Program
48th Board of Governors Meeting
May 6 – 9, 2018
Welcome
to the 48th Board of Governors Meeting
3:30 p.m.
Optional Off-campus Tours:
Tour of the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments

or
Archaeological Tour of Tel Beer-Sheva National Park*
Led by archaeologist Prof. Steve Rosen, Vice-President for External Affairs

*note: the archaeological tour will run late, and participants may not be able to join the 5:30 tours on campus

5:30 p.m.
Optional On-campus Tours:
General Tour of the Marcus Family Campus

or
Art Tour of the Marcus Family Campus
Led by Prof. Haim Maor, Curator of BGU Exhibitions

5:00 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting
Chairpersons: Eric Charles, UK; Dvora Tomer, Israel
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

7:00 p.m.
Welcome Dinner
hosted by BGU President, Prof. Rivka Carmi
followed by
Tour of the Exhibitions at the Negev Museum of Art & the Museum of Islamic and Near Eastern Cultures
Beer-Sheva Museum Complex, Old City
(For registered participants)
Monday, May 7, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Opening Plenary Session of the 48th Board of Governors Meeting

Celebrating the State of Israel’s 70th Anniversary

Addresses:
Alexander M. Goren, Chairman of the Board of Governors
Prof. Rivka Carmi, President
Prof. Zvi HaCohen, Rector

Presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Prof. Raymond Dwek, CBE FRS FRSC, United Kingdom

70 Years of Independence: A Modern Miracle

Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

12:00 p.m.

Working Lunch for Board members with President Prof. Rivka Carmi

Barkan Conference Hall, Zlotowski Student Administration Building

(For board members only)
2:00 p.m.
Chamber Music Concert
in Memory of
Dr. Heinz-Horst Deichmann
Performed by members of the Chamber Music Performance Course at BGU
Musical guide: Daniel Lachish
Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium

4:00 p.m.
BGU Talks
Inspirational glimpses into research and beyond
Dr. Sarab Abu-Rabia-Queder, Bona Terra Department of Man in the Desert
Prof. Maya Bar-Sadan, Department of Chemistry
Dr. Leeat Granek, Head, Program in Gerontology, School of Public Health
Dr. Stav Rosenzweig, Department of Management
Moderator: Dana Gavish-Fridman, VP for Entrepreneurship, BGN Technologies
W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

5:30 p.m.
‘Meet and Greet’ Marking the 40th Anniversary of the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program
Conversations with the Program’s students and residents and a glimpse at their activities
Minkoff Family Senate Court

6:30 p.m.
Ceremony Recognizing the University’s New and Most Loyal Supporters
Plaza Adjacent to the Ben-Gurion Wall

7:30 p.m.
Student Evening
Sponsored by AABGU members
Suzanne Zlotowski Garden
(For registered participants)
10:00 a.m.

Twelve Years at the Helm: A Retrospective

President Prof. Rivka Carmi in a conversation with journalist Dana Weiss

W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

11:30 a.m.

A Celebration of Role Models and Inspirations: Women Nobel Laureates

From Basic Science to Advanced Medicine

Lecture by Prof. Ada Yonath
Israel; Laureate of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009

W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall

followed by

Launch of the new permanent exhibition honoring Women Nobel Laureates

Staschower Plaza
2:00 p.m.
Annual Zlotowski Lecture
*Encoding of Space and Time in the Mammalian Brain*

Prof. Edvard I. Moser, Norway
Laureate of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2014

Presentation of the Zlotowski Admission Awards for Outstanding Students
In the Presence of Adelene Zlotowski, Israel
Moderator: Prof. David Golomb, Chair, Zlotowski Center for Neuroscience

*W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall*

3:00 p.m.
Irene and Hyman Kreitman Annual Memorial Lecture
by Janet Ann Napolitano, President of the University of California; former United States Secretary of Homeland Security

Moderator: Prof. Limor Aharonson-Daniel, Vice-Rector for International Academic Affairs

*W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall*

4:00 p.m.
Meetings with Researchers and Lab Tours
(Registration via IGT required)

5:30 p.m.
The Robert St. John Chair in Objective Middle East Reporting Lecture
*Independent Journalism: An Uphill Struggle*

Josef Federman, Bureau Chief and chairman of the Foreign Press Association

Moderator: Prof. Yoram Meital, Dept. of Middle East Studies

*W.A. Minkoff Senate Hall*

7:30 p.m.
Conferment Ceremony of Honorary Doctoral Degrees
Upon:
Elena Dmitrievna Bashkirova, Germany & Russia
Prof. Edvard I. Moser, Norway
Janet Ann Napolitano, USA
Prof. Cary Nelson, USA
Prof. Colin Ratledge, UK
Prof. Dame Carol Robinson, UK

*Joya Claire Sonnenfeldt Auditorium*
Ceremony will be followed by a Reception in the Udi Garden
Warm clothing recommended
09:00 a.m.
Visit to Ben-Gurion’s Grave National Park and Walk Along the Zin Cliff
Dr. Paula Kabalo, Director, Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

10:30 a.m.
Dedication of the Esther and Michel Halpérin Student Center
In the presence of Esther, Lionel, Anouchka and Sophie Halpérin, Switzerland & Israel
Esther and Michel Halpérin Student Center

followed by
Dedication of the Michel Halpérin Chair in Global Law and Policy
Incumbant: Prof. Dani Filc, Department of Politics and Government
and the
Inaugural Halpérin Lecture
The Academic Assault on Israel: A View From the U.S.
Prof. Cary Nelson, USA
Former president of the American Association of University Professors
Remarks: Prof. Mark Clarfield, Director, Medical School for International Health
George Evens Family Auditorium

11:45 a.m.
Annual Review of Research Activities at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research
Prof. Boris Zaltzman, Director, Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research
The BIDR’s Contributions to the State of Israel
Prof. Yair Zarmi, Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental and Energy Research
Moderator: Dr. Merav Seifan, The Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental and Energy Research
George Evens Family Auditorium

followed by the
Naming Ceremony of the The Bona Terra Foundation Walkway in Memory of Max Meirowsky
In the Presence of Daniel Guggenheim, President, Bona Terra Foundation
Remarks: Prof. Avigad Vonshak, French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands

9:00 p.m.
Closing Gala Celebrating Israel’s 70th and Marking Prof. Rivka Carmi’s 12 Years as President
Live entertainment and dance party
Standup Comedy: Benji Lovitt
Isrotel Dead Sea Hotel
(Registration via IGT required)
Optional
Post-Board
Program
First Governors’ Lecture Series

The Israeli Puzzle: Reflections on 70 Years since Independence

Roundtables and talks on some of the most fascinating issues in Israeli society, by members of the Center for Israel Studies at the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism

1:15 p.m.

Session I

Dr. Paula Kabalo

DBG’s ‘Southwards’: A 21st Century Perspective

2:00 p.m.

Session II

Dr. Tanya Zion-Waldoks

R/evolution: How Religious Women are Transforming Israeli Society

Dr. Kobi Peled, Dr. Ibtisam Barakat, Dr. Emir Galilee

Identities in Transition: Palestinian Arab, Bedouin and Druze Identities in Israel

Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky

“Significant Other”: Israeli Perceptions of Jewish-American Religious Practice and Thought

Isrotel Dead Sea Hotel
(for registered participants)
Celebrating Israel's 70th.