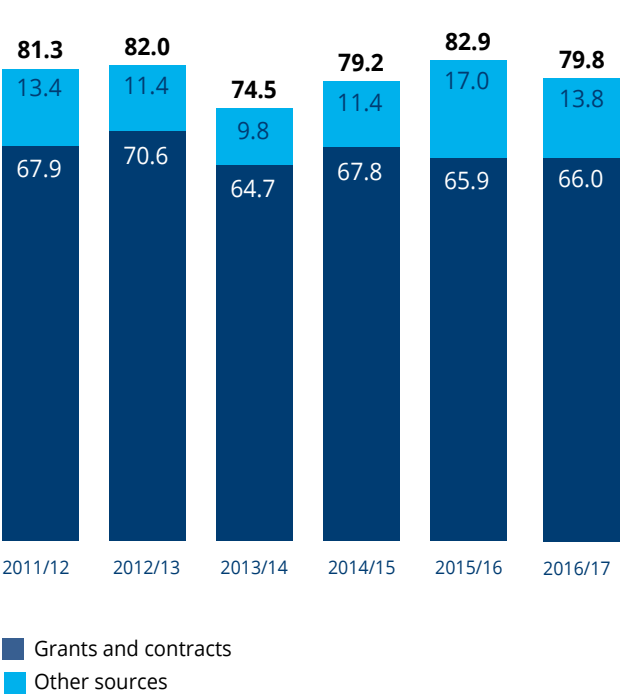
Senior Academic Faculty 2017/18



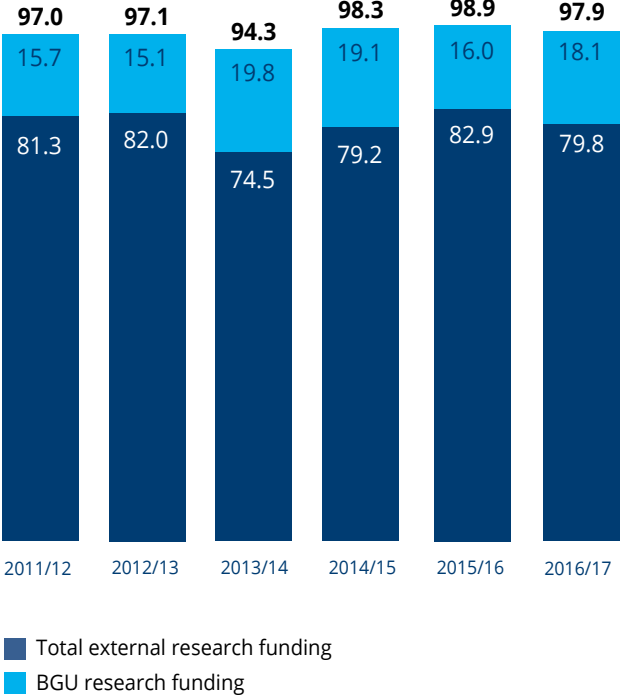
New faculty hires 2017/18
48

Total faculty members
878

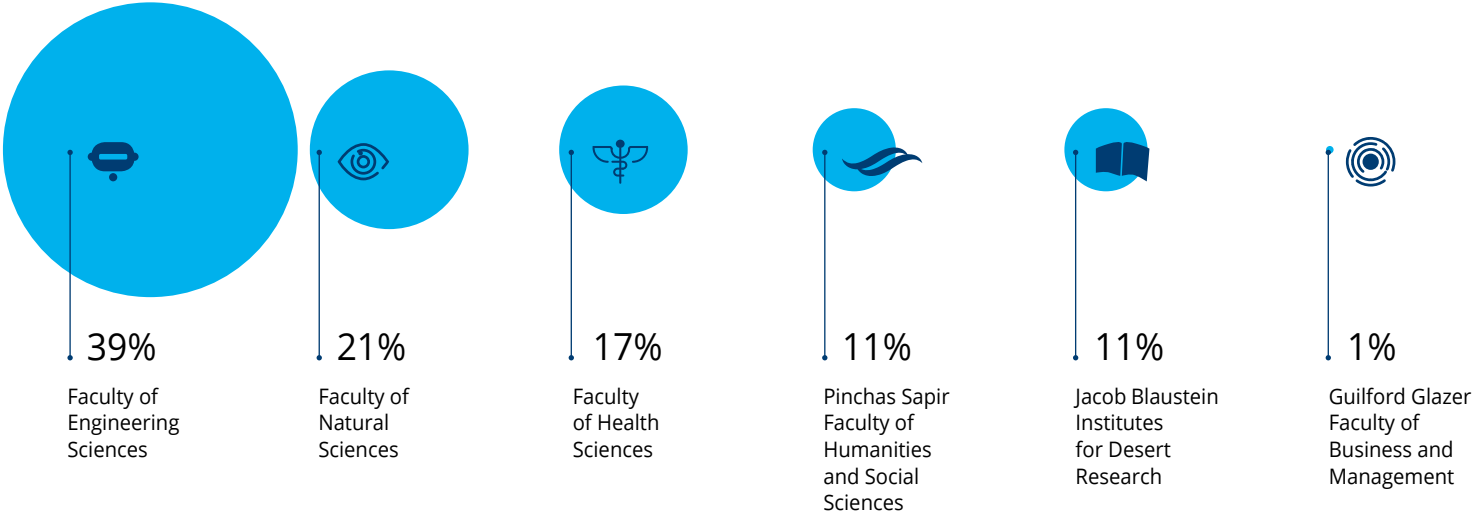
TOTAL EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING (\$US M)



TOTAL INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH (\$US M)



Percentage of Grants by Faculty 2016/17



BGU by the Numbers

University Operating Budget

	2015/2016			2016/2017			2017/2018			
	NIS M	\$ M	%	NIS M	\$ M	%	NIS M	\$ M	%	% change
INCOME										
Planning & Budgeting Committee	882.5	226.3	72.2%	909.6	236.2	72.9%	940.6	254.2	73.6%	3.4%
Tuition and Dorms	204.1	52.3	16.7%	202.3	52.6	16.2%	200.7	54.2	15.7%	-0.8%
Contributions	13.7	3.5	1.1%	13.5	3.5	1.1%	6.0	1.6	0.5%	-55.6%
Endowment Funds	50.0	12.8	4.1%	50.0	13.0	4.0%	50.0	13.5	3.9%	0.0%
Other Income	69.3	17.8	5.7%	69.6	18.1	5.6%	76.9	20.8	6.0%	10.4%
Transfer from Funds	3.3	0.8	0.3%	2.8	0.7	0.2%	3.9	1.1	0.3%	39.5%
TOTAL	1,222.9	313.6	100.0%	1,247.8	324.1	100.0%	1,278.1	345.4	100.0%	2.4%
EXPENDITURE										
Salaries	907.8	232.8	74.2%	919.7	238.9	73.7%	932.1	251.9	72.9%	1.3%
Fellowships & Student Assistance	70.1	18.0	5.7%	73.1	19.0	5.9%	79.6	21.5	6.2%	9.0%
Teaching & Research Expenses	43.7	11.2	3.6%	46.6	12.1	3.7%	52.8	14.3	4.1%	13.3%
Institutes & Research Centers	39.2	10.1	3.2%	39.4	10.2	3.2%	37.5	10.1	2.9%	-4.8%
Computing Expenses	13.4	3.4	1.1%	15.0	3.9	1.2%	15.3	4.1	1.2%	1.9%
Library Expenses	28.3	7.3	2.3%	29.5	7.7	2.4%	28.5	7.7	2.2%	-3.5%
Administration	28.8	7.4	2.4%	31.5	8.2	2.5%	27.1	7.3	2.1%	-14.0%
Maintenance	83.7	21.5	6.8%	85.8	22.3	6.9%	98.0	26.5	7.7%	14.2%
Financing	7.8	2.0	0.6%	7.2	1.9	0.6%	7.2	1.9	0.6%	-0.2%
TOTAL	1,222.9	313.6	100.0%	1,247.8	324.1	100.0%	1,278.1	345.5	100.0%	2.4%
NIS/\$ exchange rate:	3.90			3.85			3.70			-3.9%
Higher Education Budgeting Index	127.2			126.5			126.5			



2017/18 Overall University Budget (NIS/US\$ Thousands in Current Prices)

	Operating Budget		Research Budget		Development Budget		Special Programs		Total Budget	
	NIS M	\$ M	NIS M	\$ M	NIS M	\$ M	NIS M	\$ M	NIS M	\$ M
Expenditures	1,278,100	345,432	300,000	81,081	76,317	20,626	126,069	34,073	1,780,486	481,213
Income	1,278,100	345,432	300,000	81,081	76,317	20,626	129,049	34,878	1,783,467	482,018

Our Worldwide Family of Associates at Work 2016/17 Year-End Figures

	Total
Contributions Received	\$60,293,523
Interest Income from Endowments	\$8,450,560
Endowment Fund Balance (as of 30/9/16)	\$489,105,935

Notes: Contribution figures are gross and do not reflect local fundraising charges | Contribution figures include \$14.6 million income released from the Marcus Estate and \$848,990 (4%) income released on endowment funds held in the U.S. by and on behalf of AABGU | All figures are approximate due to fluctuating exchange and interest rates | Endowment balance includes \$190.23 million in the Marcus Fund and approximately \$48.28 million in endowment funds held in the U.S. by and on behalf of AABGU. (The figure does not include approximately \$21.4 million in trust funds held by and on behalf of AABGU.) | 2016/17 interest income was calculated at approximately 3.0%. Figure above represents only the income distributed on endowments held in Israel.

BGU NATION



Nurturing the Negev: Sustaining the Nation

➤ The University of the Negev was established by government mandate in 1969. When David Ben-Gurion passed away in 1974, the institution was renamed in his honor.

Israel's 70th anniversary celebrations give us an opportunity to rejoice over BGU's role in the Israeli miracle. The nation's founders viewed science as a key component of the Zionist enterprise, and David Ben-Gurion had a particular vision about the role of academia in the south: he dreamed of an institution of higher education that would drive the development of the Negev and be a light unto the nations. Israel today is a "start-up" nation, a global leader in innovation and forward thinking, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev epitomizes this "can do" spirit.

Since its establishment, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has embraced its mission to lead the nation's south to growth and prosperity, and has played a key role in advancing research, education and social empowerment in Beer-Sheva, the Negev, the State of Israel and the world.

We invite you to delve into the pages of this report and be inspired by our accomplishments.



