



# WELCOMING NEW GOVERNORS

51<sup>st</sup> Board of Governors Meeting

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Ben-Gurion University of the Negev



## From the Chairman

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has since its inception been part of the very fabric of the Negev region. Its presence extends beyond the scientific and educational realm, into the health care system, local businesses, and industry and into the day-to-day life of the community. The significance of this has been palpably demonstrated this year when the University established the Coronavirus Task Force to contribute to national and international endeavors to overcome the "Corona Crisis." It is not surprising, therefore, that the Covid-19 vaccines, in use today, were partly the development of BGU medical graduates.

For us, the University's Board of Governors, BGU is not only a university. It is the vehicle through which we have an impact on the State of Israel and the world.

It gives me pleasure to welcome to our ranks the new Board members who are introduced in this booklet. I thank them for joining the Ben-Gurion University worldwide community of supporters and look forward to the impact of our future efforts.

**Lloyd Goldman**  
Chairman



**Yehiel Bensoussan**  
ISRAEL

Yehiel Bensoussan served in the IDF for 22 years, including in commanding roles in the 8200 Unit, and retired at the rank of Major. He then had a second career as a manager for Shufersal, Israel's largest supermarket chain.

Since his retirement, he has been active in several local and national non-profit organizations, such as the Association of IDF Retirees, and the Friends of the Beer-Sheva Mental Health Center, and the national Pétanque Federation, serving as chair of various oversight committees and member of their boards. He is currently a member of BGU's Audit Committee.

Yehiel lives in Meitar with his wife and has three children and nine grandchildren.



**Maggy Camp**  
FRANCE

Maggy Camp is a pharmacist now earning her PhD and master's degrees in business from Paris University. She is retired from an intensive career in the cosmetics field, working at multinationals such as Estee Lauder and L'Oréal in the position of Senior VP for R&D and Product Development.

Maggy is socially invested in a range of causes, including lobbying for women and the Pink Ribbon campaign for breast cancer awareness across Europe. She is also an active member of the French Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and participates in the promotion of the University in France.

She is the proud mother of two children and has two grandchildren.





**Gary DeBode**  
UNITED STATES

Gary DeBode is the current President of AABGU. He founded Gallium Real Estate in 2015 to co-invest in and develop multi-family residential and self-storage projects. He was previously CEO and is on the board of Edison Properties. While at Edison, he led the development of eight Manhattan Mini-Storage projects; the Ludlow, a 243-unit multi-family project; and the repositioning of the Hippodrome Building in Midtown. Previously, Gary also worked for Tishman Realty and Construction as a project engineer on commercial projects. He started his career in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a naval nuclear submarine officer.

Gary serves organizations in leadership roles and on boards, including as Chairman of the NYC Partnership for the Homeless, and on the Real Estate Board of New York. His service in education focuses on organizations working to change lives through effective cross-sector education. His Jewish nonprofit service has been on the boards of Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life and MetroWest Jewish Camp Enterprise.

Gary is an alumnus of the AABGU Zin Fellows Leadership Program. He enjoys his passion for the development of the Negev through work with AABGU and the OR Movement.

Gary earned a BSc degree in computer science from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He is married to Archie Gottesman and has three daughters: Lilli, Sophie and Ella.



**Ahmed Eyaid**  
ISRAEL

Ahmed Eyaid is a lecturer, accountant, and social activist. He has extensive experience in financial management, payroll administration and internal auditing and is a member of the team of the Israel CPA Council that writes exams for the licensing and training of accountants in Israel. Ahmed teaches accounting at the Sapir Academic College and oversees support for its Arab students.

Ahmed also has a master's degree in law and appears as a public representative in the District Court of Beer-Sheva. He contributes frequently to the Israeli press on the subjects of economy and society and was selected by the Arabic language Voice of Israel radio station as one of 2019's leading economic and social influencers in the Arab sector.

He is active in numerous non-profit organizations and associations involved in reducing social gaps and advancing disadvantaged segments of the population and provides pro-bono support and financial guidance to various Bedouin initiatives and entrepreneurs.

Ahmed is a graduate of Ben-Gurion University in the Negev and received the University's Alumni Award in 2019. He lives in Beer-Sheva with his wife and three children.





