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FROM THE CHAIRMAN



We look forward every year to this opportunity to learn about new achievements, new scientific breakthroughs, new expansion projects, and new activities and accomplishments by our faculty and students.

In recent years, BGU has paved the way for Beer-Sheva's transformation into the nation's cyber capital and the Negev's evolution into Israel's Silicon Wadi. With the construction of the North Campus, BGU will complete the crucial triangle linking the University, the Advanced Technologies Park and the IDF's technology campus required to accomplish our vision of a hi-tech ecosystem centered on BGU.

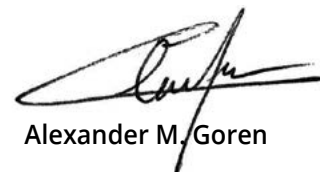
In May 2016 we launched the 2020 Vision 50th Anniversary Campaign, a five-year international fundraising operation with the goal of raising the \$500 million needed to prepare the University for the expected influx of students in the wake of the IDF's move to the south, through the doubling of its physical size in Beer-Sheva. The legacy gift of the late Dr. Howard and Lottie Marcus, the largest single donation in history to an Israeli institution, will be instrumental in the execution of these plans for the North Campus.

Today, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev enjoys the highest rate of growth of any Israeli university. Its global academic ranking is impressive and, in certain fields, we are among the world's leaders. The student body is involved in a wide variety of community outreach and social action projects and works in collaboration with the

University administration to advance and transform the Negev.

I am thrilled to welcome Prof. Daniel Chamovitz to his new position as BGU's seventh President and wish him success. These are exciting times, filled with opportunities and new beginnings, and I have every confidence that by working together harmoniously and communicating our message compellingly, the worldwide Ben-Gurion University family will accomplish our goals.

My friends and fellow Governors, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Board of Governors and I look forward to continuing my wholehearted support of the University. It is with great pride that I sign this message and wish you well.



Alexander M. Goren

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I write this note, I have been serving as Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's 7th President for less than half a year. Yet in this short time, I have quickly come to regard BGU as my home, and to identify totally with its inspiring history and essential role in ensuring Israel's future. The math is simple: Israel's future depends on fulfilling our first Prime Minister's vision for developing the Negev; the Negev's success is dependent on building a vibrant, diverse and prosperous metropolis in Beer-Sheva; and Beer-Sheva's success is intimately entwined with the development and success of our University. Thus, Israel's future is truly dependent on us.

In the few short months of my tenure here, I have been touched and motivated by the commitment I've encountered at every turn – of our faculty members, students, administrative and technical staff, and our many supporters both in Israel and around the world. This vibrant BGU community is the source of the University's strength. It is the reason that BGU is clearly identified with its mission, and it is the reason that BGU is the preferred place of study for Israel's young people.

As we approach our golden jubilee, there is no time to rest on our laurels. There is much work to be done to raise BGU's standing even higher and ready the University for the next 50 years of novel challenges. I believe that this will entail cultivating interdisciplinary academic teamwork, an area in which BGU already has a

distinct edge. Dismantling barriers between disciplines will unleash BGU's potential as a new kind of university, uniquely attuned to the needs of a new generation of independent, forward-thinking students and researchers who refuse to be confined by disciplinary boundaries. Centers of excellence in areas of strength will attract the best young minds, bring in large competitive grants, and yield groundbreaking research. Just as importantly, we must reaffirm our commitment to undergraduate education, embrace new pedagogical paradigms, and provide our students with the finest education possible. As we set our sights on the future, we also need to remain Israel's premier institution of higher learning with a social conscience, firmly committed to developing the ecosystems of Beer-Sheva and the Negev, and to making a BGU education accessible to all residents of our region. Together, these developments will cement our reputation as the "must visit" university for national and international visitors alike.

I am greatly optimistic as we approach our 50th anniversary. Your support and friendship fill me with confidence that when we meet next year, we will already be talking about new accomplishments on the path that we have embarked upon.

Prof. Daniel Chamovitz

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Whereas Ben-Gurion University was a 'home away from home' for the teenage Raz Jelinek, it was a world away for Sarah Abu-Kaf in the Bedouin town of Umm Batin.

Varda Shoshan-Barmatz seized the chance to study biology in the University's second cohort; a generation later, BGU's commitment to expanding access to higher education helped Miki Malul turn misfortune into opportunity, and inspired Vered Saroussi-Katz to harness her experience in law to oversee the University's Community Action Department.

They all came of age in Beer-Sheva and its environs; their life trajectories reflect the BGU story.

**THEIR STORIES
ARE OUR STORY**



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→ Prof. Raz Jelinek in his lab

↘ High schooler Raz Jelinek atop the Monument to the Negev Brigade in 1982



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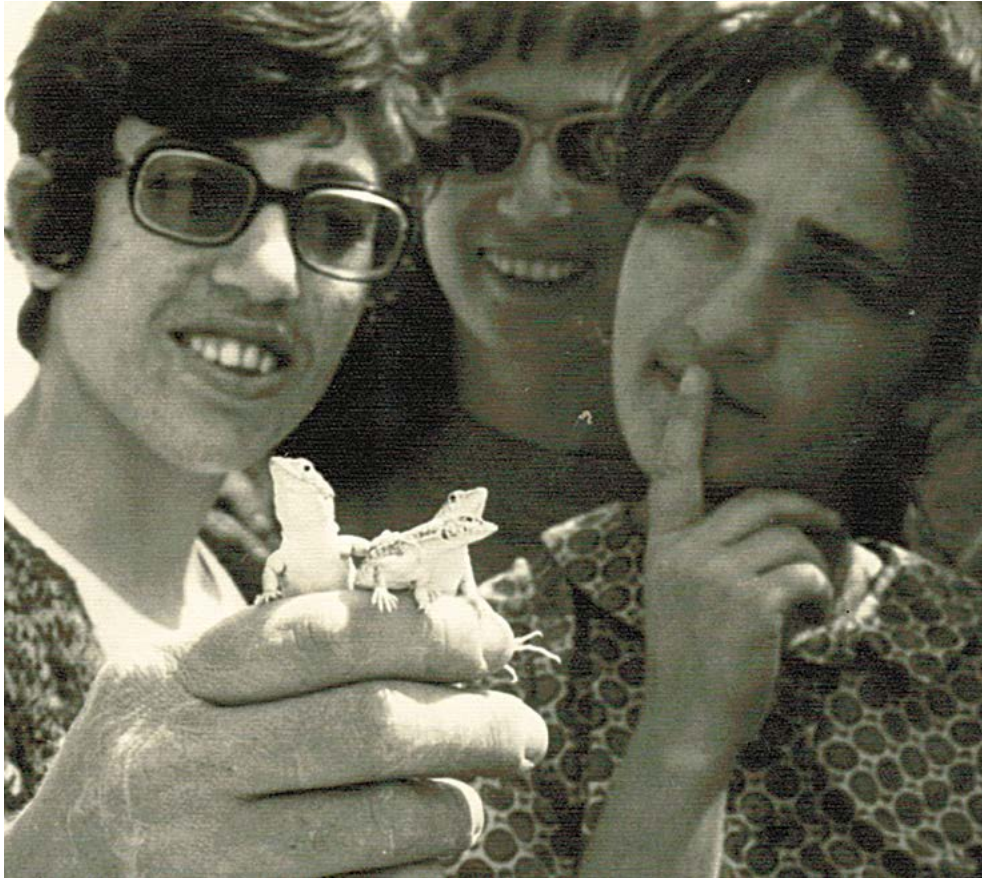
“It isn't an exaggeration to say that I grew up with BGU,” says Prof. Raz Jelinek, “I used to go folk dancing at the Bergmann campus when I was a teenager. So, the University has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.”