← As BGU celebrated its first decade, it became the stage for one of the most significant moments in Israel's history: the historic visit of Egyptian President Mohamed Anwar El-Sadat (right, with BGU President Yossef Tekoah) on May 27, 1979, as part of the Camp David Accords.

Building BGU

Our highest priority is the development and construction of the North Campus

The University's highest priority capital project is the development and construction of the North Campus, where future generations of BGU students and researchers will live, study and work.

Preparatory work is underway for the Undergraduate Village. The complex will consist of 580 apartments in 14 buildings, providing on-campus housing for 1,000 students. The University is currently putting out a tender for a contractor, and plans on completing the project by the 2021-22 academic year.

In addition, we are busy with basic infrastructure work on the Energy Center and an underground utilities tunnel system



for the North Campus, which includes connecting the campus to a natural gas supply. This project is in the planning stages and will be completed by October 2021.

In today's rapidly changing world, a modern university's infrastructure must allow for constantly evolving technologies and malleable spaces, which can be used and reconfigured as needs change. We are continuously improving and upgrading our existing facilities. This year we focused on building labs designated for new faculty recruits, renovating existing research and teaching facilities and improving overall campus accessibility.

Completed this Year

- Murray H. Shusterman Gate of Knowledge
- Renovation of two sections of the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex
- North Campus earthworks
- The third building at BGU's Advanced Technologies Park
- Renovations of the Esther and Michel Halpérin Student Center, Sede Boqer

Under Construction

- Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building
- Graduate Student Dormitories
- Renovation of the Brain and Cognitive Sciences Building



↖ Murray H. Shusterman Gate of Knowledge

↑ Earthworks at the North Campus site

← The newly inaugurated third building at the ATP

→ Campus construction

Design and Planning

- 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
- North Campus Energy Center and utilities tunnels

Work to Begin Soon

- Medical Simulation and Classroom Building, to house the Field Family Foundation Medical Simulation Center
- Undergraduate Village on the North Campus
- BGU-Soroka joint research building supported by the Adelis Foundation
- Sports and Recreation Center expansions

Future Projects

- A new plaza between the Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building and the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering
- Homeland Security Institute
- Structural engineering building
- University art gallery
- Library for engineering and natural sciences
- Health sciences research laboratories building
- International conference center
- Classroom building
- Generic labs building
- Additional cyber security research building



Innovation for the Startup Nation

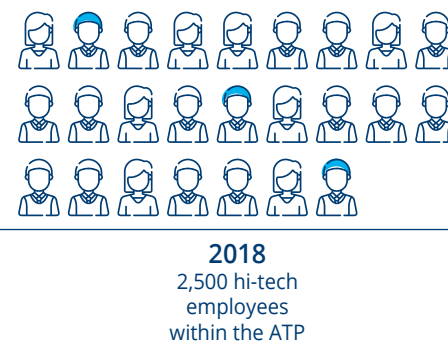


BGU is the heart of Beer-Sheva's innovation ecosystem

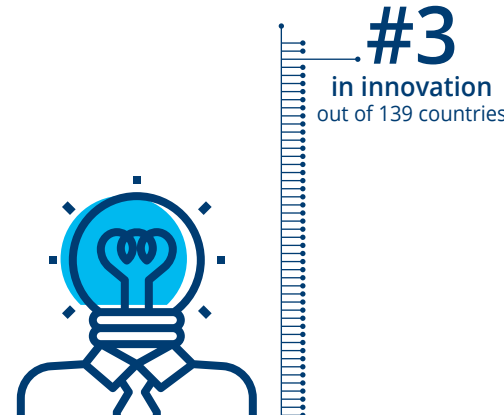
The State of Israel leads the world in a number of important metrics. Israel has ranked third (out of 139 countries) in innovation in the World Economic Forum Index of Innovation and Technology for the past several years.* It ranks first in PhDs per capita and first in patents per capita in the world!** The nation is also first in the world in the number of researchers per 1,000 employed, first in the number of engineers per capita, and first in R&D expenditure as a percentage of GDP!*

BGU recognizes that its role is not only to educate students and provide them with knowledge and academic skills, but also to help them acquire the necessary "tools" to start their own initiatives. Thus, the University has expanded its investment in cultivating innovation and entrepreneurship, following its strategic goal of becoming a facilitator

* World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report 2017-2018
** OECD



↑ BGN Technologies' new VP of Entrepreneurship, Dana Gavish Fridman, will connect the vast array of R&D activities at BGU and BGN, launch new partnerships, and market BGU as a key player in the national entrepreneurship arena



Researchers
per 1,000 employed



Patents
per capita



Engineers
per capita



PhDs
per capita



Innovation Labs, where student and alumni entrepreneurs receive support and guidance in developing their ideas into successful startups.

A range of University initiatives, most notably the Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, ensures that the next generation of business leaders, scientists and entrepreneurs have all they need to succeed by offering unique educational programs, activities, services and collaborative opportunities. For example, the Inno-Negev Accelerator Program, jointly launched with BGN in 2016 to provide support and tools to entrepreneurs in the pre-seed stage, began its third cycle in March 2018. Four of the teams that completed the second cycle have raised seed investment of approximately \$5m.

The vibrant hi-tech ecosystem surrounding the University, mainly at the Advanced Technologies Park adjacent to the Marcus Family Campus, continues to grow and flourish. The ATP's third building was dedicated in February 2018, marking, among others, the arrival of Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and the expansion of IBM and Wix's R&D activities in Beer-Sheva. Just four years ago there were about 100 hi-tech employees in Beer-Sheva; today there are over 2,500 engineers and researchers working at more than 70 tech companies within the ATP, and their number is expected to grow to more than 10,000 in the coming years. This is just one reason why the government's Digital Israel Initiative is launching its Smart Cities initiative in Beer-Sheva and the IDF is relocating some of its most advanced hi-tech units to a campus adjacent to the University and the ATP.

Forging the Hi-tech Nation

(Cyber) Securing the Nation

In the 21st century, hi-tech has become more central to Israel's economy than any other branch of industry. BGU is right there at the forefront of the Startup Nation, at the center of a thriving hi-tech ecosystem focused primarily on cyber security. As the Advanced Technologies Park adjacent to the University grows and prospers in collaboration with our researchers and students, opportunities open up for residents of the Negev and the entire nation.

The Sky is (No Longer) the Limit

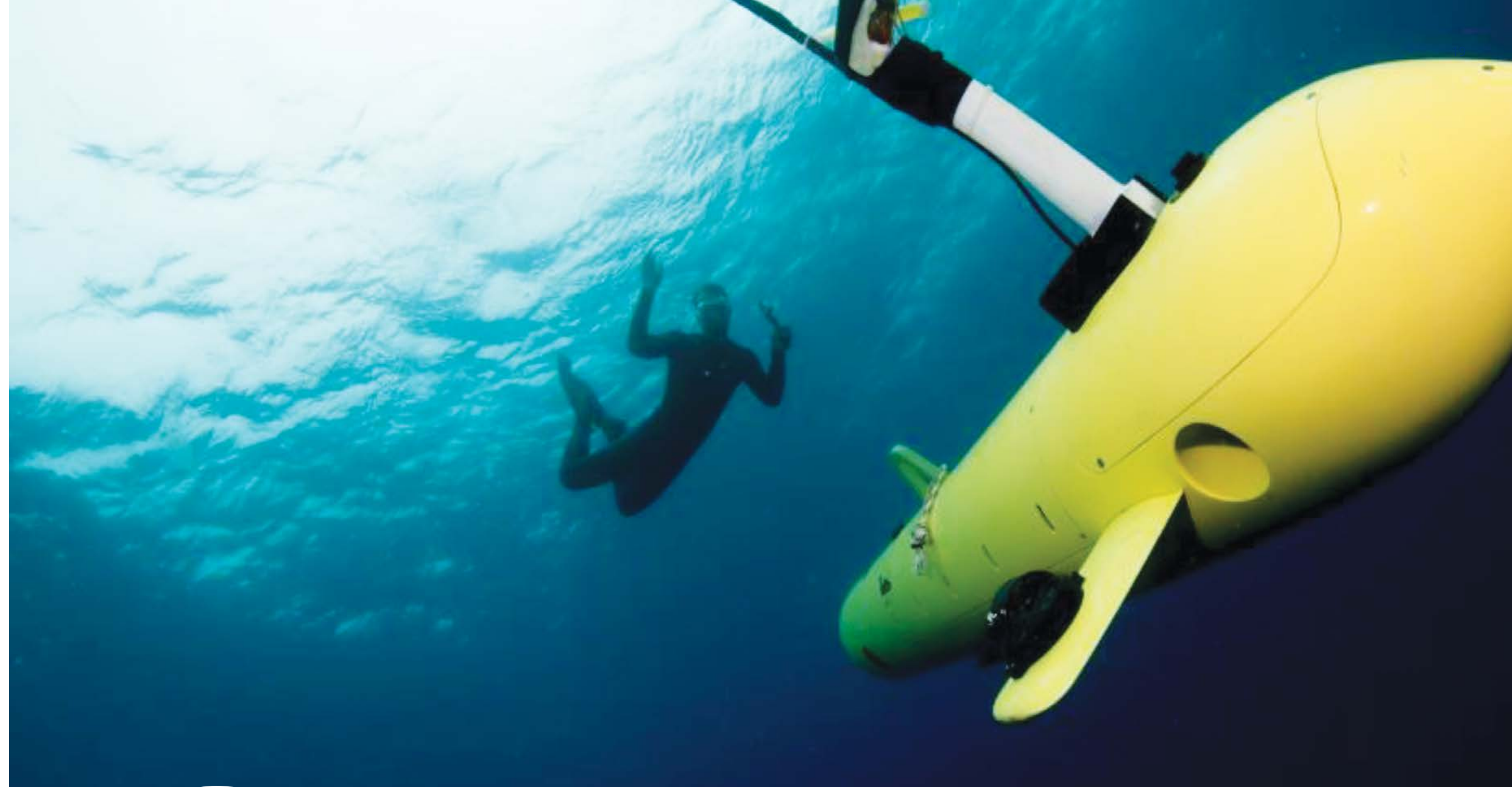
BGU is playing a central role in the country's transformation into a micro-satellite powerhouse. Venus, a micro-satellite weighing 586 pounds (265 kilograms) launched in August 2017, was jointly designed by BGU, the Israel Space Agency and the French Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales to monitor climate change.

Israel's first nanosatellite, BGUSAT, was also launched last year, in mid-February, in collaboration with Israel Aerospace Industries and the Israel Space Agency. We see a bright future for BGU aerospace research just over the horizon.