**Jane Gural-Senders**  
UNITED STATES

Jane Gural-Senders is the Executive Director of 230 Fifth Avenue New York MarketCenter™ and principal of Newmark Holdings, a family real estate company. She has helped transform 230 Fifth Avenue into one of the leading showroom buildings in the gift and home textile industries.

Jane is a member of and contributor to several charitable organizations. She is a past president of the Marion and Aaron Gural JCC of the Greater Five Towns (Long Island, NY); a supporter of the Museum at Eldridge Street; a board member of the Flatiron of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Partnership Business Improvement District; former board member of the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns; and a supporter of the Madison Square Park Conservancy, the Gift for Life, the Van Alen Institute, and the Chemotherapy Foundation. She recently became a member of the real estate committee for Yeshiva University.

Along with her siblings, Jane was honored at a gala dinner by AABGU's Greater New York Region for their major support of BGU's Alzheimer's research spearheaded by Prof. Alon Monsonego.

Jane and her husband, William, are staunch supporters of Israel, where two of their five children reside with their families. They are also the proud grandparents of 14 grandchildren.



**Sophie Halperin**  
FRANCE

Dr. Sophie Halperin is an MD doctor specializing in psychiatry. She practices both at her private clinic and at the public hospital Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris. She also teaches at the medical faculty of Paris Diderot University – Paris 7.

In 2013 Sophie launched a unique program with a group of BGU medical students aimed at strengthening preventive medicine at the community level of the Negev. She continues to support and mentor a second group of MD students throughout their studies and activities in the community out of a strong conviction that this model is fruitful for all the involved parties: the students themselves, the community, and the healthcare system.

Sophie participated in the Covidom initiative launched in the Paris area in March 2020 with the aim of providing ambulatory medicine based on remote surveillance for Covid-19 patients with mild-to-moderate symptoms. Currently, 50,000 patients are already part of the system.

Sophie has four children and seven grandchildren.





**Rony Hizkiyahu**  
ISRAEL

Rony Hizkiyahu served as the Accountant General at the Ministry of Finance between January 2017 and October 2020.

Prior to joining the Ministry, he held various senior management positions in Israel's public and private sectors: He served as Chairman of the First International Bank, and prior to that, as the Supervisor of Banks at the Bank of Israel, a position he held from 2007 to 2010. His tenure as Supervisor of Banks included handling the many challenges spurred by the 2008 global financial crisis.

Rony began his professional career at Bank Hapoalim, after which he was appointed CEO of the Maritime Bank, followed by a position as EVP and Head of the Business Division at Discount Bank. He also served as a member of several boards of directors.

Rony holds a BSc in Industrial Engineering and Management from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.