“When I was about 13, I started coming to after-school science clubs on campus and that is when I knew I had found my calling. We dissected frogs and mice, and there was a bird-watching group as well. We went to an open field at the edge of town, where you would often come across camels or sheep grazing. That field became the Marcus Family Campus. I drank it all in, and that sense of curiosity and fascination has never left me.”

A decade after leaving Beer-Sheva for his studies, Prof. Jelinek – a chemist, and

now BGU's Vice President for Research and Development - felt homesick for the city and the University. “Beer-Sheva was undergoing a tremendous growth spurt at the time,” he recalls, “with thousands of immigrants from the former Soviet Union flowing into the city, many of whom had significant backgrounds in science and research.”





← Varda Shoshan (left) and classmates in their first year of undergraduate studies at the University of the Negev, 1970

“So you had a sense here of both growth and renewal, coupled with a small-town feel and a University that had high aspirations in terms of excellent research and innovation. BGU had a mission and a ton of potential, and I knew I wanted to be a part of it,” Prof. Jelinek says.

The city of Beer-Sheva has long been defined by the University, largely because they “grew up” together: from 80,000 residents in 1969, when the government approved the establishment of an institution of higher education in the city, to 210,000 today.

“You’ve got to remember what Beer-Sheva was like at the time,” says Prof. Varda Shoshan-Barmatz, who grew up in Negev, first in Moshav Ranen, then Beer-Sheva, and finally the development town Ofakim. “My parents - immigrants from Morocco - were mainly concerned with giving their children the best education.”

“I was a talented high school student with an interest in science, and dreamed of an academic career. One of my teachers warned me that it would be hard, but I took it as a challenge to study biology and become a scientist. So the founding of a university in Beer-Sheva answered an important need for me. I was in the second graduating class, in 1971, of what became the University of the Negev. Two years later, I graduated with a Master’s degree jointly awarded by the Hebrew University and the BGU Department of Biology.”

For the first few decades, classes and research in the life sciences were held in a former hotel, Hias House (today’s David Tuviyahu Campus). But the new university was a vote of confidence in the city’s future, and in Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion’s vision for southern Israel to serve as a hub of scientific research that would also act as a driver for economic, cultural and social growth.

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After postdoctoral studies in the US and establishing herself as an up-and-coming bioenergetics researcher, Prof. Shoshan-Barmatz returned to Israel in 1982 with offers for tenure-track research positions at the Weizmann Institute and the Hebrew University. Like Prof. Jelinek, her Beer-Sheva roots prevailed over what seemed at the time to be more prestigious opportunities.

“I wanted to be close to my parents. But even more importantly, I felt I could make a more meaningful contribution by building my lab at BGU rather than at any other university,” she recalls.

The arrival of talented young researchers combined with two unrelated factors in the 1990s to propel BGU from its infancy into a period of sustained growth: The election of Prof. Avishay Braverman as the fifth president of the University, and the collapse of the Soviet Union, which brought an influx of immigrants

to Beer-Sheva. The University's main campus grew at a dizzying pace and enrollment topped 10,000.

Prof. Shoshan-Barmatz says the confluence of events did more than merely bolster BGU's numbers and infrastructure. It positioned the University as a force to be reckoned with in Israeli academia and gave it confidence to aspire even higher.

“My lab was still in Hias House in 2000, and we were getting ready to move into our new building on the main campus. But, as the department chair, I didn't want to bring the outdated equipment with us to our new building. I told the University administrators that we needed state-of-the-art facilities to attract top-notch researchers and students. That would allow us to ramp up the quality of our research. Fortunately, they agreed, and we built one of the finest laboratories in Israel,”

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← Prof. Varda Shoshan-Barmatz in her lab at the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev



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she recalls. That was the first step in the establishment of the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev (NIBN), which Shoshan-Barmatz led for over a decade. “The true value was far greater,” she explains, “It raised the University’s commitment to excellence to another level.”

Growing up in the Bedouin town of Umm Batin, 10 kilometers north of Beer-Sheva, Dr. Sarah Abu-Kaf excelled at her studies as a high school student, but had no plans to continue on to higher education.

“The University was just a 10-minute drive from my house, but it might as well have been 10 light years away,” she recalls with a smile. “I got married at 18, my eldest daughter was born a year later and I never really thought about continuing my studies. Higher education just isn’t part of the culture or consciousness in Bedouin society, even for boys. When I was in high school, I had to hitchhike to school in one of the neighboring towns.”

“But I was lucky, in that my husband had started studying at BGU and he encouraged me to try, too. I took the psychometric exams (Israeli SAT’s) and did quite well. I was accepted to the psychology and economics programs. It was 1994; I think there were just five Bedouin women students on campus at the time,” she says.

☞ Dr. Sarah Abu-Kaf on campus

↓ Twelve-year old Sarah Abu-Kaf (left) with relatives outside her home in Umm Batin



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Predictably, Abu-Kaf felt isolated. While her reading skills in Hebrew were good, her spoken language skills were weak. In addition, she was one of just a handful of students wearing hijab. "Bedouin culture places a high value on community, collectivism and especially on respecting our elders, whereas Jewish Israelis feel free to challenge ideas and authority. I felt like an outsider," she explained.

Still, the University was changing. In 1997, just as Abu-Kaf was completing her BA in psychology, Prof. Ismail Abu-Saad and the late Robert Arnow founded the Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development. She began to see her 'differentness' as an asset that would allow her to study her community both as an insider and from an academic perspective, and embarked upon graduate studies in clinical psychology dedicated to analyzing the needs of the Bedouin community in a rapidly changing world.

"The University had initiated a process of diversification, and began actively reaching out to the Bedouin world. I was proud to play a role in this process, helping to craft culturally-appropriate ways to help bridge the gaps."

At present, there are more than 500 Bedouin students at BGU, more than 80 percent of whom are women, and Dr. Abu-Kaf is one of Israel's leading experts on the impact of modernity on Bedouin culture and psyche. "It's coming," she says. "It is only a matter of time until the University begins to really understand the trove of human capital in the Bedouin community, and Bedouins themselves

begin to understand that they, too, can succeed in the world of higher education."

No one could agree more than Adv. Vered Saroussi-Katz, also a native of Beer-Sheva and the director of BGU'S Community Action Department. "Combining academic study and community outreach is part of the DNA of our University," she says. "Whether it's a foreign-born student tutoring English as part of the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments program or a professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences teaching 'Introduction to Anatomy' to prisoners in the 'Windows onto Campus Dreams' program, social responsibility is part-and-parcel of the BGU experience at every level."

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↓ Adv. Vered Saroussi-Katz in
Deichmann Plaza





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↑ *Community Action then...*

→ *And now*



“To me it seems clear that this approach is a win-win for all,” Saroussi-Katz says. “By being part of a diverse community, instead of an ivory tower that looks out on society from above, our students and researchers bring important breadth and depth to their research.”

Like Prof. Abu-Kaf, Prof. Miki Malul's life plan did not include academic studies. After growing up in Dimona, an isolated

desert town about 40 kilometers southeast of Beer-Sheva, Malul found work in a local bottling factory once he completed his military service, and assumed that he would marry and settle down there.

His destiny changed two years later when the factory closed. Unemployment turned into a boon when Malul's older brother, who had started studying at Sapir Academic College, encouraged Miki to apply to university as well. After a pre-academic course to improve his high school grades, he was accepted to the structural engineering program at the Technion, and to the economics department at BGU. He chose the latter.