Get Up and Go Robotics

Robotics research at BGU is everywhere – from autonomous submarines to physiotherapy and rehabilitation, to archer fish, agricultural robots, service robots, micro-robots and things that might sound like pure science fiction. You name it; we're probably working on it.

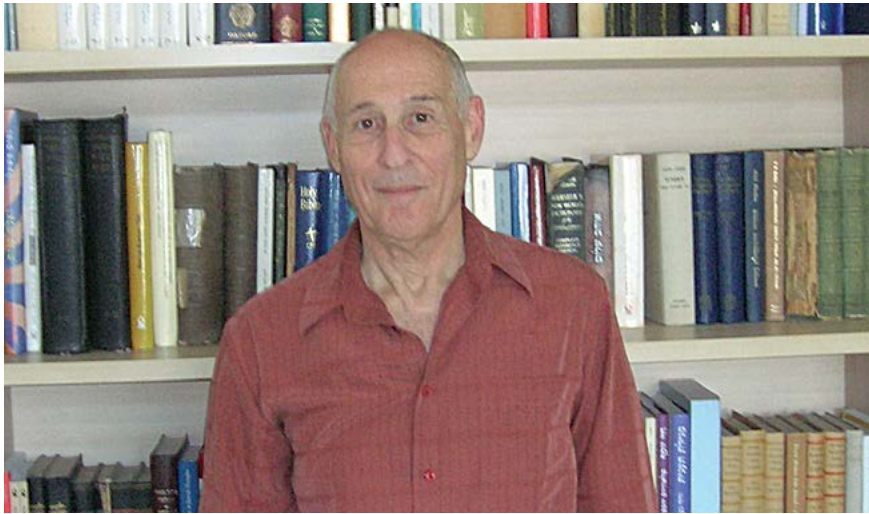
The ABC Robotics Initiative coordinates BGU's interdisciplinary robotics research and is transforming BGU into a powerhouse in a cutting-edge field of research that can truly affect people's lives.



↑ HydroCamel II, an autonomous underwater vehicle developed by Prof. Hugo Guterman
Photo: Yoav Lindmann

← BGUSAT, Israeli academia's first nanosatellite, supported by Rachel and Max Javit
Illustration: Israel Space Agency

New and Noteworthy



↑ Prof. (Emer.) Elisha Qimron, laureate of the Israel Prize in Jewish Studies 2018

The nation’s highest honor, the **Israel Prize in Jewish Studies for 2018**, was bestowed upon **Prof. (Emer.) Elisha Qimron** of the Dept. of Hebrew Language, a globally recognized scholar of the Dead Sea Scrolls.



Physical Development

The **Murray H. Shusterman Gate of Knowledge**, welcoming those entering campus from Rager Blvd., was completed.

The third building at BGU’s **Advanced Technologies Park** was dedicated.

The **Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering** was inaugurated in April.

The **Staschower Plaza** was established in loving memory of **Sussman and Sabina Staschower**, the parents of **Paul Paltiel Staschower** of Los Altos Hills, CA.

The **Esther and Michel Halpérin Student Center at Sede Boqer** was established thanks to a generous donation from **Esther Halpérin**. The new Center will serve the multicultural student community, reflecting the late Michel Halpérin’s love of students and his commitment to desert research.

Work has begun on a new **dormitory complex for graduate students** with 129 units, adjacent to the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex.

↑ The **Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering**

→ Dr. Paula Kabalo, Prof. Rivka Carmi, and Cyndi and Max Mintzberg lay the cornerstone for 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**



The cornerstone was laid for 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** at Sede Boqer.

The University’s **first international dorms** in Beer-Sheva were opened in the **Eric F. and Lore Ross Student Village**. The new dorms house students from 20 countries.

Velva G. and H. Fred Levine, of Houston, Texas, have named the Central Laboratory at the Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research Center in the new **Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering**.

Beer-Sheva’s **double helix bridge** to the ATP won the long span category of the triannual **Footbridge Awards**.

New and Noteworthy



↑ The historic Israeli flag from 1948 purchased by AABGU President Toni Young (Ezra Gorodesky delivers it to President Prof. Rivka Carmi)

Art and Collections

The historic flag created by Rebecca Affachiner on May 14, 1948, the day David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel, was purchased by AABGU President **Toni Young** on behalf of the Ben-Gurion Archives.

The sculpture “**Lateral Motion**” by **Phlyp Koshland** was installed in the lobby of the **Edgar de Picciotto Family National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev Building**.

“**Day and Night**,” a glazed ceramic mosaic by **Lev Syrkin z”l**, was donated by **Dr. Nahum Guzik** of Mountain View, CA, and installed in the **Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering**.

Carole and Marcus Weinstein of Richmond, VA donated the sculpture titled “**People and Hollow Rock**” by Israeli artist **Sigalit Landau**.

“**The Dancers**” (after Matisse) by **Dorit Levinstein**, donated by **Riki and Coby Dayan** of Los Altos Hills, CA as a tribute to Prof. Rivka Carmi, was installed in the **Ita and Eitan Dayan Garden**.

Thirty etchings by **Ephraim Moses Lilien**, best known for his iconic drawing of Theodore Herzl standing on the balcony in Basel at the first Zionist conference, were donated by **Rachel Dundi Sachs** of Montreal, Canada, in memory of her mother **Vita Weintraub**.

Prof. Noam (Norman) Stillman, Schusterman-Josey Professor and Chair of Judaic History at the University of Oklahoma, donated 15,000 volumes on the history of North Africa to the **Noam and Yedida Kalfon Stillman Collection** at the **Zalman Aranne Central Library**.

A permanent exhibition celebrating the achievements of 12 remarkable **women Nobel Prize laureates** was installed in **Staschower Plaza**.

New Collaborations

Israel Police and BGU launched the **Center for Computational Criminology**, a joint initiative to develop advanced cyber, big data and artificial intelligence tools to fight crime with the help of BGU’s leading cybersecurity experts.

Amdocs Israel and BGU launched the joint **Amdocs – Ben-Gurion University Research Laboratory** to cultivate cooperation in the areas of artificial intelligence, machine learning and cyber security.



← Artist **Phlyp Koshland** (left) installing her sculpture, “**Lateral Motion**,” with **Olek Muszynski**, of **Eighth Day Design**, in the lobby of the **Edgar de Picciotto Family NIBN Building**

University of Illinois President **Tim Killeen** signed a Memorandum of Understanding with BGU during a visit by an academic and trade delegation led by **Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner**.

The **Faculty of Health Sciences** and the unique residential rehabilitative facility for children, **Aleh Negev-Nahalat Eran**, signed an academic affiliation agreement opening the village for research and clinical training.

BGU and **Universität der Bundeswehr München** (The German Armed Forces University) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on future collaborations.

An MOU was signed with **Astana International Financial Center** from Kazakhstan.

The **Root of the Matter Knowledge Center**, established by the Ministry of Agriculture as part of the **Eugene Kandel Knowledge Centers**, is a multi-institution, interdisciplinary agro-tech project led by researchers at the **French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands** in Sede Boqer.

Dr. Zvi Citron of the Dept. of Physics is representing BGU in the **ATLAS collaboration** at the Large Hadron Collider at the **CERN international laboratory** in Geneva, Switzerland.



↑ “**Day and Night**,” by **Lev Syrkin**, was donated by **Nahum Guzik** and installed in the **Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering**

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker led a mission that signed an agreement for collaboration on water-related applied research between **Wisconsin’s Water Council** and the **Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research**.

BGU, the **University of Arizona** and **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México** signed a trilateral agreement to cooperate on research, innovation and entrepreneurship.

BGU NATION



A Passion for Research

Israel is known as a research powerhouse, celebrated for its countless achievements. Thanks to Ben-Gurion University's recognized leadership in a range of fields, it was chosen as the location of several key national research institutes and centers. These include the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev, the Ben-Gurion National Solar Energy Center, and the national CERT. Collaborative multidisciplinary work here and across the University is carried out with unique passion and dedication.

The Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism (BGRI) at BGU's Sede Boqer campus is home to the highest concentration of Israel Studies scholars in the world. Its interdisciplinary approach offers unique insights into both the nation's history and the dilemmas we face today. BGRI is also home to the Ben-Gurion Archives, the equivalent of a presidential library. The cornerstone for a state-of-the-art new home for the institute and the archives was recently laid, thanks to the generosity of Cyndi and Max Mintzberg.



↑ Scientists participating in the D-Mars inter-university simulated Mars habitat project in the Negev desert

The **BGU RADAR Center** and the **Toby Mower Curriculum for the Prevention and Treatment of Addiction**, in cooperation with the University of Colorado, the Colorado State Dept. of Public Health and Environment, and the Colorado Trust, held a symposium on "Health Implications of Marijuana Use: The Colorado Experience for Informed Decision-Making in Israel." The symposium was generously supported by **Drs. Morton and Toby Mower** of Colorado and Maryland.

BGU and **Northwestern University** signed an agreement to collaborate on water research. **Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel** participated in the signing at the opening of the WATEC 2017 conference in Tel Aviv.

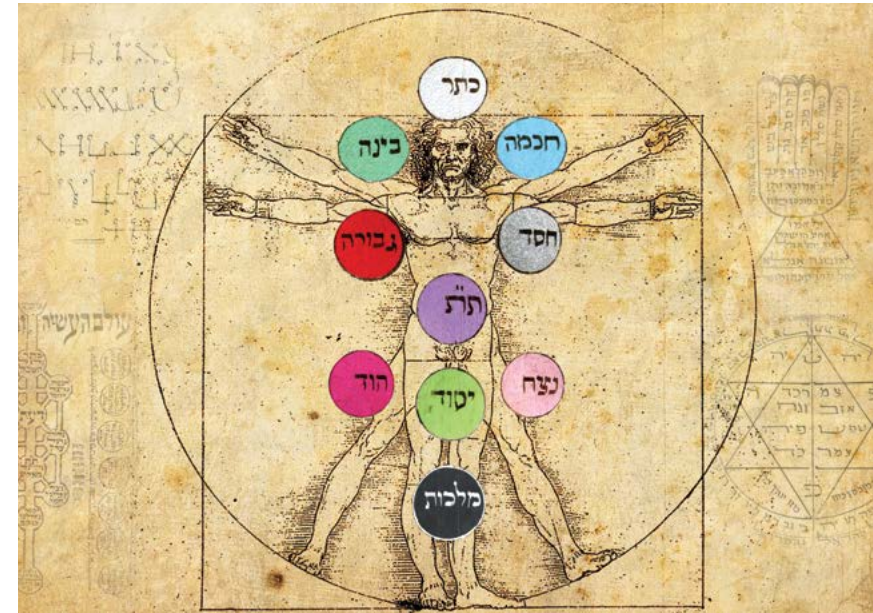
New Academic Programs and Research Activities

A new cutting edge **Quantum Technology Lab**, headed by **Prof. Ron Folman** (Ruth Flinkman-Marandy and Ben Marandy Chair in Quantum Physics and Nanotechnology), was dedicated.

