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founded with a strong social mission and home to a diverse faculty and student population, fosters a distinctive culture of coexistence and tolerance. Here, Jews, Muslims, Christians, Druze, IDF officers and security personnel come together to study, research and learn. From the University’s unique locations – on the mountain, in the city and by the sea – we are forging innovative approaches to tackling pressing global issues, like climate change, inequality, aging and the future of humans and technology.

SHARED GOALS:
- Investing in research and teaching for a more sustainable future
- Thinking locally, acting globally with a commitment to enhancing wellbeing on the planet
- Expanding academic opportunities for all and building a new Israeli middle class
- Cultivating a diverse and inclusive student body and serving as a model of tolerance and coexistence in Israel and the entire region.
University of Haifa was established with a founding mission of combining academic excellence with social responsibility – ensuring that students from the full spectrum of Israeli society have access to higher education. Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, the University is a highly respected institution with a reputation for pioneering research, outstanding faculty, and a commitment to diversity, equality, and inclusion. On behalf of the members of the Board of Governors, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our leadership, academic and administrative staff and supporters. Through our collective efforts, we will continue to build and innovate and make a difference in the lives of our students, their families and Israeli society.

Bradley M. Bloom
Chairman of the Board of Governors

The world is facing profound technological, economic, health and social challenges. For higher education to meet these challenges successfully, we must continue to excel at both research and education, create avenues for social mobility and pursue opportunities to collaborate with local and international partners. Our 50th anniversary campaign launches with ambitious goals of advancing research and expanding educational opportunities for all. By working together, we can contribute to the health and sustainability of mankind and the planet.

Prof. Ron Robin
University of Haifa President

Our 50th anniversary campaign highlights our key research and educational initiatives that align with the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – reducing poverty, hunger, and discrimination. We are proud of the University’s multidisciplinary approach that encourages different perspectives and unusual pairings to address some of the world’s greatest challenges. Through pragmatic innovation, increased financial resources, and an expanded research agenda, University of Haifa will create a robust ecosystem for the benefit of all.

Prof. Gur Alroey
University of Haifa Rector
Investigating Climate Change
Regenerative Agriculture
Nursing and Gerontology
Diversity in Higher Education
Empowering Women in STEM
AI for Urban Water Systems
Energy Policy Management Program
Investigating Inequalities in the Workplace
Solutions to Improve Underwater Visibility
Scholarships Promoting Equity & Inclusion
Investigating Ancient Maritime Culture in the Mediterranean
Green Campus Project
Protecting Migratory Birds
Building Diversity & Inclusion
Promoting Regional Partnerships
AWARD WINNER

ACADEMIC VISION 2021-2030

Putting environmental and social sustainability at the center of teaching, research, and discovery

Newly Established Academic Centers

Climate and Environmental Sustainability Hub

Brain and Behavior Hub

Haifa Lab for Religious Studies

Hub for the Study of Inequality

Commitment to the Global Sustainable Development Goals

Did You Know?

46% of our students are first-generation college students

84% of our undergrads are from northern Israel
Investing in social mobility initiatives and strengthening the social fabric are the only ways to successfully meet the world’s future technological, economic, health, and social challenges.

University of Haifa is spearheading critical research in the areas of food security, the effects of environmental stressors on marine life, climate change education, and inter-species communication.
NEW Partnerships with Regional Universities

opportunities created through the signing of the Abraham Accords

|| January 2021

MOU with TRENDS Research & Advisory Center in Abu Dhabi
The agreement was signed at an online ceremony with President Ron Robin.

|| November 2021

Cooperation Agreement with Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates on environmental issues
Signed in a virtual ceremony between President Ron Robin and Her Excellency Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, UAE’s Minister of Culture and Youth and President of Zayed University.

|| March 2022

Soraya and Younes Nazarian Library is among the first in Israel to sign an MOU with the UAE’s National Archives and Library
(l-r) Naomi Greidinger (Director, Nazarian Library), Mohamed Al Khaja (UAE Ambassador to Israel), Abdulla Majid Al Ali (Director, UAE National Archives and Library), President Ron Robin, Prof. Daphne Raban (Head, Department of Information & Knowledge Management), and Baruch Marzan.

Did You Know?

academic agreements signed with universities around the globe promoting research collaborations, student and faculty exchange.