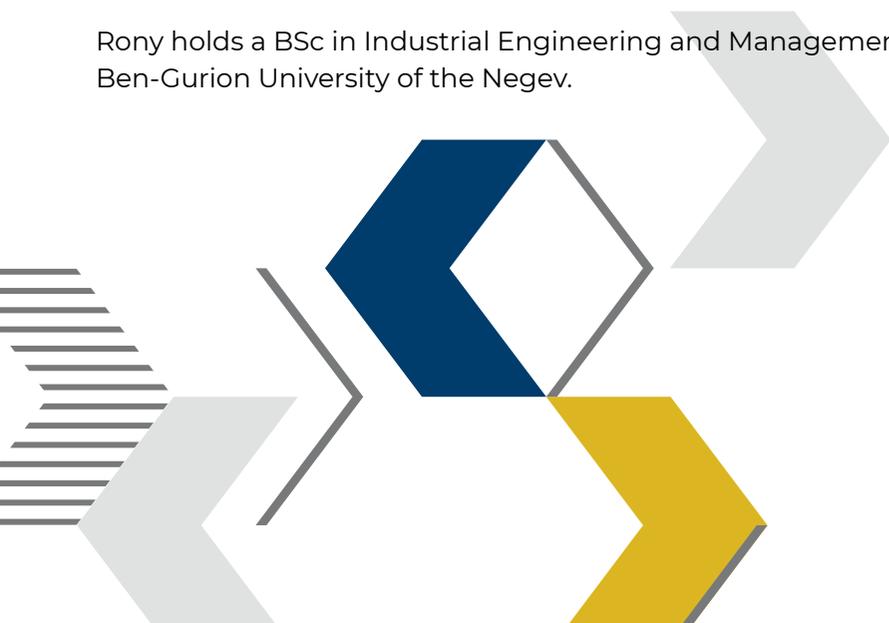
**Andrea Jarach**  
ITALY

Andrea Jarach is the President of the Italian Associates of BGU. He is an editor, publisher and businessman, founder and CEO of WikiMilano, and Tourism Director for the Osservatorio Metropolitan di Milano.

Andrea has been active since 1985 in traditional and digital communication and is an expert in multichannel communication and cultural promotion. He has curated highly successful historical exhibitions, including *Omanut 1906-2006: 100 years of Israeli life and art*. In 1995 he co-produced *Destinazione Auschwitz*, the first multimedia work on the Shoah and winner of the European Commission's Innovation Prize.

As president of Where Italia srl, in 2010 he launched the monthly magazine *Where Milan*, now a benchmark for information services to international visitors, extended in 2016 to Venice. In 2012 he co-founded the cultural association Milano Loves You to promote Milan as a tourist destination.

Since 2015 Andrea has served as Chairman of Keren Hayesod Italia Onlus. He is a member of the Rotary Club Milano Arco della Pace and was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow for having contributed to the initiative *Milano dove Vai?* With the Rotary Club, he created the digital project *Museo Milano* and helped develop the Explorers and Ambassadors project aimed at Milanese school children.





**Barry Lipson**  
CANADA

Barry Lipson has been a member of the Ontario Bar since 1962 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1980. He received his education from the University of Toronto, the University of Toronto Law School and Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. He is noted for his expertise in advising on the structure of real estate acquisition and development and negotiating and resolving disputes with respect to commercial land development, joint venture, and cost-sharing agreements.

His book, *The Art of the Real Estate Deal*, first published in 1997, is now in its fourth edition. This and his other book, *The Art of the Corporate Deal*, are still current and in demand.

Barry has served as President of Toronto's Primrose Club and Head of Israel Bonds, Trustee Division. He began his affiliation with BGU thirty-two years ago, in 1989. In the ensuing years, he rose from President of the Toronto Region to National President of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, serving with three successive BGU presidents.



**Philippe Mauchard**  
BELGIUM

Philippe Mauchard is President of the Belgian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev since 2020. He is an intra/entre-preneur in B2B services. He has over 25 years of experience spanning from consulting (especially as a Partner with McKinsey in Brussels), to building ventures (especially as the founder and global leader of McKinsey Solutions), and more recently, to investing in tech startups in an active way, helping entrepreneurs grow over time (as Chief Investment Officer for a Belgium-based family office, SPDG).

Philippe is also a Marketing Professor at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management and a founder of Teach for Belgium. He holds a master's degree in commercial engineering from Solvay, and an MBA from INSEAD.

Over the last 10 years, Philippe has been working to bridge between Israel and Europe, developing an extensive network in the Startup Nation's ecosystem.

He is married and the father of 3 children, plays drums in a band and is a regular marathon and long trails runner.





**Laurence Ohayon**  
SWITZERLAND

Laurence Myriam Ohayon is a Director of her family's business, centered in Geneva. Its primary focus is real estate development, facility management and energy efficiency.

After graduating from Oxford University with a degree in politics, philosophy and economics, Laurence completed a master's degree in Real Estate Law in Switzerland, all whilst working alongside her father in the business he founded and built from the ground up in the 1970s.

Laurence's father, the late Abraham Bendavid Ohayon z'l, was a longstanding benefactor of Ben-Gurion University. He was awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree by BGU in 2010. The Ohayon family has supported numerous projects at the University over the years, including scholarship programs and the construction of the Abraham Bendavid Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex inaugurated in 2008.

Visiting BGU regularly since the early 2000s, Laurence herself has witnessed the University's growth firsthand and has been inspired by its dynamism and unique energy.