“I would have enjoyed engineering, but BGU didn't have an engineering faculty yet and I didn't want to go so far from home,” remembers Prof. Malul, now Dean of the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management. “Also, I understood the importance of economics, on a societal level, and

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felt I could make a contribution in that area. So that's what I did. By the time I finished my MA, I knew I wanted to continue on for a doctorate, and I broadened my research by focusing on public policy and administration.”

Thirty years after arriving on campus, Malul says that at heart, the University is the same institution that inspired

him as an undergrad: A combination of intellectual rigor and a mission to serve as a cultural, social and educational beacon for all of southern Israel.

“When we talk about 'research excellence,' what exactly do we mean?” he said. “I mean, academic publications are valuable and important, but our ultimate goal must be to have an impact far beyond the University. Why? Because, ultimately, discoveries must have a positive impact beyond the lab. This is true for every academic field.”

“As we approach our 50th anniversary, I'd compare it to a young person coming of age: We are in the process of refining and understanding our identity and place in the community. We're still full of the exuberance of a 'young' university, but we've also attained a level of maturity that enables us to project leadership and stability,” Prof. Malul says.

↗ *Prof. Miki Malul, Dean of the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Mangement, at work*

↓ *Early desktop computers at BGU*



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“BGU IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, BUT YOU NEED WORLD-CLASS TALENT TO PUT THEM TO USE. FROM OUR TOP RESEARCHERS TO OUR FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADS, OUR EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN CAPITAL IS WHAT GIVES OUR UNIVERSITY A COMPETITIVE EDGE.”

Prof. Daniel Chamovitz, BGU President

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↑ Amos Oz

The BGU community mourns the passing of Amos Oz, one of the greatest Hebrew authors of the modern era.

Oz was identified with Ben-Gurion University and loved it with all his heart. As a professor in the Dept. of Hebrew Literature, he taught generations of students who drank thirstily from his wisdom. "Over the years I taught dozens of courses here, which were not really academic courses, but rather lessons in close reading, guided reading, reading in small sips," said Oz at an event to mark his retirement. "Maybe I thus managed to awaken a little appetite and passion for literature in the hearts of my students."

He received an honorary doctorate from the University in 2008. The Amos Oz Archive housed at the Heksherim Research Institute for Jewish and Israeli Literature and Culture holds thousands of items, including all his books in Hebrew and all their translations into other languages, essays, and reviews from Israel and around the world.



↑ President Emerita Prof. Rivka Carmi and BGU Galleries Curator Prof. Haim Maor inaugurate the Marcus Family Campus Sculpture Trail with sculptor Yisrael Hadani

BGU inaugurated the Marcus Family Campus **Sculpture Trail** with the unveiling of three recent additions by leading Israeli sculptors Yaakov Dorchin, Sigalit Landau and Yisrael Hadani.

Trumpeter Itamar Borochoy led a very special performance of Jazz legend Lionel Hampton's 1953 King David Suite at BGU. The score for the work Hampton composed after visiting Israel was thought lost until it was rediscovered in 1995. It is now preserved in the Ben-Gurion Archives at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism.



The BGU Ecosystem

The IDF move to the south was finalized with a Ministry of Defense agreement to begin construction of a "smart campus" to house IDF advanced technology units, as well as the IDF Southern Command headquarters, adjacent to the Marcus Family Campus.

The Government will provide BGU with **NIS 55 million** to fund upgrades ahead of the IDF move to the Negev and the expected rise the number of students in engineering and exact sciences.

Construction of the 4th building at BGU's **Advanced Technologies Park (ATP)** has begun. When completed, the new building will house some 800 new hi-tech personnel.

Unprecedented interest in **Gav-Yam Negev's private bond offering** in August, 2018 was a clear vote of confidence in the ATP and the BGU ecosystem.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

BGU won a **NIS 6 million** grant from the Council for Higher Education to establish a new **center for entrepreneurship, Yazamut 360°**.

Yazamut 360° launched **Cactus Capital**, a venture capital fund focusing on startups formed by BGU students, researchers and graduates. The fund is managed by students who have undergone training in VC investing.

The **Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation** established the **Innovation-Gateway tech hub**, a shared open space for students, researchers, and other aspiring entrepreneurs. It also created three entrepreneurial communities: **Brainstorm Riders**, the **BrainTech** community; **DiSCo**, a data mining, data science, and machine learning community; and **BioMed Tech**.

BGU's ecosystem continues to grow as the IDF begins construction of its technology campus next to BGU and the ATP.

↪ BGU's Advanced Technologies Park

↓ BGU President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz, meets Israeli President Reuven Rivlin during a visit to BGU's Cyber Security Research Center at the ATP



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↑ *Columbia University President Prof. Lee Bollinger visited BGU to discuss academic collaborations. Pictured (L-R) Amb. Daniel Shapiro, Prof. Limor Aharonson-Daniel, BGU Vice-President for Global Engagement, President Prof. Daniel Chamovitz, Prof. Bollinger and his wife Jean Magnano Bollinger, and Prof. Safwan M. Masri, Columbia's Executive Vice President for Global Centers and Global Development*

The Bengis Center hosted over 150 lectures and workshops, 2 student competitions, 6 hackathons and 2 cycles of the **Inno-Negev** technology acceleration program.

The inaugural **SilicoNegev** BGU entrepreneurship festival for the Negev's community of innovators and entrepreneurs included a startup competition with a NIS 500,000 investment prize.

The application **AppOtropus**, a one-stop platform for legal guardians developed by BGU students, won the 'Students Innovating in the Public Sector 4.0.' competition. The competition, now in its fifth year, is a joint initiative of

BGU and **Google Israel** to improve digital government services. The team in second place, **Trade-Marker**, were invited to demonstrate their app at Google headquarters in the US.

Academic Programs and Activities

The number of courses taught in **English** at BGU grew significantly: 9 departments from the Faculty of Engineering Sciences now teach in English in their master's programs, as do the MBA Program and the Dept. of Economics.



← *Winners of the SilicoNegevBGU startup competition, Green Eye*

The Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management launched the **MBA International Program** in English.

The Faculty of Health Sciences established the **Center for Health Promotion and Health Equity** with the goal of influencing health promotion policy and reducing inequality gaps.

The **David and Janet Polak Family Malware Lab**, headed by Dr. Nir Nissim, was inaugurated as part of the **Cyber Security Research Center** at the ATP.

The **Dept. of Software and Information Systems Engineering** announced a new undergraduate program in **Data Science and Engineering**.

The **Dept. of Computer Science** is launching a new undergraduate program with a specialization in **Data Science**.

The faculties of engineering, health and management collaborated on a new course entitled 'Faculty, Entrepreneurship and Innovation for Solving Challenges in Health and Medical Systems.'

The **Dept. of Hebrew Literature** will offer four new undergraduate and graduate level courses in **Digital Humanities**.

Academic Collaborations
Logicom Public Ltd. of Cyprus will provide scholarships for 50 Cypriot engineering graduate students at BGU over the next 5 years.

The **Joint Eastern-Mediterranean Jean Monnet Centre for Excellence in Research and Teaching of European Studies** was established at BGU, led by Prof. Sharon Pardo (Dept. of Politics and Government) and at the University of Piraeus, led by Prof. Foteini Asderaki.

21 Academic collaboration agreements were signed this year with academic institutions in Argentina, Australia, Canada, China, Germany, Italy, India, Kazakhstan, the US and Zimbabwe.

35 new Erasmus+ agreements to support staff and student mobility to and from Europe were funded by the EU.

7 new agreements were signed to allow MSIH students to perform clinical electives at US sites.