+500
Internationalization and international cooperation are top priorities at the University of Haifa

|| April 2022
MOU with Bahrain Institute promoting tolerance and coexistence in the region
Rector Gur Alroey, HE Dr. Shaikh Al Khalifa, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence, and President Ron Robin.

|| December 2022
First-of-its-kind MOU with Emirati and German academic institutes to protect oceans
(l-r) Representative of the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel, members of the delegation from the United Arab Emirates University, and Vice President and Dean of Research and Development, Prof. Mouna Maroun.

|| November 2022
New marine science partnerships with universities in Morocco
(l-r) Senior representatives from Cadi Ayyad University and Abdelmalek Essaâdi University, Rector Gur Alroey and Gabriel Malka (Head, School of Tourism)

TOP 100 worldwide for Reducing Inequalities (SDG #10) according to Times Higher Education Impact Rankings (2022)

University of Haifa welcomed Israel’s first UAE student

Sumaiiah Al Mheiri BA, The Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing
President Ron Robin and Rector Gur Alroey launch the University of Haifa's biggest fundraising campaign and outline the 2021-2030 academic vision.

Campaign Goals: to build infrastructure and expand research in areas impacting 21st century global challenges: equality, environment, health, and humanities and technology, integral to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals.
Identifying healthy long-term marine-based solutions and food supplies for a sustainable future

Integrating technology with humanities to enhance culture, creativity, and problem-solving for the 21st Century.
The practice of regenerative agriculture has the potential to revolutionize the way farmers farm and how we responsibly feed a growing global population.

FESTIVE DINNER
Hosted by Lady Barbara and Sir Mick Davis
London, Dorchester Hotel
Presenting the Innovative Research Activities at the Institute of Evolution

UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA FOR YOUTH HUB

The newly launched Hub is an educational outreach program designed to enable teens from Israel’s northern periphery to take part in problem solving workshops, laboratory tours, Science Days and online classes led by leading researchers in fields aligned with the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
HEALTHCARE RESEARCH

Our scientists are advancing innovative health research in brain, epigenetics, and computational modeling to strengthen the health care ecosystem and enhance our quality of life.

*Prof. Tali Kristal
Department of Sociology
Examining wage inequalities and power relations in the workforce.

*Dr. Emmanuel Nantet
School of Archaeology and Maritime Cultures
Investigating ancient port cities as important social centers in the Mediterranean.

*Prof. Noga Ron-Zewi
Department of Computer Science
Innovation in error-correcting codes and computation research.
FESTIVE GALA

Celebrating our 50th Anniversary & Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

Caesarea National Park – The Ancient Synagogue Site

Duo performance by Rami Kleinstein and Pablo Rosenberg.

The 2,500 year old Ma’agan Michael II replica ship sailing along Caesarea’s coast. Archaeologist from the University of Haifa and the Israel Antiquities Authority carried out the restoration work.
Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amir Eshel
In tribute to his prestigious military career in the Israeli Air Force and his promotion of “Nefesh Achat” to support IDF wounded veterans and their families.

Inna Braverman
Entrepreneur and Businesswoman
In recognition of her visionary investment in wave technology and for serving as a role model for young women.

Idan Ofer
Entrepreneur and Businessman
In recognition of his investment in green energy and for promoting coexistence through regional collaborations.

Maj. Gen. (Res.) Orna Barbivay
In tribute to her outstanding military career and on becoming the first female IDF general. For her vital role in combatting the rising cost of living.

Honoring Elie Horn
Philanthropist and Businessman
In recognition of his infinite giving spirit; for his support of the State of Israel and his ongoing commitment to the University of Haifa manifested in the extraordinary and transformational Ahavat Olam Scholarship Program … that will change for the better the reality of thousands of students… and for his… leadership roles of the Brazilian and Global Jewish communities.

Friends, supporters and board members from the Brazilian Friends Association.
50th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS INAUGURAL EVENTS

BUILDING PROJECTS OPENING CELEBRATIONS

HERTA AND PAUL AMIR FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On the Mount Carmel Campus

July 2021

Herta Amir becomes Honorary Life Member of the Board of Governors
Generous Benefactor & Dedicated Advocate for Israel
2016 Honorary Doctorate Recipient
At the Technological City Campus

On the Mount Carmel Campus

Herta and her late husband Paul are among the University’s most generous and dedicated supporters. The Amirs have provided support of academic excellence through provisions of scholarships for Returning Scientist Program, outstanding PhD students, the National Security Studies Center and major physical and academic development projects including the Herta and Paul Amir Faculty of Social Sciences building, the Dr. Reuben Hecht Arts Center, The Herta and Paul Amir Health Sciences Building, and The Herta and Paul Amir Technology Complex.

