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Happy Chanukah from all of us at TAU Trust! We hope you have a happy and relaxing time.

We are delighted to report to you that our November calendar kept us busy and entertained, and December has started in much the same way.

Our collaboration event with UK Jewish Film was as fascinating as we anticipated it would be. The Q&A with filmmaker and TAU Alumnus Yaron Shani was detailed and stimulating, and kept us thinking about these topical and important themes for weeks afterwards. Thank you to all those who attended. Read more below about the event, and about TAU Alumni's other successes in the industry, with a Golden Globe nomination for Gideon Raff's *The Spy* announced this month.

For those who missed out on the event, **Save the Date** for our next film event: Starry TAU Night's annual Night at the Movies returns 10th June 2020. This event is not one to miss as we roll out the red carpet and pull out all the stops. See you there!

TAU has been all over the news this month, with TAU Professor Tal Dvir's stellar research. Dvir has carried out the first ever successful 3D printing of a heart. Furthermore, TAU Scientists are making waves in cancer treatment research. Read more about this and other cutting edge work coming out of TAU below.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming TAU's esteemed new President Professor Ariel Porat to London at the end of January. Professor Porat has an exciting vision for TAU, and we are thrilled to greet him. Read more about his upcoming visit below.

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Chief Executive

TAU Trust



## A visit from our President

In May 2019, Porat was elected 9th President of Tel Aviv University. The formidable Professor Porat is a Full Professor and former Dean at TAU's Buchmann Faculty of Law. He is a member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, incumbent of the Alain Poher Chair in Private Law at TAU, and recipient of The EMET Prize for Art, Science and Culture for Legal Research.

Upon his appointment, Professor Porat announced 'I am proud to assume this responsibility. I will do everything to lead the university to new heights'. We are very excited for his time as President of TAU, which has only just begun.

We are delighted to be welcoming Professor Porat to the UK for his visit 29th-30th January. We hope that many of you will be able to meet him, so watch this space.

## About Professor Ariel Porat



## An evening at UK Jewish Film

A few weeks ago Europe's biggest Jewish Film Festival enjoyed a screening of Oscar nominated Director and Tel Aviv University Film School alumni's powerful new film "Chained" on the sobering themes of sexual harassment and domestic violence. TAU Trust sponsored this collaborative event at the UK Jewish Film Festival. BBC broadcaster Nicola Christie hosted a Q&A with Director Yaron Shani who explained about his hyper-reality method working with non-professional actors his vision for the film using improvisation.

The event was thrilling and we were so glad to share it with you. For those who missed it, **save the date** for our annual Night at The Movies: we will roll out the red carpet on 10th June 2020.



## A brunch to remember at Christie's

In November we had the pleasure of hosting a Legacy Reunion private brunch at Christie's, generously supported by International Consultant at Christie's and TAU Governor, Anke Adler Slotke and TAU Governor Geoffrey Simmonds.

We had the unique opportunity to hear from Keith Penton, Head of Jewellery at Christie's, who shared with us some of the opulent and magnificent important Jewels in their collection. We also saw the extraordinary Dolce & Gabbana 'Art Adorned' Private Sale exhibit, which was a treat for the eyes.

We are grateful to Christie's, Anke and Geoffrey for having us and to all the Legacy supporters who joined us for this illuminating and luminous event.



## BREAKING NEWS

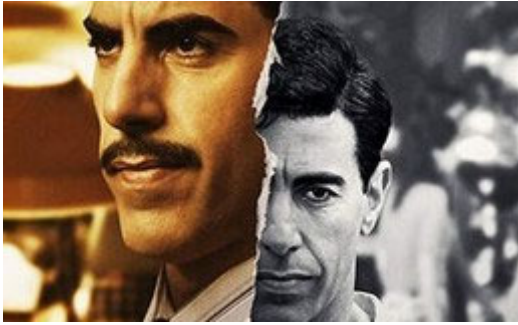


World premier 3D printed heart

In a major medical breakthrough, Tel Aviv University researchers have 'printed' the world's first 3D vascularised engineered heart using a patient's own cells and biological materials. Until now, scientists in regenerative medicine — a field positioned at the crossroads of biology and technology — have been successful in printing only simple tissues without blood vessels.

"This is the first time anyone anywhere has successfully engineered and printed an entire heart replete with cells, blood vessels, ventricles and chambers," says TAU's Prof. Tal Dvir, whose School headed the project.

[Read more](#)



### [The Spy gaining recognition](#)

TAU Alumnus Gideon Raff is making news again with his Netflix hit *The Spy*.

Sacha Baron Cohen, who stars as top Mossad spy Eli Cohen in Raff's visionary show, has been nominated for a Golden Globe. The miniseries depicts Cohen's undercover mission in Syria and is not one to miss. Gideon Raff is no stranger to awards, given his other successes with *Prisoners of War* and *Homeland*.

In a series of tweets, Baron Cohen said 'I'd also like to express my thanks to the brilliant team at Netflix and to our visionary writer/director Gidi Raff.'

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### [TAU partners with Columbia](#)

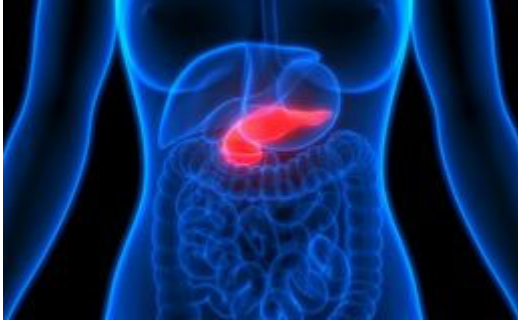
Tel Aviv University is proud to announce its newly launched new Dual Degree Program with Columbia University.

As part of the Dual Degree Program, students will begin their college education in one of six academic programs at TAU, and have the opportunity to immerse themselves in two elite research universities whose academic,

social, and cultural environments allow students to take advantage of the best that both cities have to offer.

Upon completion of this attractive four-year program, graduates earn two bachelor's degrees, one from each institution.

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### Making leaps in cancer drugs

Scientists at TAU have found that PJ34, a small molecule, causes human pancreatic cancer cells to self-destruct.

The researchers tested PJ34 on xenografts (transplants) of human pancreatic tumours in mice, which "were treated with a molecule called PJ34, which is permeable in the cell membrane but affects human cancer cells exclusively. This molecule causes an anomaly during the duplication of human cancer cells, provoking their rapid cell death. Thus, cell multiplication itself resulted in cell death in the treated cancer cells," explains TAU's Prof. Malca Cohen-Armon, project lead at TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine.

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## Help Light Their Way

For some university students, talent and perseverance are not enough. Financial obstacles can block their path to a world-class university degree. This Hanukkah, bring the miracle of higher education to new immigrants, lone soldiers, minority students, and other young Israelis from distressed backgrounds.

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