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↑ Prof. Gal Meiri of the National Autism Research Center

Leading Translational Medical Research

The Negev Autism Center, headed by Prof. Ilan Dinstein (Dept. of Psychology), was chosen by the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology to become the **National Autism Research Center**. It will serve as the coordinating body for national studies on autism, create shared national databases and disseminate information to decision makers and the general public.

The National Knowledge Center for Rare / Orphan Diseases, was established at BGU in collaboration with Soroka University Medical Center. It is headed by Prof. Ohad Birk (Faculty of Health Sciences and NIBN).

9 new interdisciplinary **research hubs** at the Faculty of Health Sciences serve as centers of excellence to tackle specific medical issues collaboratively, employing both clinical and basic science research.

A **research biobank** headed by Prof. Victor Novak (Faculty of Health Sciences) and containing samples from Soroka University Medical Center patients was established to support biomedical research.

BGU will establish an interdisciplinary institute focusing on translating **neuroscience research into advanced rehabilitation** at the ALEH Negev Rehabilitation Village.

→ Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and BGU signed a major collaboration agreement at Cybertech 2019. Pictured (L-R): Chairman of Rafael, Dr. Uzi Landau; Netta Cohen, CEO of BGN Technologies; Dr. Ran Gozli, Senior VP at Rafael; and Zafrir Levy, VP at BGN

↓ Participants in the Digital Healthy Placemaking Workshop at CDI experience VR technologies



Commercialization and Applied Research

BGN Technologies signed 130 industry collaboration agreements this year. New multinational and Israeli partners include: Fujitsu, Samsung, Hutchison, Microsoft, Pfizer, NEC, Intel, Estee Lauder, Bayer, Netafim, Amdocs, Elbit, IBM, Cisco, Mekorot, Adama, General Dynamics Robotics, ICL, Royal Bank of Canada, Orgenesis, Dojo by BullGuard, Taboola, Rafael, US Air Force Research Laboratory and more.

BGN leads among university technology transfer companies with the largest number of KAMIN grants promoting applied research and a 65% success rate.

BGN Technologies launched **five new start-ups** in the fields of energy transmission, medical devices, smart cameras, cannabis plants, and data analysis.

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new inventions submitted to BGN Technologies.

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lab tests and consultancy agreements.

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technology licensing agreements.

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↑ (L-R) Honorary PhD recipients Arno Gerlach, Imad Telhami, Prof. Nili Cohen, Anat Draigor, and Dr. Ilana Dayan, with BGU Rector Prof. Chaim Hames, President Prof. Rivka Carmi and BG Negev Award recipient Joe Moustaki

Honors Bestowed

On Ben-Gurion Day, BGU awarded honorary doctorates to legal scholar **Prof. Nili Cohen**, TV journalist **Dr. Ilana Dayan**, basketball legend **Anat Draigor**, Chairperson of the Association of Friends of Beer-Sheva in Wuppertal, Germany **Arno Gerlach**, businessman and social entrepreneur **Imad Telhami** and posthumously, to the inspiring education leader and activist **Rona Ramon**. Musician **Joe Moustaki** received the **Ben-Gurion Negev Award**.

The University also bestowed an honorary doctorate upon **Robert Badinter**, a French lawyer and politician, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of human rights, civil rights and the transition to democracy in Eastern Europe.

BGU awarded the first **Israeli Hope Prize** to the **Tech2Peace** and **Desert Stars** NGOs.

Green Campus awarded the **Yehuda Arad Life Achievement Award** to BGU alumnus **Dr. Muhammad Al-Nabari** for promoting an environmental approach combining innovative technology with traditional Bedouin knowledge in the **Wadi Attir** project.

Excellence Recognized

Noted author **Etgar Keret** (Dept. of Hebrew Literature) won the prestigious **Sapir Prize for Literature** for his collection of short stories, *A Glitch at the Edge of the Galaxy*.

Prof. Haim Maor (Dept. of the Arts, BGU Galleries Curator) won the Ministry of Culture and Sports 2018 **Arik Einstein Award for Veteran Artists** in the visual arts category.

President Emerita Prof. Rivka Carmi will receive an Honorary doctorate from **Brandeis University**.

BGU's **Israeli Hope Prize** is part of Israeli President **Reuven Rivlin's Israeli Hope** initiative to create a more inclusive Israeli society.

Prof. (Emeritus) Mark Gelber (Conrad and Chinita Abrahams-Curiel Dept. of Foreign Literatures and Linguistics) was recognized by the Republic of Austria with its most prestigious award, the **Austrian Medal of Honor for Science and Art, First Class.**

Prof. Michal Krumer-Nevo (Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Dept. of Social Work) was recognized by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs for her outstanding contribution to shaping social work and welfare in the State of Israel. She also received a lifetime achievement award from ESPAnet Israel in recognition of her important development of the **'Poverty Aware Social Work'** paradigm.

Prof. Riad Agbaria (Dept. of Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmacology) was awarded the 2018 **William Berelson Prize for the Promotion of Jewish-Arab Understanding in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin.**

Prof. Avishai Henik (emeritus, Dept. of Psychology) won the prestigious **2019 Humboldt Research Award**, presented by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Dr. Ilana Nisky (Dept. of Biomedical Engineering) will receive the **IEEE RAS Early Academic Career Award in Robotics and Automation.**



Dr. Ora Entin-Wohlman (emeritus, Dept. of Physics) was named an international honorary member of the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences.**

SB Campus Radio won the "most promising social initiative in the Negev" competition organized by **Israel Chemicals LTD.**

The Israeli Architects Association awarded its inaugural award in the green building category to **Linenberg Rozen Architects** for their design of the **American Associates Village in Sede Boqer.**

Enzootic Ltd., a biotech company established in cooperation with BGU based on technology for producing all-female prawns developed in the lab of **Prof. Amir Sagi**, received the **2018 ICA in Israel Prize** for groundbreaking entrepreneurship.

Dr. Sarah Abu-Kaf (Conflict Management and Resolution Program) was named one of the 50 most influential women of 2018 by **Forbes Israel.**

Prof. Ron Dagan (Faculty of Health Sciences) received the **ESCMID Award for Excellence in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases 2019.**



↪ *Etgar Keret won the Sapir Prize for Literature*

↑ *Prof. Michal Krumer-Nevo was honored twice this year*

← *Prof. Simon Barak is one of twelve new DJs joining SB Campus Radio*

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Omer Basha, a doctoral student in the Faculty of Health Sciences, won the prestigious 2019 **Rappaport Prize** for Excellence in the field of Biomedical Research.

Prof. Eli Lewis (Chair of the Dept. of Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmacology) was honored by the **National Union of Israeli Students** as one of ten **Inspiring Lecturers**.

Dr. Sarab Abu-Rabia-Queder (Dept. of Education) received the **Katan Prize** for academic contributions to women's empowerment from the Women's Spirit (Ruach Nashit) organization.

The National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev Building won the 2018 Design Award for Chyutin Architects in the public buildings category.

Notable Grants

Prof. Orit Sivan (Dept. of Geological and Environmental Sciences) was awarded a € 2 million, five-year **ERC Consolidator Grant** for her work on methane-related iron reduction processes in sediments.

Prof. Shlomi Arnon (Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering) received a grant from the **EU FET Open program** for a new project harnessing quantum technology for the diagnosis of breast cancer.

Prof. Michael M. Meijler (Chair of the Dept. of Chemistry) won a **DIP-DFG Grant** for his research on chemical communication between bacteria.

Dr. Hadas Hawlena, (Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental and Energy

Research) and her colleagues were awarded a \$2 million **BSF-NSF Grant** for a study titled "Are parasites in complex communities more evolvable?"

Dr. Iris Idelson-Shein (Dept. of Jewish History) was awarded a € 1.5 million, five-year **ERC Starting Grant** for research on translations of non-Jewish texts into Jewish languages (Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and Judeo-Italian) in early modern Europe.