The **Negev Autism Center**, a collaboration between scientists from BGU and clinicians from Soroka University Medical Center, established the Negev hospital-university-based (HUB) autism database, one of the most unique autism databases in the world.

The first facility in Israel that simulates a Mars habitat was constructed in February south of Mitzpe Ramon in the Negev desert. The **D-Mars project manager** is **Dr. Hillel Rubinstein**, a post-doctoral fellow at BGU.

New and Noteworthy



↑ BGU's online edX course on Kabbalah, led by Prof. Boaz Huss of the Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, is hugely popular around the world

The **Blankstein family** of Winnipeg, Canada, has provided major support for the **Research without Borders** cooperative project between St. Boniface Hospital and BGU.

Two **Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC)** funded by the Digital Israel Initiative were launched on the prestigious **edX platform**: "Environmental Protection and Sustainability," with 1,600 students from 134 countries; and "Introduction to Kabbalah," a surprise hit, with over 2,000 students from around the globe, from Brazil and Japan to Syria and Iran.

The **Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management** opened an intensive one-year **International MBA Program**.

A new **joint B.Sc. track in Mathematics and Physics** was launched.

The **School of Public Health** is being established in the **Faculty of Health Sciences**. Headed by **Prof. Nadav Davidovich**, the School will encompass the present departments of Public Health and Health Systems Management, as well as the Graduate Program in Emergency Medicine.

The **Department of Structural Engineering** inaugurated its **M.Sc. Program** in three tracks: structural engineering, construction management and soil and foundation engineering.

A new **M.Sc. Program in Ecology, Conservation and Management** in two study tracks (Evolutionary Ecology; and Nature Conservation and Management), was launched at the **Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies**.

"Developing Modernized Curricula on Immigrants' and Refugees' Lives," a three-year multinational and multidisciplinary DEMO research project led by **Prof. Julia Mirsky** of the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work, received a prestigious **EU Erasmus+ grant**.

A new course cluster on "Jews and Christians under Islam," headed by **Dr. Orit Vaknin-Yekutieli** (Dr. Sam and Edna Lemkin Career Development Chair in Middle East Studies) was launched.

BGU's **Eilat campus** is offering several new degree programs and courses, including an **M.A. program in Public Policy** and an **M.N. in Nursing**.

New and Noteworthy



↑ Participants in the joint Palestinian-Israeli course, "Middle East Ultrasonography for the Management of Shock"

Middle East Ultrasonography for the Management of Shock, a joint Palestinian-Israeli course organized by students at the **Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School** was held at Soroka University Medical Center.

The Helmholtz International Research School HI-SCORE is a new bi-national program for PhD students focusing on solar energy research at German and Israeli universities. The Israeli coordinator of the program is **Dr. Iris Visoly-Fisher** of the Alexandre Yersin Department of Solar Energy and Environmental Physics.

A joint **BGU-MIT** two-week intensive research program in Agricultural Microbiology, organized by **Prof. Itzhak Mizrahi** of the Dept. of Life Sciences and Otto Cordero at MIT was held at BGU.

New Academic Chairs

The **Michel Halpérin Chair in Global Law and Policy** was established in memory of the late Michel Halpérin of Switzerland.

Carole and Marcus Weinstein of Richmond, VA have made a commitment to inaugurate the **Rivka Carmi Chair for the Advancement of Women in Academia** in 2019.

New Scholarship Funds

The **Ariane de Rothschild Women's Scholarships**, established by the **Rothschild Caesaria Foundation** and matched by BGU, will provide scholarships to BGU women doctoral students to address the under-representation of women researchers.

Other Notable Bequests

The late **Esther Herlitz** of Tel Aviv bequeathed her estate to establish the **Herlitz Family Endowment Fund for Down Syndrome Research**. Herlitz, Israel's first female ambassador, a Knesset member and Israel Prize laureate, served as a BGU board member for 32 years.

Honors Bestowed by BGU

Cardinal Kurt J. Koch, President of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, and of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, received the **Ladislau Laszt Ecumenical and Social Concern Award**.

The inaugural **Shaul Ben-Simhon Prize for the Study of North African Jewry** was bestowed upon UCLA's **Prof. Aomar Boum**.



← Conferment Ceremony of Honorary Doctoral Degrees, the Ben-Gurion Negev Award and the President's Award, Ben-Gurion Day 2017

↙ Cardinal Kurt Koch of the Vatican was awarded the Ladislau Laszt Ecumenical and Social Concern Award



Ben-Gurion University of the Negev bestowed **honorary doctoral degrees** and the **Ben-Gurion Negev Award** on eight remarkable individuals on Ben-Gurion Day 2017: Beer-Sheva Mayor **Ruvik Danilovich**, jurisprudence scholar **Prof. Ruth Gavison**, computer scientist and Turing Award laureate **Prof. Shafi Goldwasser**, communication studies pioneer **Prof. Elihu Katz**, Israeli artist **Sigalit Landau**, pianist **Menahem Pressler**, and architect **Moshe Safdie**. **Prof. Amos Richmond** received the Ben-Gurion Negev Award. This year, the University also bestowed the **President's Award** for the first time. The inaugural recipients were **Eliezer Carmel** and **Devorah Tomer**, long-serving members of the Executive Committee.

Excellence Recognized

BGU was ranked first in sustainability among Israeli institutions and 151st from among over 600 universities worldwide, according to the **UI GreenMetric World University Ranking**.

The **Department of Hotel & Tourism Management** was ranked 42nd globally in the field of hospitality on the **Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects** for 2017.

The **Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management** was ranked 200th in the world in the field of management according to the **Shanghai Global Ranking of Academic Subjects** 2017.

Prof. Haviva Pedayah (Estelle S. Frankfurter Chair in Sephardic Studies) was awarded the prestigious **Gershom Scholem Prize** for the Study of Kabbalah.

The **Path to Knowledge Program** at the **Dept. of Community Action** received an award for excellence from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services.

Prof. (Emer.) Raphael Bar-El of the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management received an **honorary doctorate** from the **State University of Ceará** in Brazil.

BGU NATION



Harnessing the Desert to Benefit the World

The University's world-class desert research center in Sede Boqer is a true pioneering endeavor. At a time when global warming, desertification and competition over scarce resources pose unprecedented challenges for humanity, scientists at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR) help the State of Israel make the most of its desert regions. The Institutes serve as an R&D arena for solutions to living and surviving in resource-scarce environments that are being applied around the world. Over the past 50 years, the BIDR have become a global beacon for researchers working on solar energy; desert architecture; desert ecology; desert agriculture; desalination; microalgae cultivation; hydrology and much more.

Water for life

Water scarcity is one of the most pressing issues for the Middle East and the world at large, from Cape Town to London. BGU's efforts in this area were led by Prof. Sidney Loeb, pioneer developer of reverse osmosis, and by Israel Prize laureate Prof. Ora Kedem, who founded the Department of Desalination and Water Treatment at the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research in Sede Boqer. Their work on flexible membranes that could be applied in reverse osmosis has truly revolutionized the desalination industry and made it possible to scale-up on a massive scale. Today Israel is a global leader in desalination and more than 60% of its drinking water is produced through desalinating seawater. Scientists at Sede Boqer are following in their footsteps and continue to refine the technology to alleviate the growing global water scarcity, in partnership with leading researchers and institutions around the world.

New and Noteworthy

Prof. Itamar Grotto, deputy director of the Ministry of Health and member of the School of Public Health, was elected to the **Executive Board of the World Health Organization**.

Prof. Yitzhak Hen (Anne and Sam Lopin Chair in History) was appointed **Head of the Israel Institute for Advanced Studies** in Jerusalem.

Dr. Shlomi Codish, a graduate of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School and Medical Director for Clalit Health Services' Southern District, was appointed **Director General of Soroka University Medical Center**.

Dr. Sarah Abu-Kaf of the Conflict Management and Resolution Program won the **Israel Council for Higher Education Award** in the Category of Young Lecturers.

Prof. (Emer.) Dan Meyerstein of the Dept. of Chemistry was awarded the **Israel Chemical Society Prize** for Outstanding Scientist.

Prof. Igal Shohet of the Dept. of Structural Engineering was recognized by the **Israeli Association of Construction & Infrastructure Engineers** for his contribution to the profession.

Dr. Iris Tabak of the Dept. of Education was elected a **Life Fellow in the International Society of the Learning Sciences**.

Prof. Itshak Melzer, Head of the Recanati School for Community Health Professions, was awarded an honorary fellowship by the **Israel Physiotherapy Society**.

Prof. Aya Biderman (Benzion Sundel Hersch Chair in Community Health and Primary Care), Head of the Community Health Division was honored with a lifetime achievement award from the **Israel Association of Family Physicians**.

Prof. Yoram Yagil (Clara and Alexander Stransky Chair in Nephrology) received a lifetime achievement award from the **Israeli Society of Nephrology and Hypertension**.

Dr. Strul Moisa of the Dept. of Materials Engineering received an **honorary doctorate** from the **Technical University of Cluj-Napoca**, Romania in recognition of his definitive book "The Bible and Metallurgy."

Notable Grants

Dr. Miriam (Mira) Amiram (Elaine S. and Alvin W. Wene Career Development Chair in Biotechnology Engineering) was awarded an **ERC Starting Grant** to conduct research on "Engineering translation machinery to produce light-responsive protein-polymers."

Prof. Haim Permuter (Luck-Hille Chair in Electrical Engineering) received a prestigious award from the **DIP Excellence Program** for research titled "Fundamentals of cooperation in modern communication networks" in collaboration with Prof. Gerhard Kramer of the Technical University of Munich.



↑ BGU staff hosted visitors from Australia and New Zealand, here to commemorate the Centennial of ANZAC's famous WW1 Battle for Beer-Sheva

Prof. Maya Bar Sadan, together with **Dr. Idan Hod** from the Dept. of Chemistry, recieved a **Center of Excellence** grant from the **Israel Science Foundation** to create and lead a research hub on alternative fuels for transportation.