THE AMIR FAMILY LEGACY
Securing a Better Future in Haifa & Northern Israel

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Located at the very top of the iconic Eshkol Tower overlooking the city and Haifa Bay.

Dr. Hanin Karawani Khoury, Director of the AudioNeuro Lab

Sammy Ofer, may his memory be a blessing.
THE DR. DAVID DRAHI
AI ACADEMIC COMPLEX

At the Technological City Campus

|| DECEMBER 2022

(I-r) Angelina Drahi, Dr. David Drahi, Patrick Drahi and President Ron Robin.
THE BLOOM SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Launching a new Fellows Enrichment Program for PhD and Postdoctoral Students

(l-r) President Ron Robin, US Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-Louisiana), Ross Bloom, StrongArm Technologies Executive Director, and University board member Eli Feinstein.

Ross Bloom

Prof. Irit Akirav, Dean of the Graduate Studies Authority and Head of the Bloom School of Graduate Studies
THE LADY BARBARA DAVIS WILD CEREAL GENE BANK

Supporting the University’s Innovative Wild Cereals Research

(l-r) University Board member Sir Walter Bodmer, President Ron Robin, Prof. Eviatar Nevo, Founder of the Institute of Evolution, and Sir Mick Davis.

(l-r) Dr. Tamar Krugman, Curator, and Prof. Tzion Fahima, Institute of Evolution.
FESTIVE OPENING

Celebrating the new German-Speaking Jewry Heritage Wing at the Hecht Museum
The Residence of the German Ambassador

Students enrolled in Shared Society programs supported by the German Friends Association, share their experiences with donors of the Jewish-Arab Community Leadership Program and the Werner Otto Arab Graduate Women Program.
Board members participated in events around the campus.

The digital Report includes financial information, award-winning research studies, donor and student spotlights, and a 50-year timeline.

President Ron Robin and Rector Gur Alroey presented the accomplishments and future goals of the University.

TRIBUTE TO THE ZEIT FOUNDATION AND THE 11TH ANNUAL BUCERIUS LECTURE

President Ron Robin and Aydan Özoğuz, Vice President of the German Parliament.
Signing ceremony between Haifa Municipality and Hebrew University.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol at the University’s cornerstone ceremony.

Multi-Purpose Building opens.

FESTIVE EVENT
Celebrating our 50th Anniversary and the Rosh Hashana Holidays with Faculty and Staff
At the Haifa Congress Center
Outstanding Employee Achievement Award

Performance by Avraham Tal
Moshe Safdie
Renowned Architect

In tribute to his transformative contributions to the architectural planning of several national institutions in Israel, for being an inspiration to many generations of architects and urban planners, and for his commitment and dedication to the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Moshe Safdie (middle), with longtime University friends and supporters Tova Sagol (left) and Shlomo Dovrat (right), who performed the hooding.

(l-r) Rector Gur Alroey, Marina Abramović, Moshe Safdie, Batia Shani, Doron Livnat, President Ron Robin, Tova Sagol and Shlomo Dovrat.
Marina Abramović
Celebrated Conceptional and Performance Artist

In recognition of her life’s work as a daring artist and trendsetter in the field of performance art, and for being a role model and an inspiration for young artists and female artists.

Distinguished members of the academic procession.

Artist Batia Shani hand embroidered the robes, which included personalized inspirational sentences.

Marina Abramović (middle), with longtime University friends and supporters Batia Shani (left) and Doron Livnat (right), who performed the hoisting.
FESTIVE RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ AND MOSHE SAFDIE

At the home of longstanding friends and supporters Tova and Sami Sagol

(I-r) Tova Sagol, Oded Gera, President Ron Robin and Sami Sagol.
At the Mount Carmel Campus

CORNERTONE CEREMONY FOR THE SHANI FAMILY ART GALLERY

Art is an integral part of University of Haifa’s social commitment to the community and academia.

(l-r) Prof. Philip Rantzer (Head, School of the Arts), Moshe Safdie, Batia Shani, Rector Gur Alroey, and President Ron Robin.

The Shani Family Art Gallery will showcase works by emerging young artists.

A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS
University of Haifa
50th Anniversary Event in New York City

“Fireside Chat” with Prof. Peter Salovey, Yale President, and Prof. Daniel Kahneman, Nobel Laureate.