Student Affairs

Over 3,000 students with special needs are enrolled at BGU. More than 1000 staff members underwent training to raise their awareness of students with

↓ *BGU students celebrated Sigd, the Ethiopian Jewish holiday marking the community's dream to return to the land of Israel.*





← The Student Union has a new mascot: 'David the Camel'

disabilities and University infrastructure was upgraded to accommodate them.

BGU Accounting students passed the national certification exams at a higher rate and with higher scores than any other institution.

The Office of the Dean of Students expanded financial and academic support programs for students of Ethiopian origin. BGU currently has 71 undergraduate students, 29 master's students and 7 PhD students of Ethiopian origin.

The Office of the Dean of Students launched 'Gateway to Academia', a program to encourage more Bedouin Israelis to pursue higher education.

Over 80 Bedouin candidates were accepted to a year-long preparatory program emphasizing Hebrew language skills run by the Pre-Academic Center and 25 began their first year of undergraduate study with mentoring, financial aid, and academic support.

Outreach

'She Space', a unique educational space science project for the development of satellite imaging research applications at BGU's **Earth and Planetary Image Facility**, recently went global, launching an international collaboration called **She Space International**. The project began in 2018 with female high school students from southern Israel with assistance from the Israeli Space Agency.

↓ 'She Space' students perform ground truth measurements for calibration and validation of the VENμS satellite images



NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

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↑ *Space week at the Ilan Ramon Youth Physics Center*

The **Rothschild Cube** launched **Cube Online**, a virtual interactive platform for social action, knowledge sharing and creation, extending access to its expertise globally.

The Student Union and the Community Action Dept. launched '**Have No Fear**,' a semester-long program for students interested in working together to heal rifts in Israeli society.

Bedouin high school students from the Negev region learned about lab work and conducted field research projects at the **Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research's 'A Drop in the Desert'** outreach program.

A national team of high school students who trained at the **Jusidman Science Center for Youth** won 2 gold medals and 3 silver medals at the **International Physics Olympiad** in Lisbon, Portugal, taking 8th place overall.



← Green Campus Day brought activists together to tackle environmental issues

The fourth class of 'Windows onto Campus Dreams,' a unique program bringing prison inmates to the Marcus Family Campus, completed an introduction to medicine course.

The Dept. of Psychology launched a not-for-profit community clinic in collaboration with the Beer-Sheva Mental Health Center.

Green Campus is sponsoring 'Urban Nature,' a local environmental education outreach program, in collaboration with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and the Beer-Sheva Municipality.

ASRN, the Faculty of Health Sciences student organization, launched a new outreach program called **Shaharim**. The program expands medical training at local schools to include special needs youth facilities throughout Beer-Sheva.



Sustainability

BGU was again ranked first in Israel and one of the most sustainable universities in the world. It ranked 152nd out of 719 universities on the global UI GreenMetric ranking and 66th among urban campuses.

A new student group, 'Plastic,' is working together with Green Campus to reduce waste, particularly single-use coffee cups on campus.

↑ Fifth and sixth grade students from Qalansawe became scientists for a day, in a special program arranged by Prof. Khalil Kashkush of the Dept. of Life Sciences

Photo: Yasmeeen Kashkush

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Notable Contributions

BBK Charitable Fund, a donor-advised fund of the **Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles**, awarded a substantial grant to initiate the BBK Scholarship Fund at BGU.

The **Rivka Carmi Endowment Fund for Women's Academic Achievement** was established by AABGU in honor of BGU President Emerita Prof. Rivka Carmi with gifts from supporters from across the US and Canada.

Max Gitter of New York, NY, an AABGU national board member, generously donated a home and property in Lebanon, NY.

Paul Grayson of Silver Spring, MD, left a generous unrestricted bequest to the University.

A cancer research fund designated to the research of leading cancer researcher **Prof. Varda Shoshan-Barmatz**, was established thanks to the estate of **Sarita and Elmer Gross** from Delaware, USA.

Beer-Sheva native **Moshe Hogeg** granted ten scholarships to the Dept. of Computer Science, designated for both BA and MSc students for the duration of their degrees, preferably for Beer-Sheva natives and distributed equally between men and women.

The **Israel American Foundation** facilitated the bequest of the estate of **Helen Oken** which provided a generous gift to the Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Aging.

Judge Leon Kaplan, an AABGU national board member from Los Angeles, CA, renewed his support of the Reflective Parenting Program initiated by **Dr. Naama Atzaba-Poria** of the Dept. of Psychology.

Alex and Ann Lauterbach of Encino, CA, provided a generous donation to support the laboratory of newly recruited researcher **Dr. Benjamin Rosental** at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

The BGU Racecar Development Laboratory will be named in memory of **Mauricio (Gabriel) Levi**, thanks to support from the **Lia and Ennio Levi** estate of Israel.

The generous bequest of **Ethel Lena Levy** will name the Ethel Lena Levy Laboratory for Agriculture Research at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

A generous gift from **Nat Levy** of Bellaire, TX will name a lobby, in memory of **Jill Levy**, of a student housing building in the Undergraduate Student Village on the North Campus.

↓ *Participants at the Annual Event Honoring Col. Ilan Ramon and the STS-107 Crew and Assaf Ramon*



Richard Menschel of New York, NY, provided a generous grant from the **Charina Endowment Fund** for the Zuckerber Institute for Water Research at the BIDR.

Joseph Ronell of Oceanside, CA, left a generous unrestricted bequest to the University.

Carol D. and Harry Saal of Palo Alto, CA, made a significant donation to cyber security research. Carol is a member of the AABGU national board and a vice-chair of the BGU Board of Governors. Harry serves on the BGU Board of Governors.

The Rivka Carmi Graduate Student Housing Complex Courtyard, generously donated by the **Schulich Foundation** of Canada, will pay tribute to President Emerita Prof. Carmi's major contribution to the development of BGU.

A generous donation from **Sidney Schulman** and **Howard Schulman** of Long Beach, CA, will establish a doctoral research laboratory at the Zuckerber Institute for Water Research at the BIDR.

The **Schwarz Foundation** of Mountainside, NJ established a significant scholarship fund for disadvantaged engineering students.

Judith and Ernest Simon of Evanston, IL established the **Simon Family Professorial Chair for Homeland Security**.

The estate of **Solomon (Shlomo) and Jackie Steg** left a generous bequest to name the lobby of the Homeland



Security Institute Building on the North Campus.

↑ *PhD student Viraj Bhingardive in Dr. Mark Schwartzman's lab in the Dept. of Materials Engineering*

Holly and Jeffrey Ullman of Stanford, CA established the **Scharf-Ullman Chair in Computer Science**.

The **Alice and Rolf Wiklund-Schneider** estate in Switzerland left a generous bequest to expand their Master's Fellowship endowment fund, originally established in 2003. In addition, an auditorium was named for them at the **Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology**.

Robert and Edith Zinn of Houston, TX, have named two student housing units in the Undergraduate Student Village on the North Campus in memory of **Natalie Zinn Haar**.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY



BGU's five-year strategic plan for internationalization was approved by the CHE and implementation has begun.

← Exchange student Maya James from Maryland and BGU PhD student Haneen Shibli during a visit to Haneen's village in the Galilee

Photo courtesy of Haneen Shibli

The number of BGU students studying abroad as part of their degree more than tripled in the past year.

BGU International won the only Israeli coordinated project in the EU call for capacity building projects 2018.

The WILLIAM project aims to (1) create an international campus with a supportive and welcoming environment for international students studying abroad in Israel (2) foster an international climate for local Israeli students.

