Welcome
to the 48th Board of Governors Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 2018
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
Chairperson: Eric Charles, UK
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, The Zlotowski Center for Neuroscience

*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
Wednesday, May 9, 2018

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

Incumbent: 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. Pedro Berliner, French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands
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

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)
Session I

Option a:
Dr. Tanya Zion-Waldoks
R/evolution: How Religious Women are Transforming Israeli Society

Option b:
Dr. Kobi Peled, Dr. Ibtisam Barakat, Dr. Emir Galilee
Identities in Transition: Palestinian Arab, Bedouin, and Druze Identities in Israel

Session II

Option a:
Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky
"Significant Other": Israeli Perceptions of Jewish-American Religious Practice and Thought

Option b:
Dr. Aryeh Tepper
Piyut, Jazz and the Expanding Boundaries of Israeli Identity

Session III: Conclusion

Dr. Paula Kabalo
DBG’s ‘Southwards’: A 21st Century Perspective
Celebrating Israel's 70th