(l-r) Prof. Peter Salovey, Herta Amir, Prof. Daniel Kahneman, and President Ron Robin.
UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA DELEGATION

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
VIP TOUR

FESTIVE DINNER
At the Explorers Club
William J. Clinton
The 42nd President of the United States of America

In recognition of his lifetime of public service and extraordinary leadership; for advancing policies and programs worldwide that promote equality, environmental sustainability, economic opportunities and equitable healthcare services for all – values that align with the University of Haifa’s mission; and for being a true friend of the State of Israel.

Performing the hooding: (l-r) Renowned performance artist Marina Abramović and University governor Tova Sagol.

President Clinton’s hand embroidered robe was the work of artist Batia Shani.

The University of Haifa is grateful to Tom Gallagher and the Religion Media Foundation for underwriting the event.
The Lisa Ellen Goldberg Fellowship Fund for the Advancement of Women in Doctoral Studies was established in honor of the event, in memory of Prof. Sexton's beloved wife Lisa.
A University of Haifa 50th Anniversary Event

HONORARY DOCTORATE CONFERMENT CEREMONY

The ceremony opened with an academic procession following the NYU Pipes & Drums Band playing ‘Hava Nagila’.
HIGHLIGHTS

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
"University of Haifa is a symbol of the dream for a better, more peaceful world in which people of all cultures and religions have the same rights and live together in peace."

German President, Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Manfred Lahnstein, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Governors and 2007 honorary doctorate recipient.
University of Haifa
50th Anniversary Event in Germany
Celebrating 50 Years of Friendship
HOSTED BY THE GERMAN FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
|| MARCH 2023

Scholarship recipients of the Jewish Arab Center’s shared society programs, generously supported by the German Friends Association.

(1-r) President Ron Robin, German President, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and Dr. h.c. Sonja Lahnstein-Kandel, Chairwoman of the German Friends Association, former Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, and 2017 honorary doctorate recipient.
Renowned Plant Biochemist

Prof. Bertil Andersson

In recognition of his... pioneering research of the ‘artificial leaf’ that could lead to the production of sustainable energy; for his inspiring leadership of Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) ...; for his devoted presidency of Linköping University (Sweden), for devoting his time to... the Nobel Foundation and his leadership of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry; and for his efforts in promoting research collaborations between the University of Haifa and other universities in Singapore and Sweden.
THREE-DAY WORKSHOP
Co-hosted with the Hamrin Foundation and Jönköping University

The workshop featured speakers from the University of Haifa, Ben Gurion University and Achva Academic College, and the CEO of the Edmond de Rothschild Partnerships.

ACADEMIC MISSION

President Robin and Rector Alroey met with Israeli Ambassador Ziv Nevo Kulman, the Swedish Minister of Education and Research, Dr. Mats Persson, Prof. Bertil Andersson, Prof. Astrid Söderbergh Widding (President of Stockholm University), Prof. Anders Söderholm (President of Kaunas University of Technology, and Prof. Ole Petter Ottersen (former President of Karolinska Institutet).
Nathan Royce Silverstein
Attorney & Philanthropist

In recognition of his parents, Max Silverstein and Elizabeth Blume Silverstein, and their service to the American Jewish Community and in tribute to his proud legacy; for his dedication to the Israeli higher education system, thereby ensuring the resilience of Israeli society; for his commitment and strong bonds to the State of Israel; and for his visionary support of the University of Haifa’s Faculty of Law and the promotion of future generations of law scholars.

(l-r) President Ron Robin, Supreme Court President (Ret.) Dorit Beinisch, Dr. Katy Ritzmann, and Prof. Tal Zarsky (Dean of the Faculty of Law).

Dedication ceremony for The Max Silverstein and Elizabeth Blume Silverstein Faculty of Law Building
THANK YOU!

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UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

FAST FACTS

Established in 1972

- 2 CAMPUSES
  - Mt. Carmel
  - Technological City Campus

- 4 MARINE SATELLITES

- 6 FACULTIES

- 10 SCHOOLS

- 59 DEPARTMENTS

- 57 INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTERS

- 19 INTERNATIONAL MA PROGRAMS

50 Years of Shared Society

- 17,000 Students
  - BA Students 7,756
  - MA Students 7,179
  - PhD Students 1,568
  - Teaching Certificates 100

- +1,100 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
  - From 50+ Countries

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