Internationalization

Last semester, PhD student and "internationalization ambassador" Haneen Shibli shared her apartment at the Eric F. and Lore Ross Student Village with three young American women spending a semester at BGU's Dept. of Politics and Government. Haneen, a Bedouin from the northern village of Shibli on the slopes of Mt. Tabor, is researching the accessibility of health services among Bedouins in the Negev at the School of Public Health.

A newcomer to Beer-Sheva herself, she found the experience empowering. She forged a special bond with Maya James from Georgetown University: "I never thought we would have so much in common," she said. "We look so different but our experiences are so similar: as members of minority groups striving to be part of society; as women making our own way in the world."

Maya was curious to learn more about all aspects of Israeli society, so Haneen invited her home to spend a weekend with her family. Maya was overwhelmed by the generous welcome she received in Shibli, and later wrote, "All my host families insisted they were doing the bare minimum, but did not realize this meant everything to me during my toughest moments in Israel."

FACTS AND FIGURES



20,345

students



2,752

faculty and staff
positions

5

campuses

70

interdisciplinary
research centers

51

academic
departments
and units



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FACTS AND FIGURES



DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS BY FACULTY AND DEGREES 2017–2019

	Humanities and Social Sciences	Natural Sciences	Engineering Sciences	Health Sciences	Business and Management	Desert Studies	Kreitman Graduate School	Ben-Gurion Institute	Brain Sciences School**
2018-19									
Bachelor's	3472	2186	4761	2223	1076				117
Master's	1091	281	853	575	1223	84		26	9
Ph.D.	504	309	390	259	55	127	93		17
Post-Doc	93	105	51	27	2	58	12		
Non-Degree	157		189	10	20			4	1
Teaching Certificate	158								
Total	5434	2875	6136	3023	2375	266	105	30	144
									TOTAL 20,388

ACTUAL TOTAL* 20,345

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

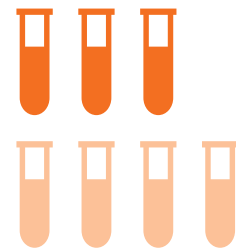
Please note: The student numbers include all students studying at BGU in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer, and Eilat, in both degree and non-degree programs. They do not include international students, students in academic prep courses, the Air Force pilot program, and auditors. The above figures refer to first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

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

** Up until the 2017-18 academic year, students enrolled in the Inter-faculty Brain Sciences School were included in Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences numbers.

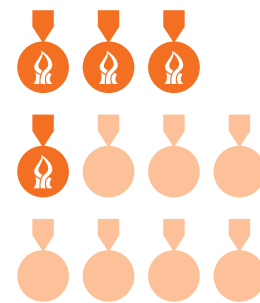


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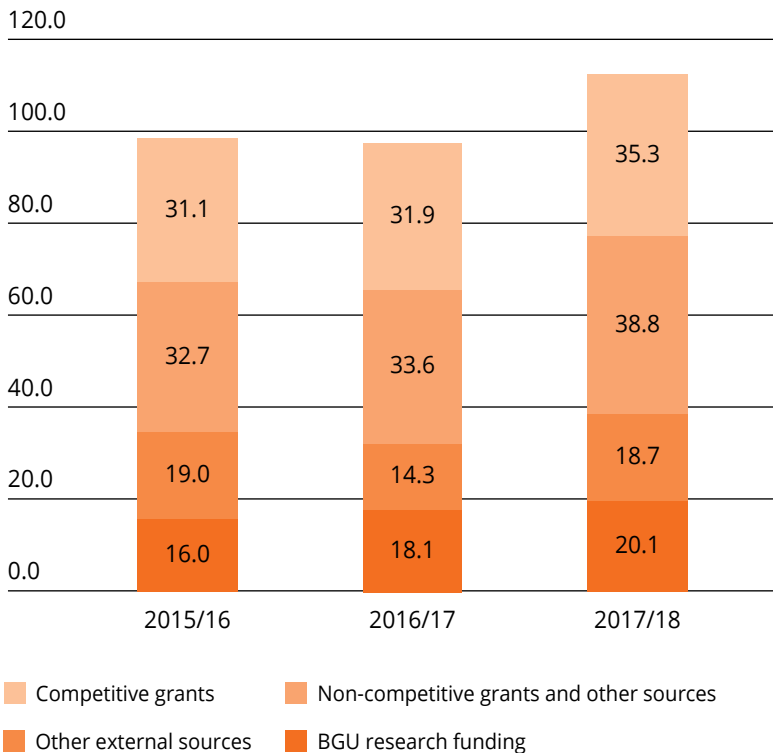
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awarded
to BGU
researchers

**ALON FELLOWSHIPS IN
SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING**
(CHE award for young faculty)



4
out of 11
national
fellowships
awarded
to BGU
researchers

TOTAL INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH (USD M)



7%
growth in research funding
in one year



International
students
from over
50
countries

33%
of students volunteer in
various outreach programs

45%
increase in undergraduate applications
to study at BGU's Eilat campus

20%
increase in the number of new
graduate students



FACTS AND FIGURES

2018/19 Overall University Budget (NIS/USD Thousands in Current Prices)

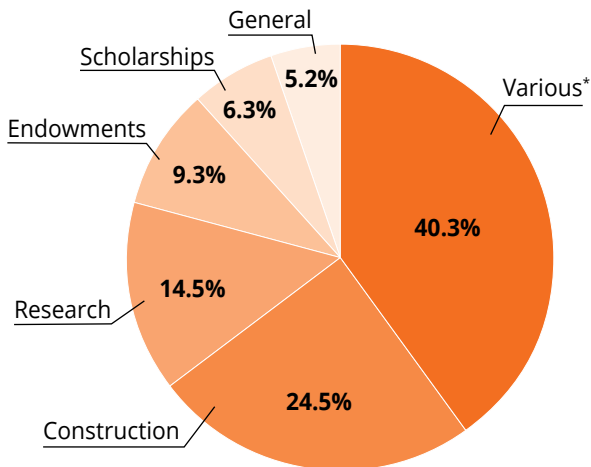
	Operating Budget		Research Budget		Development Budget		Special Programs		Total Budget	
	NIS	USD	NIS	USD	NIS	USD	NIS	USD	NIS	USD
EXPENDITURES	1,312,000	354,595	300,000	81,081	78,563	21,233	131,412	35,517	1,821,975	492,426
INCOME	1,312,000	354,595	300,000	81,081	78,563	21,233	131,412	35,517	1,821,975	492,426

University Operating Budget

	2017/2018			2018/2019			
	NIS M	USD M	%	NIS M	USD M	%	% change
INCOME							
Planning & Budgeting Committee	940.6	254.2	73.6%	969.1	261.9	73.9%	3.0%
Tuition and Dorms	200.7	54.2	15.7%	206.1	55.7	15.7%	2.7%
Contributions	6.0	1.6	0.5%	6.0	1.6	0.5%	0.0%
Endowment Funds	50.0	13.5	3.9%	50.0	13.5	3.8%	0.0%
Other Income	76.9	20.8	6.0%	77.3	20.9	5.9%	0.6%
Transfer from Funds	3.9	1.1	0.3%	3.4	0.9	0.3%	-12.2%
TOTAL	1,278.1	345.4	100.0%	1,312.0	354.6	100.0%	2.7%
EXPENDITURE							
Salaries	932.1	251.9	72.9%	950.6	256.9	72.5%	2.0%
Fellowships & Student Assistance	79.6	21.5	6.2%	82.0	22.2	6.2%	2.9%
Teaching & Research Expenses	52.8	14.3	4.1%	56.7	15.3	4.3%	7.4%
Institutes & Research Centers	37.5	10.1	2.9%	42.4	11.5	3.2%	13.1%
Computing Expenses	15.3	4.1	1.2%	17.1	4.6	1.3%	12.0%
Library Expenses	28.5	7.7	2.2%	29.6	8.0	2.3%	4.1%
Administration	27.1	7.3	2.1%	27.1	7.3	2.1%	0.1%
Maintenance	98.0	26.5	7.7%	99.5	26.9	7.6%	1.5%
Financing	7.2	1.9	0.6%	7.0	1.9	0.5%	-3.2%
TOTAL	1,278.1	345.5	100.0%	1,312.0	354.6	100.0%	2.7%
NIS/USD exchange rate:	3.70			3.70			0.0%
Higher Education Budgeting Index	126.5			132.41			