Dept. of Education researchers **Prof. Adam Lefstein**, **Prof. Guy Roth** and **Dr. Dana Vedder-Weiss**, with colleagues from the Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University, were awarded a **Center of Excellence** grant from the **Israel Science Foundation** to conduct an extensive study of educational discourse and its contribution to learning and development.

Prof. Alon Friedman (Dr. Helena Rachmanska-Putzman Chair in Neurology) received a Multiplier Grant Award for his joint research project, "Mechanisms Underlying Brain Injury Outcomes" from the binational foundation **US-Israel BSF** and the **Gilbert Foundation**.

Prof. Raz Jelinek (Carole and Barry Kaye Chair in Applied Science) from the Dept. of Chemistry won two **EU Horizon 2020** grants: a **Horizon 2020 FET-Open – Novel Ideas** for Radically New Technologies, and the second as a member of an ICT consortium on "Secure societies: Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens."

Prof. Eytan Grosfeld from the Dept. of Physics was awarded a **Horizon 2020 FET-Open** grant to study topological insulators and topological quantum computation. Grosfeld is also part of a European project within QUANTERA, the **Cofund Initiative in Quantum Technologies**, funded by the Israel Innovation Authority.

Prof. Shmuel Odes and colleagues from the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work and Soroka University Medical Center received a grant from the **Helmsley Charitable Trust** to conduct a randomized interventional study of Mindfulness-based stress reduction in patients with Crohn's Disease.

New and Noteworthy



↑ BGU Racing held a gathering for sponsors and alumni, which included a demonstration by professional racecar driver Alon Day

Dr. Hadar Ben-Yoav of the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering was awarded a **NARSAD 2017 Young Investigator Grant** to support the development of tests for levels of the drug Clozapine in the blood.

Prof. Yigal Meir of the Dept. of Physics, in collaboration with Prof. Ned Wingreen from Princeton University, was awarded a prestigious **US National Institutes of Health** research grant for the study of cell interactions and the development of bacterial communities.

Dr. Michael Gilead, head of the Social Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory, was awarded a 2017 **Joy Academic grant** from Joy Ventures to research and develop an empathy-based emotion regulation mechanism for stress relief.

Prof. Raz Zarivach from the Dept. of Life Sciences was awarded an **Alexander von Humboldt** research fellowship.

Dr. Deborah Toiber (Zehava and Chezy Vered Career Development Chair in Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases) of the Dept. of Life Sciences, received a large grant from the **David and Inez Myers Foundation** for research on Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Danny Cohen Zada of the Dept. of Economics is BGU's first researcher to receive a grant from the **Spencer Foundation** for research on "The Life Cycle Effects of School Entrance Age on Educational and Economic Outcomes."

Student Achievements

Assaf Natanzon, a PhD student in the Dept. of Computer Science and VP at Dell-EMC, is the first Israeli on the Wikipedia list of **most prolific inventors** ever, with 202 patents registered to his name.

Yaakov Kleeorin, a PhD student in the Dept. of Physics, was awarded the **Israel Physical Society Racach Prize** for best PhD student in theoretical physics.

Three GBU doctoral students – **Yael Shmaryahu-Yeshurun**, from the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, Shai Tagner of the Ben-Gurion Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, and Yair Yassan of the Dept. of Politics and Government – were among of 10 recipients of the prestigious national **President's Scholarship**.

The **BGU Debate Club** team took first place and the Outstanding Speaker Award in the Big Brother competition. The Club's spokeswoman won the BGU OPEN competition. At the European Championship, two speakers reached the quarterfinals in the ESL category.



↑ (l-r) Profs. Lior Rokach, Bracha Shapira and Yuval Elovici at the World Economic Forum in Davos
Photo: Sandra Blaser/World Economic Forum

↗ The W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall transformed into a venue for TEDx BGU

A BGU student team placed third out of 13 and won the prize for the most sustainable solution in Concordia University's annual **Engineering and Commerce Case Competition**. Their participation was made possible by the support of the Montreal chapter of the **Canadian Associates of BGU**.

Leading Entrepreneurship and Innovation

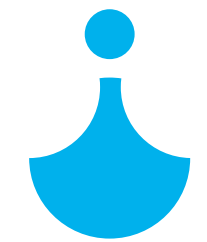
A study by **Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs** selected the cyber "cluster" surrounding BGU as one of three successful global case studies of **"Cybersecurity as an Engine for Growth."**

Venµs, a micro-satellite weighing 586 pounds (265 kilograms), jointly designed by the Israel Space Agency, BGU and the French Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales for the purpose of monitoring climate change, was successfully launched on August 2, 2017.

BGU's top cybersecurity researchers, **Profs. Yuval Elovici** (Davide and Irene Sala Chair in Homeland Security Research), **Bracha Shapira** (Carole Weinstein Chair in Information Systems Engineering) and **Lior Rokach**, addressed the impact of artificial intelligence at the **World Economic Forum** in Davos in January. The session, titled "Cyber-Forensics with Ben-Gurion University of the Negev," was part of the "IdeasLab" forum.

Fascinating **TEDx** talks about issues at the heart of modern civilization were given by President Prof. Rivka Carmi and five other speakers at the recent **TEDx BGU**.

BGU NATION



Defending the Nation

Educating the Nation's Pilots

Israel's Air Force pilots are the very cream of the crop of the IDF, and as such they deserve the best. For each and every military pilot, flight school includes studies for a Bachelor's degree from Ben-Gurion University, in a specially tailored program run at the Marcus Family Campus and the Hazerim Air Force base.

BGU and the IDF: The Future of the Nation

We are stepping up our preparations for the IDF's move to the south. As additional intelligence and technology units complete their relocation, the University is working with the IDF to design academic programs for these elite soldiers who are the nation's future.



↑ Participants in NexTech Beer-Sheva, an event on "future technologies"

Israel's first **Innovation Lab for Healthy Aging**, focused on the challenges facing today's senior citizens, was launched by the **Center for Digital Innovation**, in collaboration with BGU, the National Insurance Institute of Israel, the Beer-Sheva Municipality, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and Amal & Beyond Group.

BGN Technologies spun out a company, **BGR**, dedicated to commercializing **HydroCamel II**, the 2.35-meter-long autonomous underwater vehicle developed in **Prof. Hugo Guterman's** Laboratory for Autonomous Robotics.

HC Vision, a start-up company launched by BGN Technologies based on research in hyperspectral imaging by **Prof. Ohad Ben-Shahar** of the Dept. of Computer Science, and doctoral students **Boaz Arad** and **Omer Shwartz**, won third place in the SilicoNegev competition and was accepted to the prestigious **Garage+ accelerator** program. It was also selected as a "**Top 10 Innovation 2018**" award recipient from inVision magazine. **Boaz Arad** was also awarded the European Machine Vision Association's **Young Professional Award**.

BalanceTutor, a revolutionary physiotherapy device developed by **Prof. Itshak Melzer**, head of the Recanati School for Community Health Professions, and **Prof. Amir Shapiro** of the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, is being used to help players on Spain's **Real Sociedad soccer team** improve their balance and dexterity.

New and Noteworthy

BGU, CYMOTIVE Technologies, Deutsche Telekom Innovation Laboratories at BGU, JVP, and a unit of **Samsung Electronics**, **HARMAN International**, are opening a **Smart Mobility Analysis and Research Test Range** for autonomous vehicles in Beer-Sheva.

BGU's **Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation** in the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management launched its new open **Challenge** innovation platform. The inaugural challenge featured a collaboration with **Mercedes-Benz R&D Tel Aviv** to find the "Next 100 Million." The next Challenge will be a collaboration with Intel.

The **Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation** and the **Faculty of Engineering Sciences** launched a multidisciplinary entrepreneurship competition called **Smart Technologies: Innovation for Better Life**.

A group of women students from BGU won the 2017 **Google-BGU competition** "Students Think Innovation 3.0" focusing on innovation in the public sector.

The **CyberSpark Industry Initiative** was one of three co-founders of an umbrella organization, **GLOBAL EPIC** – Global Ecosystem of Ecosystems Partnerships in Innovation and Cyber Security, encompassing 14 global ecosystems.



BGU was the academic partner of the **Cybertech 2018** convention held in Tel Aviv in January (and in international locations such as Tokyo, Singapore and Los Angeles). Many companies from Beer-Sheva's cyber ecosystem were represented.

TheMarker, Israel's leading economic magazine, held its influential annual social-economic conference on the Marcus Family Campus, in collaboration with BGU.

Cutting edge technologies and developments were presented at **NexTech Beer-Sheva**, a convention focusing on "future technologies" organized jointly by BGU and IsraelDefense.

↑ Prof. Dan Blumberg, Vice President and Dean for R&D speaks at NexTech Beer-Sheva in October

From BGU to the World

Be Different.
Be You. BGU.

↑ International students (l-r) Dennison Kiziton (Uganda), Li Xuguang and Xia Jiawei (China), at the inauguration party of the new international dorms



“Be Different. Be You. BGU.” is the new slogan used by the BGU Office of International Academic Affairs (OIAA) in its first ever international digital campaign focusing on recruitment abroad and branding of the University as an outstanding academic institution.

Over 800 international students are studying at BGU this year: approximately 500 in full advanced degree programs and 300 in short non-degree programs.

Nationally, 2017 marked a new era in internationalization of higher education, with the Council for Higher Education (CHE) announcing a six-year plan for promoting internationalization globally and at home.

“This focus is a game changer,” says Prof. Limor Aharonson-Daniel, Vice Rector for International Academic Affairs, who sees internationalization as an important goal. BGU’s strategic plan, approved and praised by the CHE, focuses on increasing courses and programs available in English and on staff and student exchanges with partners abroad.

New international dorms were inaugurated within the Eric F. and Lore Ross Student Village to accommodate a mix of international and Israeli students.

Although worldwide there is an exponential rise in student mobility, less than one percent of BGU students studied abroad for a semester or year as part of their degree. To enhance this opportunity, a “spotlight on student exchange” event was held in collaboration with the Student Union, leading to a significant increase in applications for next year.



↑ Roommates Lisa Beckmann and Anastasia Demydenko at the international dorms
Photo: Hadar Kfir

“While with Europe we have the EU framework of Erasmus+, which funds mobility of students and staff, exchange with North America remains one of our challenges,” says Dr. Stavi Baram, Director of OIAA.

“This issue is of particular importance for the future bond between Jewish communities abroad and Israel and it’s definitely something we ought to work on,” says Prof. Aharonson-Daniel. “Our mission is to find new partners, strengthen existing ties, build collaborations and bring the world together in the BGU spirit.”