Laurence is deeply engaged in the challenges and opportunities faced by this generation of students - including issues of the environment, energy, education, or health. She has a genuine curiosity in all realms and recently completed a degree in Nutrition Detoxology. She is an avid reader, writes for pleasure, and has two young daughters.



**Jeff Polak**  
UNITED STATES

Jeff Polak is President and Executive Director of the David and Janet Polak Foundation, formed in 2012 to support Israel, the American Jewish community, and other causes.

Jeff, a certified investment management analyst (CIMA), is the Managing Director of Polak Investors, which actively manages fixed-income securities, public equities, and alternative assets. He earned his BA in economics and international relations from the University of Southern California and CIMA designation from the Wharton School of Business.

The David and Janet Polak Foundation recently made grants to over 50 organizations, including the Simon Wiesenthal Center, StandWithUs, the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, the University of Southern California, Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF), American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and the Ayn Rand Institute. The Foundation has also endowed the Cedars-Sinai Board of Governors Regenerative Medicine Institute and seeded major gifts to the Technion and the Los Angeles Jewish Home.

Jeff serves on the Western Region boards of the American Technion Society and FIDF, as well as on the investment committees for the Jewish Home and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He has two children, Ethan and Alexa.





**Joel Reinstein**  
UNITED STATES

Joel Reinstein serves as a Vice President of AABGU's national board. He was introduced to BGU by a significant mentor in his life: Harold Oshry z"l, a former Vice Chairman of BGU's Board of Governors and AABGU President.

Joel practices law in the estate planning and probate fields in Boca Raton, Florida. Prior to moving to Boca Raton, Joel was president and campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale. He is currently also a national board member of the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, and a board member of the Florida-Israel Institute. He is engaged in U.S. politics and recently served as a member of AIPAC's national council.

Joel spends much of his time in Israel when he is not traveling for work or his charitable endeavors.



**Uzi Rozen**  
ISRAEL

Uzi Rozen is currently a security and management consultant. He retired from the Israel Police at the rank of Deputy Commissioner about ten years ago, following a 36 year career in a range of senior command positions, including commander of the police's academic program for senior officers.

Uzi is active in a range of volunteer activities and serves on several non-profit boards of directors. He is a public member of BGU's Audit Committee and Construction Committee.

Uzi holds a master's in education and a bachelor's degree, both from BGU. He is married, with three children and five grandchildren.





**Nava Rubenzadeh**  
ARGENTINA

Nava Issacharoff Rubenzadeh has served as President of the Argentine Friends of Ben-Gurion University since 2005. She was born in Jerusalem to an immigrant family from Bukhara. After finishing her studies in education and serving in the army, she worked with Olim. After she married her husband Daniel, they started a family in Argentina. They had two children, Ariel z"l and Shiri, and two granddaughters, Keila and Mila.

Nava is co-founder of the Argentine Women's Division of CUJA and was its president for several terms. She was also international VP of Keren Hayesod's Women's Division and then its international president from 1998 to 2003. She served on the board and was a governor of the Jewish Agency until 2003. One of her most meaningful projects was the establishment of the Branco Weiss Beit Ariel school for at-risk teens in Beer-Sheva, in memory of her son Ariel z"l.

Nava has received many honors in recognition of her work. In Argentina she received the Golda Meir Award, the AMIA Award, and the CUJA Award. Keren Hayesod also recognized her on several occasions.



**Natalie Shnaiderman**  
ISRAEL

Natalie Shnaiderman is Director of Global Grantmaking of the Genesis Philanthropy Group. She joined GPG in 2016 after serving for more than fifteen years in various executive roles at the Jewish Agency's Aliyah and Education Departments, including development and supervision of education programs in Russian-speaking Jewish communities around the world, and responsibility for strategic oversight of special partnerships between JAFI and Jewish communities in North America and the former Soviet Union.

In her role at GPG, Natalie oversees a global and varied grant portfolio, supporting identity-building and community-building initiatives across Russian-speaking Jewish communities in Israel, North America, the former Soviet Union and Germany. Natalie also serves on boards of Nativ, the National Center for Identity and Conversion, and Masa Israeli.

Natalie holds a bachelor's degree in English Linguistics and French Literature from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and a master's in Government and Public Policy from the Open University of Israel.