Designation of Donations



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

Our Worldwide Family of Associates at Work 2017/18 Year-End Figures

	Total
Contributions Received	\$318,742,048
Interest Income from Endowments	\$34,487,315
Endowment Fund Balance (as of 30/9/18)	\$752,882,055

Notes: Contribution figures are gross and do not reflect local fundraising charges. | Contribution figures include: \$274.4 million received from the Marcus Estate. | All figures are approximate due to fluctuating exchange and interest rates. | Endowment balance includes \$451.72 million in the Marcus Fund and approximately \$50.92 million in endowment funds held in the US by and on behalf of AABGU. (The figure does not include approximately \$23.97 million in trust funds held by and on behalf of AABGU.) | 2017/18 interest income figure above represents the income distributed on endowments held in Israel (3.5%); \$22.04 million income released from the Marcus Fund; and \$1,144,379 (4%) income released on endowment funds held in the U.S. by and on behalf of AABGU.

CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

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Our highest priority continues to be the development of the North Campus. Construction of the first buildings, for the Undergraduate Village, has begun.

↑ *The Esther and Michel Halperin Student Center at Sede Boqer*

↗ *The Graduate Student Dormitories*

↘ *Construction work on the Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building*

Completed this Year

- Renovation of two buildings at the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex
- Renovations of the Brain and Cognitive Sciences Building (Marcus Family Campus)

Under Construction

- Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building (Marcus Family Campus)
- Graduate Student Dormitories (Beer-Sheva)
- Undergraduate Student Village (North Campus)
- Renovation of two buildings of the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex
- Medical simulation and classroom building for the Field Family Foundation Simulation Center (Marcus Family Campus)
- North Campus development, utilities tunnels and underground infrastructure

Work to Begin Soon

- Sports and Recreation Center expansion
- North Campus Energy Center
- The Cyndi and Max Mintzberg Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism Building and the Cyndi and Max Mintzberg Ben-Gurion Archives Building





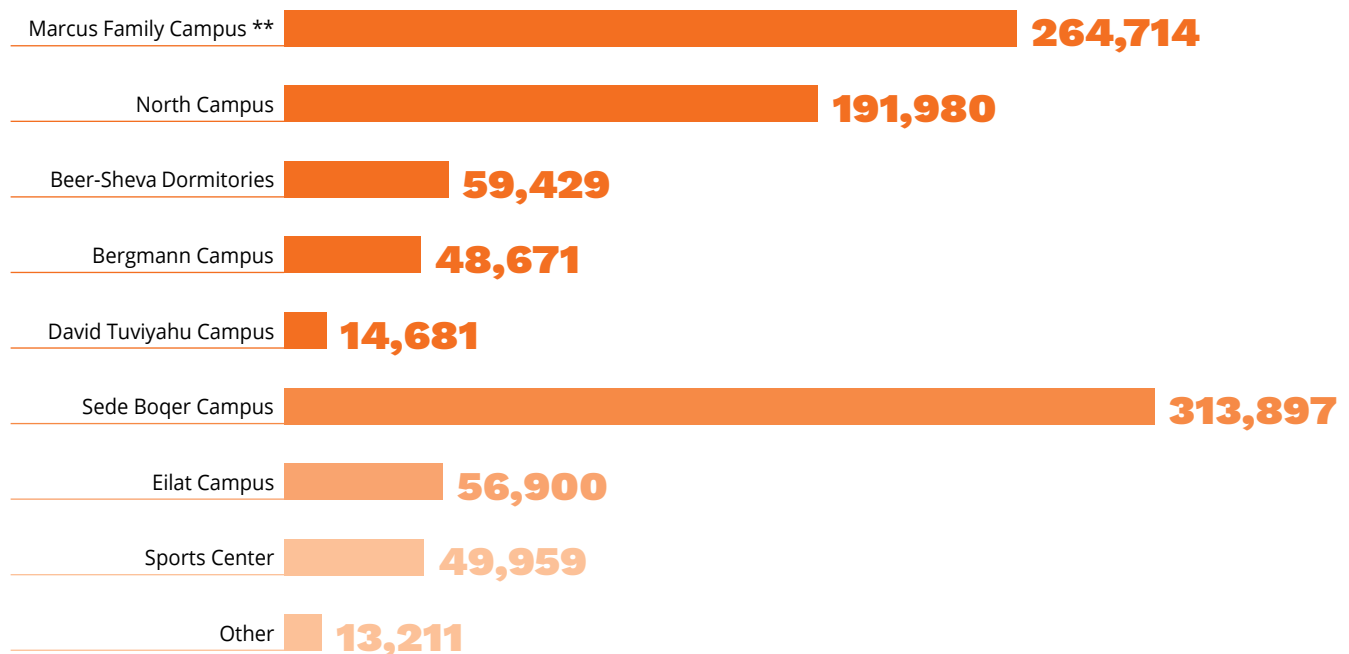
Under Design

- BGU-Soroka Joint Research Building supported by the Adelis Foundation (FOHS/Soroka campus)
- Homeland Security building (North Campus)
- Innovation and entrepreneurship classroom building (North Campus)
- Computer Science building (North Campus)

Future Projects

- Plaza between the Lorry I. Lokey Chemistry Building and the Guzik Family Building for Biotechnology Engineering (Marcus Family Campus)
- Structural Engineering building (North Campus)
- University Art Gallery (Marcus Family Campus)
- Library for Engineering and Natural Sciences (Marcus Family Campus)
- Health Sciences research laboratories building (FOHS/Soroka campus)
- International Conference Center (North Campus)
- Gate of Innovation (North Campus)

The University Footprint (in square meters)*



* The area specified is based on valid lease agreements with the Israel Land Authority and the landowners.