International friends

Lisa Beckmann from Germany and Anastasia Demydenko from Israel have been roommates at the new international dorms, as well as fast friends, for the last five months. Each apartment is shared by international and Israeli students, creating a unique homey atmosphere in the building. Doors are often left wide open, and there is always someone to hang out with. Anastasia, who is studying political science, communications and European studies: “I love the international feeling you get when hearing English and Hebrew spoken with many different accents in the corridors.”

Lisa, who is doing a research internship at the Cognitive Neuropsychology Lab through the Erasmus+ program, says: “The international dorms have made the experience of getting to know the city and the people much smoother. The help from an Israeli roommate is priceless, from small things like figuring out the supermarket to understanding Israeli culture.” Both say that even with the cultural differences, they found mutual ground on everything, including the holiday season, when they celebrated Christmas and Chanukah together! Realizing they share the same passions and the same life goals made it easy for them to connect.





Alumni Community

Over 130,000 alumni act as Ben-Gurion University's local and global ambassadors, contributing to society and their local communities according to the University's long-standing tradition. They play an important part in developing and strengthening BGU's ties with industry while assisting current students through the Mentorship Program and other avenues. Much of this takes place under the auspices of the Alumni Organization, which is increasing its role in maintaining relationships between the University, its various units and its graduates.

The Alumni Organization is in regular contact with over 45,000 alumni through a monthly newsletter, and maintains a growing database of graduates and their current positions and accomplishments. So far, over 10,000 BGU alumni club benefit cards have been issued.

BGU annually presents the Alumni Recognition Awards to prominent alumni who have made exceptional contributions to society, the economy, culture and science both in Israel and abroad. The recipients for 2018 are:

Avi Blasberger, graduate of the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering. Director of the Israel Space Agency, Ministry of Science and Technology.

Eli Ben-Aharon, graduate of the Dept. of Electrical Engineering. Technology entrepreneur and developer. Currently VP of Business Development, RoboTiCan Modular Robotics Systems in Beer-Sheva.

Prof. Dina Ben-Yehuda, graduate of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School's first class. Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Director of the Division of Hematology, Hadassah University Medical Center.

Dr. Debby Hershman, graduate of the Dept. of Archaeology. Chief Curator and Deputy Director of the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv.



↑ L-R: Eli Ben-Aharon, Prof. Dina Ben-Yehuda, Prof. Rivka Carmi, Col. Dr. Avi Yitzhak, Avi Blasberger, Dr. Debby Hershman, and Wafa Ibn Beri

← Comedy group Shlufta, composed of BGU Alumni, perform regularly around Beer-Sheva and beyond

Wafa Ibn Beri, graduate of the Departments of Conflict Management and Resolution and Health Systems Management. Former Director of the AJEEC-NISPED Arab-Jewish 'volunteers' tent' and currently director of government policy at the Authority for Economic Development of Minorities in the Ministry for Social Equality.

Col. Dr. Avi Yitzhak, graduate of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School and the Dept. of Health Systems Management. Chief Medical Officer, IDF Southern Command.

BGU NATION

The Beer-Sheva Spirit: Treating People Rather than Diseases

Ben-Gurion University's Medical School opened its doors right after the Yom Kippur War in 1973. Its founders believed that doctors should be trained to treat people rather than diseases and this became its guiding principle – the “Beer-Sheva Spirit.” Today, 45 years later, the idea that the School should be actively involved in efforts to improve health care for the communities around us continues to guide the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School and the Faculty of Health Sciences. The School is highly regarded both in Israel and abroad, and is famous for producing community-oriented physicians who view patients holistically. Many of the School's innovative methods have since become standard practice at medical schools across the country and around the world.



Campus Life

The Support Center for Students with Special Needs continues to expand its services

Dean of Students

The implementation of the Equal Rights Law for People with Disabilities in higher education institutions in Israel has required focused efforts by the University. Additional actions will be necessary during the current year as well.

In the 2016-2017 academic year, 926 students from a total of 1,775 applicants received scholarships on the basis of socio-economic need. Voluntary community service was performed by 859 students for a total of 41,192 hours in exchange for their scholarships.

The number of students with disabilities seeking assistance from the Support Center for Students with Special Needs has increased significantly and the Center continues to expand its services. An Accessibility Day was held in collaboration with the Student Union and the Make the Campus Accessible student group. A number of courses in Sign Language were held. The need to make psychological

services accessible for students studying and living at the Sede Boqer campus has led to the establishment of an English language therapy service in June.

A pilot program was launched to make higher education more accessible to students of Ethiopian descent. Its aim is to assist in the future placement of middle school and high school students in higher education by having Ethiopian students tutoring them.

Approximately 1,500 Arab students are enrolled at BGU, 40% of whom are Bedouin. A meeting was held with more than 40 high school principals and supervisors from the Bedouin sector to introduce the various programs at the University. As part of making BGU more accessible to Arab students, a Facebook page in Arabic was launched and additional pages on the University website were translated into Arabic, Arabic keyboards were installed in classrooms, and more. The Robert H. Arnow Student Center for Bedouin Women continues to grow and evolve according to emerging needs.

Thirty BGU students participate in "Language as a Bridge," a new program for building dialogue in which Arab students lead discussions in spoken Arabic in a Jewish high school in Beer-Sheva, while Jewish students lead discussions in spoken Hebrew in the Bedouin settlement of Um Batin.

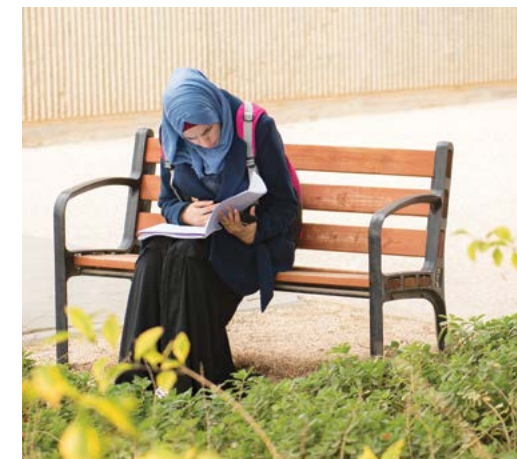
The "Start" program, which aims to support students during their first year of academic study, has been expanded to eight departments with the participation of 582 students.



↑ Opening of the academic year

→ A quiet corner on campus

← A Torah scroll donated by Jane Gural Senders was brought to the campus synagogue



"Achievements for Hi-Tech" is a national program implemented at BGU, providing youth from weaker socio-economic groups who lack the grades for academic admission with the opportunity to enroll in engineering and exact sciences undergraduate programs. In 2017-2018, 100 students were accepted compared to 41 the previous year.

Nearly 500 students have found employment in the Negev with the help of the Center for Career Development in cooperation with the Ronald S. Lauder Employment Center. Thirty-eight career workshops attended by over 550 students took place in the various faculties. A career workshop specifically for Arab students was also held. The annual employment fair was attended by 90 companies from

a wide range of disciplines. Before the fair, we held five intensive days of Speed CV workshops where students received assistance in writing resumes.

The program "Talking Careers" was launched in collaboration with the Student Union, to help students learn about and plan for the future employment world. Likewise, we opened a Business Club in conjunction with Kav Mashve, for students in hi-tech and biotech professions. Career days were held in cooperation with the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management (Forum 20-80) and in the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work.

The campus synagogue received a new Torah scroll, donated by Jane Gural Senders.

Student Union

The Student Union, together with the University, sent the first independent delegation to Poland in the footsteps of Holocaust stories. The Student Union considers this its responsibility in this generation, when the last survivors are still alive, so that the stories may continue to be told and the horrors not forgotten.



Campus Life

The Division of Computing and Information Systems has launched a re-designed University website

The Student Union organized the BGU Hackathon: programmers, technology people, and product and content managers assembled for 24 hours to work intensively on technological projects.

This year, the Student Union's traditional Student Fest celebrating the opening of the academic year was entirely relayed in sign language, so as to raise awareness to its importance – and of course, so that everyone could enjoy it together!

The Student Union always strives to do better. This year, the non-profit Midot bestowed the Midot Seal of Effectiveness on the Student Union in recognition of its diverse achievements. We are especially proud as this is the first time a student organization has won this award.

Zalman Aranne Central Library

In 2017 the library was further consolidated as a cultural and learning center. The reference desk area on the ground floor was transformed into a study hall with desks and computers, and group study areas were added on other floors.

↑ Students dress up as iconic campus buildings for Purim

As part of organizational changes, the medical library now falls under the auspices of the central library. This merger enables consolidation and improvement of services and work procedures in purchasing books, journals and databases, cataloging and computerization.

Computing

The Division of Computing and Information Systems has launched a re-designed University website. The site is responsive, supports different mobile devices, and meets the standards set by Israeli accessibility laws. The implementation of a virtual store that enables the online sale of University services (such as conferences, courses and more) using credit cards has proven successful.

The development of a secure system for submitting examination questionnaires to the examinations unit has been completed and the system is now fully operational, following a successful pilot in the summer semester of 2017.

A pilot was begun integrating hackathons into the curriculum of three courses. The goal is to increase student participation in lecture classes.

→ Yoga class in Niusia and Aron Chilewich Square

↓ Students play with a puppy from the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind in Deichmann Plaza



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Green Campus

The University is investing heavily from its own budget and from funds awarded by the Council for Higher Education in projects for conserving resources and reducing consumption. BGU was most recently ranked 151st in the world and highest in Israel by the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking.

Green Campus launched the Green Trail, with eleven stations covering a wide range of projects and issues in which BGU faculty, staff and students are involved. These include green and environmental infrastructure, such as bicycles and alternative energy, nature on campus and community outreach.



Green Campus, in collaboration with the Sustainable Development for the Negev association, recognized organizations working for the environment in the areas of education, conservation and energy consumption at the Negev Awards ceremony held in November 2017.

Green Campus awards prizes and fellowships to researchers and students at all levels. These include a prize co-sponsored by Ormat Technologies for outstanding graduate research; awards for undergraduate final projects; and a nationwide competition for high school final projects in the field of environment and sustainability. First prize is a scholarship for the first year of studies at Ben-Gurion University.