**Zvika Shwimmer**  
ISRAEL

Zvika Shwimmer is the Director General of Electra's consumer products division, Israel's leading home appliances distributor and producer, with a turnover of about NIS 2.5 billion annually. As leader of the division Shwimmer oversaw the consolidation of the company's infrastructure and strategy for expanding its activities; sales of 40% of the air conditioning activity to Bosch and collaborations with Bosch intl. on climate systems; realizing investments in Golan Telecom; and an initiative to recycle electrical appliances.

Previously Shwimmer was CEO of Delta Israel and CEO of Laline.

Zvika has a BA from the Peres Academic Center and an MBA from Bar Ilan University. He is married and has three children.



**Daliya Tsamriyon Hallak**  
ISRAEL

Dr. Daliya Tsamriyon Hallak is a lawyer with all three law degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She has published two books on proof of paternity, and another on the offense of bribery, as well as various articles. Her books have been quoted in Supreme Court rulings; and her writing on proof of paternity has impacted legal trends and legislation.

Daliya was mainly engaged in the field of criminal law, as an advocate and manager in key positions in the Ministry of Justice. She began as an attorney at the Haifa District Attorney's office and went on to establish the South District Public Defense office, serving as its head between 1998 and 2013. Since retiring from public service, Daliya has focused on educating the next generation of lawyers and teaches at the Peres Academic Center.

Daliya is a founding member of the Movement for Quality Government. She is also a member of numerous other professional, public, and cultural forums, committees, and organization boards, including several Israel Bar Association committees and its pro bono program, the Israel Sinfonietta board, BGU's Audit Committee, and more.





# The Board of Governors re-elects the following members for an additional 3-year term of office:

Larry Nachshen, Canada  
Prof. Gilbert Benhayoun, France  
Pierre Besnainou, France  
Hervé Giaoui, France  
Yehiel Admoni, Israel  
Kher Albaz, Israel  
Lucien (Yehuda) Bronicki, Israel  
Arieh Kleinman, Israel  
Galia Maor, Israel  
Moshe Olenik, Israel  
Israella Oron, Israel  
Amb. Aviezer Pazner, Israel  
Haim Rosen, Israel  
Yacov Rozen, Israel  
Ido Ruzolio, Israel  
Dr. Zvi Shtauber, Israel  
Eytan Stibbe, Israel

Dan Suesskind, Israel  
Prof. Ilan Troen, Israel  
Allan Warshawsky, Israel  
Micaela Goren-Monti, Switzerland  
Stephan Lawi, Switzerland  
Suzanne Zlotowski, Switzerland  
Ann Berger, United Kingdom  
Sir Ronald Cohen, United Kingdom  
Sandra Dwek, United Kingdom  
Harold Paisner, United Kingdom  
Judith Paisner, United Kingdom  
Zvi Alon, USA  
Alon Ben-Gurion, USA  
Martin Blackman, USA  
Dr. David Breslauer, USA  
James Breslauer, USA  
Stephen Breslauer, USA

Dorian Goldman, USA  
Rochelle Etingin, USA  
Ruth Flinkman-Marandy, USA  
Prof. Saul Friedlander, USA  
Prof. Richard Goldstein, USA  
Prof. Ehud Houminer, USA  
Donna Lam, USA  
Lorry I. Lokey, USA  
Hon. William Joel, USA  
Ellen Marcus, USA  
Prof. Philip Needleman, USA  
Suzanne Oshry, USA  
Dr. Carol Saal, USA  
Dr. Harry Saal, USA  
Lite Sabin, USA  
Peter Schechter, USA  
Ernest Simon, USA

**The Board of Governors thanks those members of the Board who will have completed their term of office at the end of the 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board and hopes that the University will continue to benefit from their interest and support.**

# We remember those governors who passed away over the last year

Eric Charles FCA, United Kingdom

Aaron Fish, Canada

Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Shlomo Gazit, third  
President of BGU, Israel

Alexander M. Goren, Chairman Emeritus  
of the BOG, United States

Abraham Ben-David Ohayon, Switzerland

Moshe Olenik, Israel

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, United Kingdom

Dr. Eric Samson, South Africa

G rard Worms, France

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May their memories be blessed





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