My life before BGU:

My three degrees are from Ben-Gurion University, at the same Department I am joining. I completed my bachelor’s degree before my military service as part of the deferred service program and obtained by Master’s degree while serving. After my discharge from the IDF, I began my PhD studies and, on completion, went to do postdoctoral work at the University of California, Berkeley.

Why BGU?

When I finished high school, I heard good things about a newly opened department at BGU – the Department of Information Systems Engineering. I was part of the first cohort to graduate from the Department, and I really enjoyed it. I was very happy to have the opportunity to join its faculty.

A source of inspiration:

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The three things that are most important to me are mauntricks, the subject I am working on and the faculty. If it is work that is meaningful and important, then I will work hard to get it done.

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