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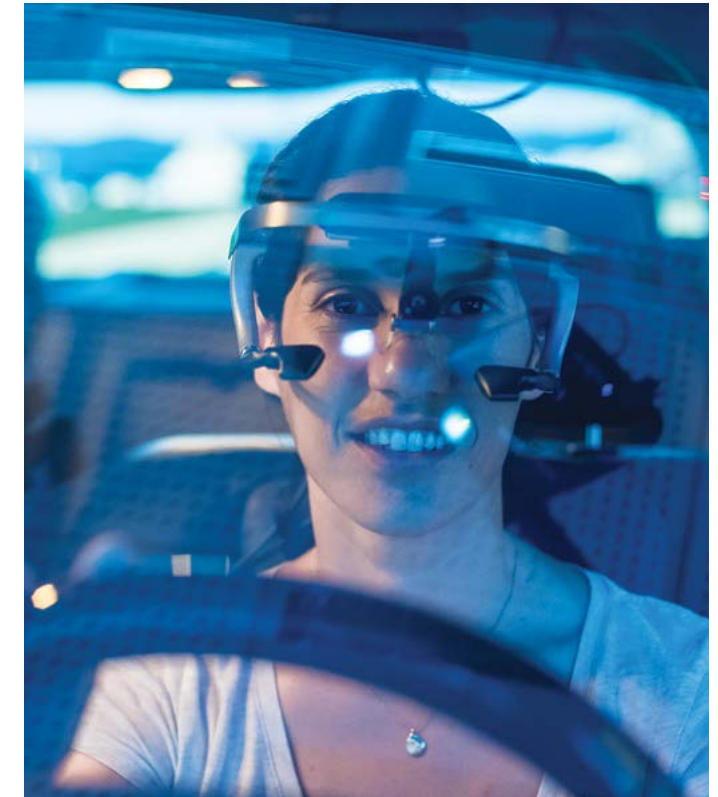
Cultivating Israeli Society



Inspiring the Community

The BGU community views itself as an integral part of society's fabric in the Negev and Israel as a whole and as such, we are deeply invested in the University's mandate to lead the south forward. Our unique commitment to the citizens of Beer-Sheva and the Negev led to the establishment of the Community Action Department by Huguette Elhadad in 1977. The University has since become world-famous for innovative community outreach programs – such as the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program – that have transformed the lives of countless children and adults and have been replicated around the world. The Department motto says it all: "Society is worth more with you."

BGU continues to develop new programs aimed at expanding access to higher education and fostering the leaders of tomorrow. Just in the past two years, we inaugurated the new Jusidman Science Center for Youth and the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Institute for Social Leadership – two unique initiatives dedicated to nurturing and enriching Israeli society.



Advancing Women in Academia

Prof. Miriam Cohen, a theoretical mathematician, was elected Dean of BGU's Faculty of Natural Sciences in 1998 – the first woman to hold that position in Israel. Prof. Rivka Carmi, a geneticist, became Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences in 2000. She was elected President of the University in 2006, the first woman in Israel to head a research university. Under Carmi's leadership, the University has expanded its efforts to recruit women researchers and create an academic environment that enables them to thrive, encouraging women to study the sciences, and bringing increasing numbers of women from under-represented segments of Israeli society to campus as a path to empowerment.

↑ BGU student Shir Atsmon Livni is tested at the Driving Simulator of the Human Performance Evaluation Lab, Dept. of Industrial Engineering and Management

← Bar Simovich of the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program plays frisbee with Liad Palas, a neighborhood girl

Community Outreach

BGU joined “Israeli Hope in Academia,” a broad social initiative launched by the President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin

↓ Israeli President Reuven Rivlin with Dr. Sarah Abu-Kaf and Dr. Tehila Kalagy of the Conflict Management and Resolution Program



Israeli Hope in Academia
Ben-Gurion University joined “Israeli Hope in Academia,” a broad social initiative launched by the President of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, to increase diversity and mutual understanding within Israeli society. BGU’s mandate includes social responsibility and outreach, so it was only natural that we would become a major partner in this important venture.

“We will be unable to preserve the State of Israel’s prosperity, to protect it, to compete in world markets, if its future generations – you – do not know how to study together, work together and lead together,” President Rivlin declared



on the first day of classes. “I know that the University’s administration, faculty and student union are committed to strengthening the campus and advancing cooperation between the varied populations that meet here,” he added. “Now commitment must become action.”

A committee, representing a broad range of groups on campus, was formed to promote and implement the program through an institution-wide work plan. The goal is to make the campus a welcoming place that facilitates encounters and connections; to provide a more diverse work and study environment; to increase the number of students from under-represented population groups; and to improve care of all students, so as to ensure their optimal integration into academia and later, into the world of employment and Israeli society in general.

University initiatives as part of “Israeli Hope” include an annual prize to be awarded to an organization or individual promoting its goals; research funding; training for BGU staff and faculty at the Rothschild Cube; activities to bridge Arabic-Hebrew language barriers; and a “Socio-novation non-conference.”

Community Action Department

Every year around 400 talented and highly motivated students participate in the Department’s activities, contributing their skills, time and energies to various populations in need.

The Windows onto Campus Dreams program completed its second cycle. In this program, the first of its kind in the country, prison inmates get a taste of academic life on campus. Once a week for nearly four months, 15 prisoners studied subjects such as introduction to medicine, philosophy, geography and robotics. The program had such a dramatic effect on the participants, that the Israel Prison Service Commissioner presented it at a conference of the International Corrections and Prisons Association.

Another program that was publicly recognized this year was the Path of Knowledge (Bishvil HaDa’at), which received the Ray of Light Prize 2017 from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Services, awarded to an outstanding project for people with disabilities. The program offers general education courses at the University to adults with special needs (autism and other cognitive disabilities). This year, 39 participants studied geography, medicine, economics and management.



The Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program (OAP), which fosters communal responsibility in Beer-Sheva’s older neighborhoods, is well-known beyond Israel’s borders. Under the auspices of this unique program, which is now celebrating its 40th anniversary, some 70 free enrichment courses per year (including cooking, dancing and chess) are offered to residents of the neighborhoods; about 70 families are adopted by participants; and numerous other events take place annually, including a Purim party, a massive Passover house painting drive (reaching around 100 homes of the elderly and the disabled) and summer activities for children. The OAP also operates a community theater led by social activist and artist Zamira Ron.

↗ BGU students and staff pitch in at the annual Passover house painting drive

↑ Graduates of the Windows onto Campus Dreams program bringing prison inmates to study on campus
Photo: Superintendent Tova Biton Galilov, Israel Prison Service

Community Outreach

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This year, collaborating with residents in administering the program was emphasized: For example, in Talmud Street, students and residents established a neighborhood committee that lobbied the municipality for the construction of a playground and the placement of security cameras.

The Rothschild Cube – Center for Effective Social Action operates a unique world-class social simulator as a joint initiative of the Rothschild Caesarea Foundation and BGU, providing training through simulations in the values, skills and tools essential for social activists. In the short time since the Cube was launched (around three years ago), more than 10,000 people have participated in its programs. An important project this year is training in cultural competency: Israeli Police are being trained to work with different communities – Bedouins, Ethiopians, Haredim, the LGBT community and refugees.

The Rothschild Cube was also chosen to serve as an incubator for volunteer-based projects under the auspices of a national volunteering initiative: The Welfare Accelerator is entering its second year of activities and half of its projects have already been launched. These include financial education for youth, healthy nutrition education in the Haredi sector and mentoring graduates of welfare boarding schools who have no family support.



Perach

Perach is creating a new study program for coordinators, based on principles of advanced learning in organizations so as to improve coordinator performance and the quality of mentoring, and to increase mentors' identification with Perach. Dozens of new study units were created and virtual learning tools were introduced to encourage self-study.

Following the results of a survey of the long-term effects of student participation in scholarship programs that combine social activity, we decided to change the training format for Perach mentors and coordinators to monthly workshops. Instruction will integrate mentoring issues and reflective thinking and will link personal experience to a broader community and social context.



The Jusidman Science Center for Youth

The Jusidman Science Center for Youth moved into its new state-of-the-art building last year, and the staff, led by Dr. Tsiona Elkayam Cohen, is busy expanding BGU's youth-related activities in the sciences. According to the Center's educational philosophy, quality science education encourages youth to pursue the sciences later in life, tie their future to

← Mish Mash, the Jusidman Science Center for Youth robotics team, represented Israel at the FIRST Global Challenge
Photo: Lior Ben Zaken



academic studies at the University and to become role models in their community.

↑ A Perach volunteer helps pupils get ready for Purim

The BGU Jusidman Science Center for Youth robotics team, Mish Mash, represented Israel in the inaugural FIRST Global Challenge robotics competition held in Washington, D.C. The group placed an impressive fourth out of 162 teams. The team recently won the National Championship again and will be representing Israel in the next FIRST Championships in Houston, TX.

← Over 10,000 participants have already passed through the Rothschild Cube – Center for Effective Social Action



↑ A young participant in Asran's Teddy Bear Hospital project

The Eilat campus has embarked on a string of initiatives to engage and empower the town of Eilat

The Odyssey Program is now in its fifth year at the Jusidman Center. More than 100 teenagers aged 15-18 come to BGU every week to study the same science courses as regular students. In September, the Jusidman Center sent its first Odyssey science delegation to CERN in Geneva.

The Mechanical Engineering Meitar Program is one of the most prestigious programs in the Negev. Fifty participants aged 16-18, selected from the nation-wide 'Pre-Atidim' Science & Technology Excellence Program, attended weekly academic classes with senior researchers from the Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, and are working on team research projects.

Eilat

The Eilat campus has embarked on a string of initiatives to engage and empower the town of Eilat, leveraging its students and staff as 'human accelerators.' The initiatives span a range of areas, from an ocean-based hi-tech entrepreneurship initiative, to new degree programs and courses aimed at making education more relevant and accessible to residents, all the way to a new waiting room for taxi drivers.

Students from the Eilat campus have devised an accreditation system for local bars and clubs that are harassment free.

Student Initiatives

PhD students from the Dept. of Geological and Environmental Sciences hosted and guided pupils from "Nirim" Youth Village, a boarding school for at-risk youth, with carrying out the research component of their matriculation exams in geology.

The Teddy Bear Hospital project, designed to alleviate children's anxieties about medical care and hospitalization, is in its 17th year. In this unique collaboration between Asran (The Medical and Health Sciences Students' Association of the Negev) and Soroka University Medical Center, over 500 preschoolers annually learn about a variety of tests and procedures patients undergo in hospitals from Asran volunteers who examine the children's "sick" teddy bears.

Asran's Shahr – Medical Sciences Program for Youth continues to expand. With the addition of first aid workshops and hands-on surgery experience, the program is now run in collaboration with the De Vinci program at the Jusidman Science Center for Youth and encompasses 17 groups of students per semester. Following a pilot run in a special education framework, the program is being launched throughout Beer-Sheva's special education system.