** Including the Faculty of Health Sciences (FOHS/Soroka hospital campus).

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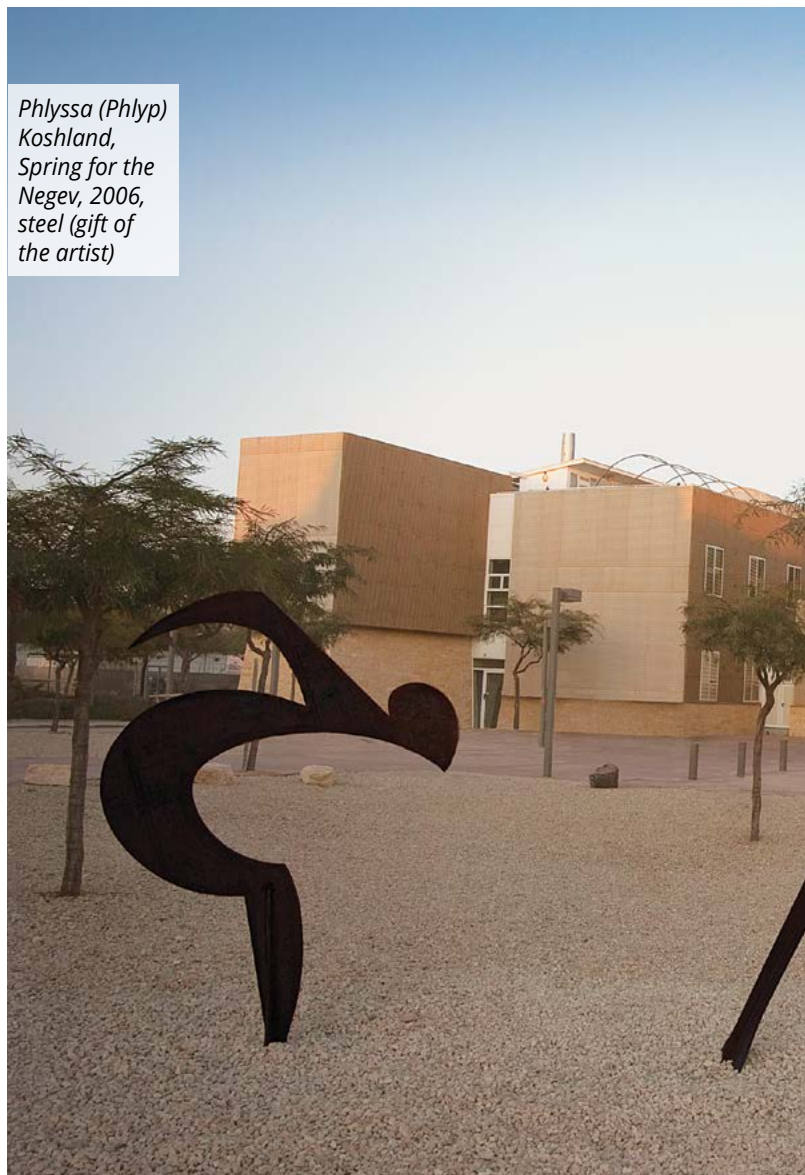
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Yaacov Dorchin, Forum with Houses and Pathways, 2007, galvanized iron

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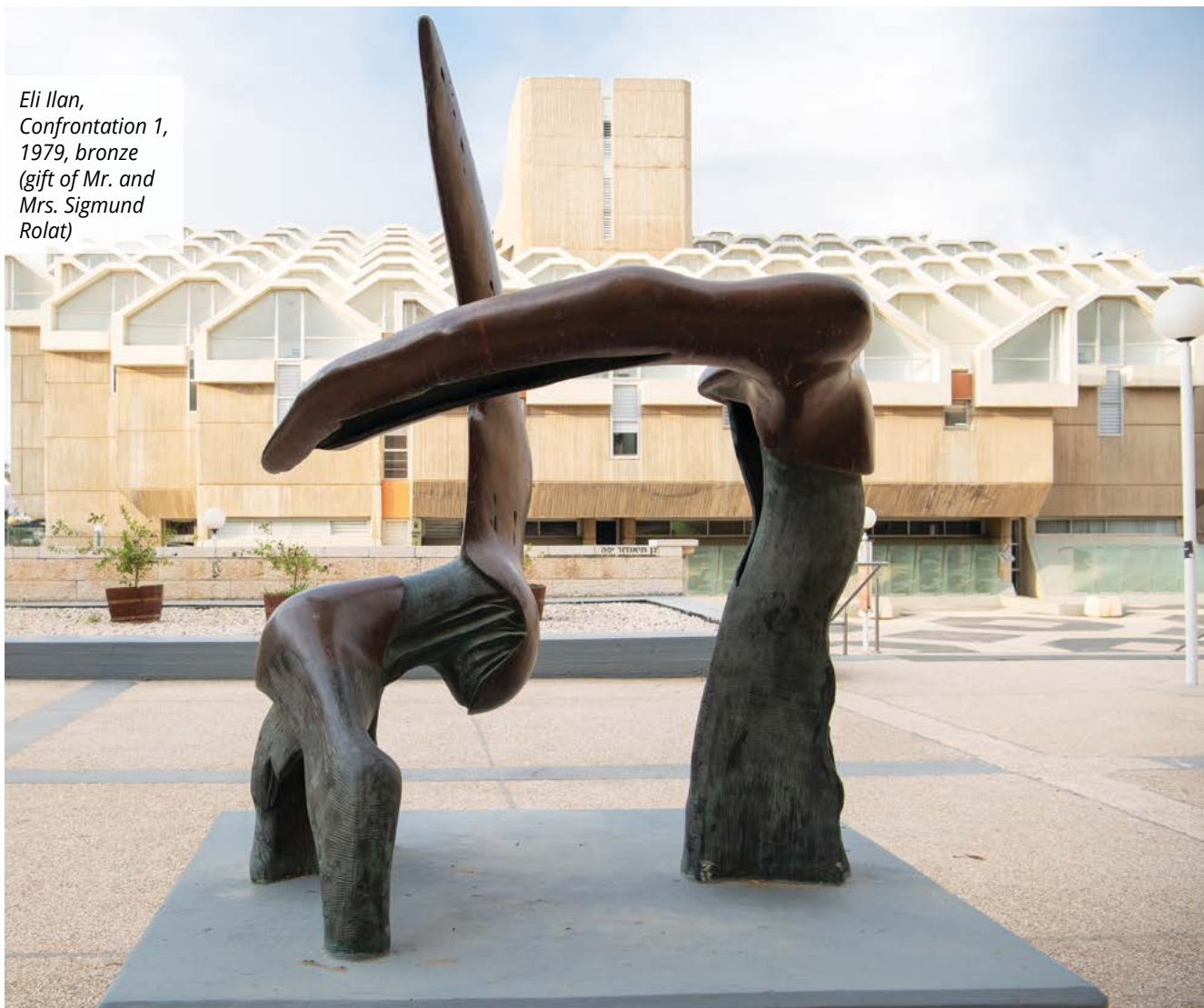
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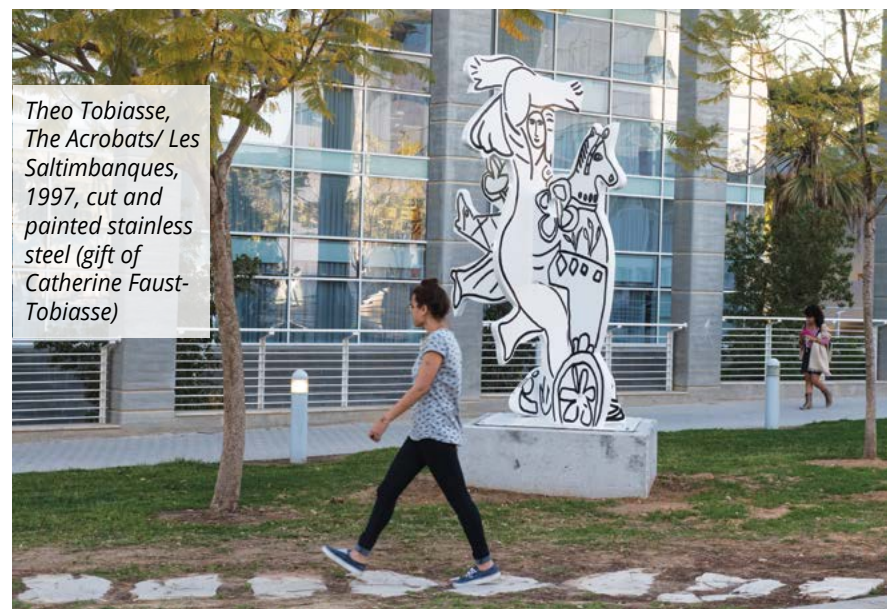
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