SB Campus Radio, the Sede Boqer internet radio station, launched a new broadcast season with 12 new DJs and a new professional studio at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

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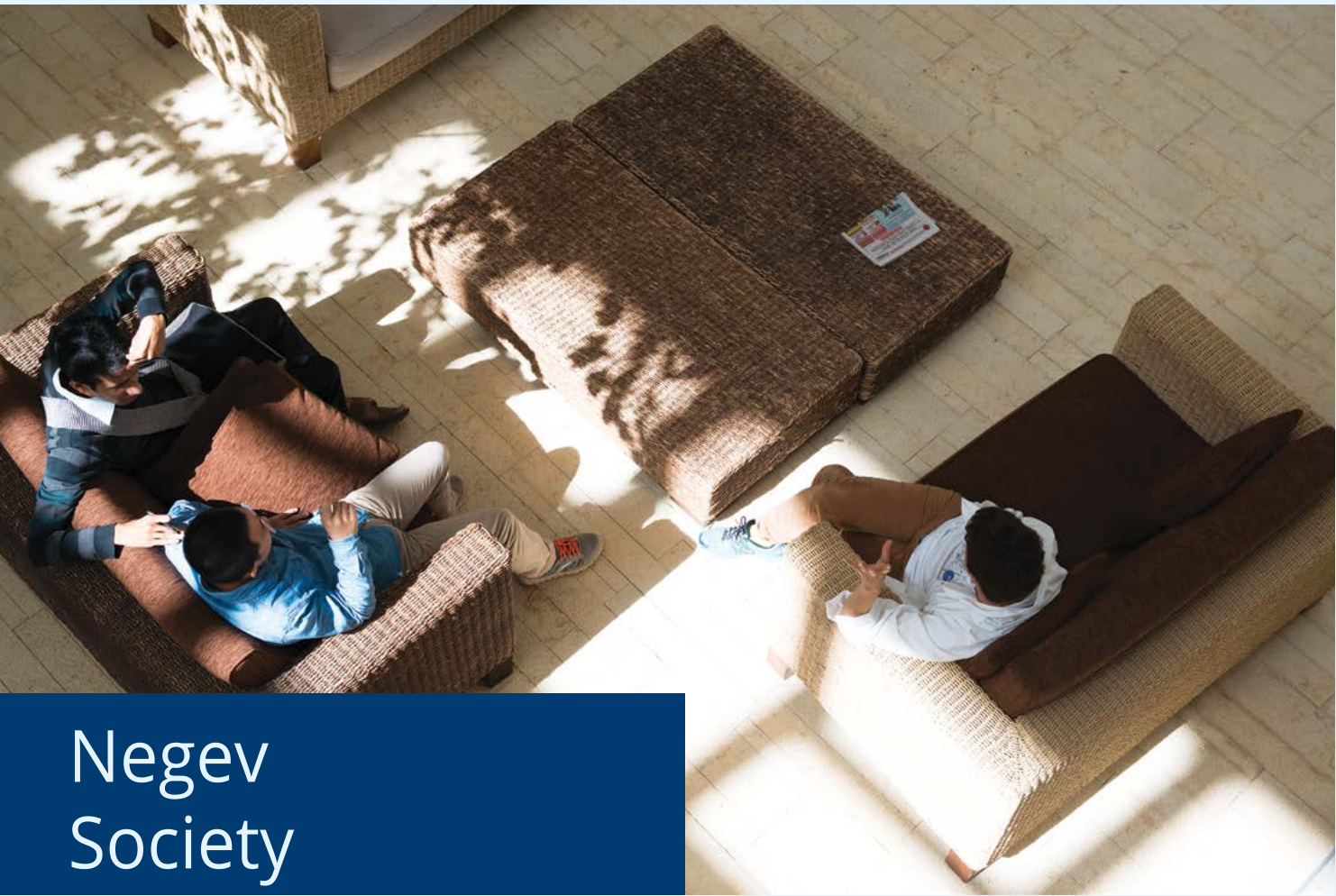
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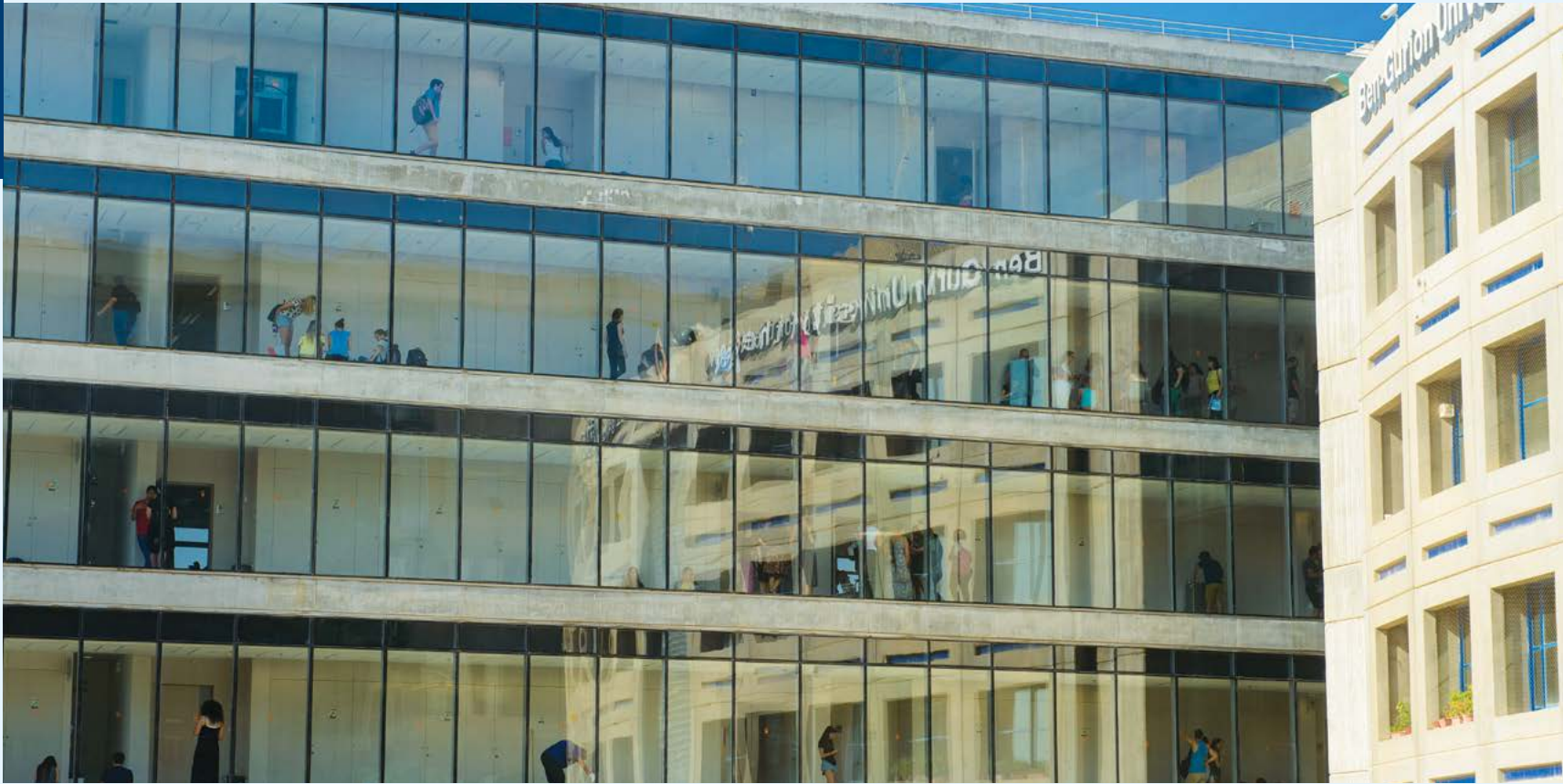
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David Bergmann Campus
David Tuviyahu Campus

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American Associates Village at Sede Boqer
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Zlotowski Dormitory Complex

Buildings

Alon Building for Hi-Tech
Joan W. and Robert H. Arnow Building – AA Village
Jacqueline Ann Ayrton Sports Hall
Samuel and Milada Ayrton University Center
Frances C. Herbolsheimer Building – AA Village
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Boyko Research Building
Caroline House – Health Sciences Student Center
Gershon Cherni Classroom and Cultural Complex
Sir John and Lady Cohen Building
Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Building
Deichmann Building for Community Action
Deichmann Building for Mathematics
Ruth and Heinz-Horst Deichmann Building for Health Professions
Ruth and Heinz-Horst Deichmann Classroom and Computer Lab Building
Ruth and Heinz-Horst Deichmann Sciences Building
Helen Diller Family Center
Pedro Dondisch Building for the Ben-Gurion Heritage Institute and Research Center
Raquel Dondisch Education Building

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Cancer Care Project
Ariel Elia Medical Building
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Beit Fanny – WIZO Day Care Center BGU
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Henwood-Oshry Life Sciences Teaching Laboratories Building
Jusidman Science Center for Youth
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Kreitman-Zlotowski Classroom Building
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Minkoff Family Senate Court
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall
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for the Study of Israel & Zionism Building
Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex
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Henry and Anita Weiss Family Building for Advanced
Research
Edith & Robert Zinn and Nan Zinn Haar Building – AA Village
Zlotowski Building
Zlotowski Classroom Complex
Zlotowski Student Administration Building
Zlotowski Student Center

Facilities

Stanley and Jeanne Abensur Molecular and Cell Biology
Teaching Laboratory
Abrahams-Curiel Auditorium
Adelis Garden
Robert H. Arnov Student Center for Bedouin Women
Samuel Ayrton Sports Pavilion
Avraham Baron Art Gallery
Benhamou Incubation Center
Benhamou Technology Hall
Berelson Field
Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet Lecture Halls Wing
Simon Bond Physiology Wing
Jim Breslauer Pavilion
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Frances Brody Laboratory
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Shirley and William R. Fleischer Foundation New Fruit
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Research and Education
Greenpark International Greenhouse
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Helmsley Charitable Trust Robotics Room
Sharon Houminer Garden
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Lewar Cardiology Research Laboratory
Dr. Gabriele and Eng. Max Lichtenberg Floor
Regina and Simon Liebermann Dorm Entrance
David Lopatie General Reference Section of the Central Library
Mexico Bridge
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Archeological Gallery
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Ronald and Annette Oelbaum Laboratory in Life Sciences
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Sciences Auditorium
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Physiology of Plants
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