



Happy 2020 to all! February is a notoriously flat month but I am delighted to report that, having just come back from TAU, I am feeling inspired.

I recently visited campus to participate in a professional conference for leaders of TAU's global friends associations. While there, I met many people who are doing truly amazing research.

We heard from several leading quantum physicists whose research at TAU in this arena is staggering. From AI to deep and machine learning, there is so much happening at TAU, a leader in the quantum revolution.

We heard student testimonials from the OFAKIM programme, which was designed to equip teachers with the tools they need to educate Israeli schoolchildren about Judaism as a culture and a civilization. The participants are taking their work into Israeli schools, leading conversations on what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century.

I continue to be amazed by the ground breaking scientific research and ideas coming out of the university. Professor Shachar Richter from the Faculty of Engineering wowed us with his research about the worldwide overpopulation and problem with jellyfish, primitive creatures whose bodies contain important materials that using nanoscience can be used to develop new materials such as wound dressings and diapers.

We also heard from TAU's new Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Eran Neuman, who shared the exciting plans at TAU's Gallery of Art, School of Music, Architecture, Theatre Arts, Film and Television. The film school is one of TAU's finest achievements, and we are already getting ready for our 13th Annual Night at the Movies on **10th June 2020**. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please enjoy our newsletter below, where we outline our exciting upcoming party and share the details of our cocktail evening at the Ambassador's Residence in January. We also share with you all fascinating and thought-provoking news stories from TAU.

Wishing you all the best.

Kind regards,

Cara

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Israeli House & TAU Trust present:

# PURIM PARTY

The party you don't want to miss!  
March 8, 2020 | 8 PM | Central London

DJ Hilit Kolet | Alcohol bar  
Israeli snacks | Costume competition

- Tel Aviv University Alumni and Early Sale Tickets: £10
- Full price: £15

  21+

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### TAU Purim Party with The Israeli House

We are hosting a Purim Party with The Israeli House for TAU Alumni and Young Professionals on **Sunday 8th March!**

The party will be at a Central London club, with music from successful Israeli DJ, Hilit Kolet .... ([read more about her here!](#)). All of this at a discount for TAU Alumni! Need we say more?

[Book now](#)



## TAU Professor Ehud Gazit to visit London

Ehud Gazit is a Professor and Endowed Chair at the School of Molecular Cell Biology and Biotechnology, Faculty of Life Sciences and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and a member of the Executive Council of TAU.

He is also a member of Israel National Council for Research and Development, appointed by the President of Israel in 2014. Gazit is also the academic director of the Blavatnik Center for Drug Development and the Head of the Laura Schwartz-Kipp Institute for Biotechnology. In 2015, he was knighted by the Italian Republic for his service to science and society.

He will be visiting London in early March and we hope to introduce him to some of our friends here in the UK. If you are interested in meeting him please contact [cara.case@tau-trust.co.uk](mailto:cara.case@tau-trust.co.uk).



## TAU NEWS

### Welcoming President Ariel Porat at the Ambassador's Residence





Ambassador Mark Regev and Mrs Vered Regev welcomed TAU's new President Ariel Porat to London at a special Reception at their residence on Thursday night.

More than seventy friends and supporters of Tel Aviv University in the UK gathered to hear about President Porat's vision for TAU - globalisation and strengthening the international aspect of the University; promoting interdisciplinary research and teaching amongst faculties, and finally forging better access between campus and industry.

His warmth and enthusiasm to embrace and enhance TAU's relationship with the UK was evident. Ambassador Regev and new TAU Trustee Asaf Anolik spoke enthusiastically about Tel Aviv University and its strengths, making it one of Israel's leading institutions of higher education.

[Read more about the event and see all the photos here](#)

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### Prince Charles meets TAU Prof

One of TAU's most prestigious and renowned faculty members, Professor Tal Dvir, met Prince Charles at the end of January.

Professor Dvir showed the Prince his work on 3D printed hearts.

Israeli technology contributes greatly to the UK, Prince Charles said at a reception at UK Ambassador to Israel Neil Wigan's residence on Thursday: "it seems to me like Israeli genius is maintaining the entire structure of the NHS, along with a great deal of other technology," and spoke of "riveting developments and ingenious inventions."

The Prince was in Israel on his first official visit, and his third visit overall. He pointed out that he's the same age as Israel and his grandmother, Princess Alice, is buried on the Mount of Olives. "It has been particularly interesting to hear how close relationships are between our countries," he stated.

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### TAU ranked 1st in Israel

Tel Aviv University was ranked first in Israel and 149th out of 12,000 institutions worldwide by Webometrics, a ranking of the web presence of universities and other institutions of higher education.

The ranking is published twice a year and was created to promote the availability of academic articles online and, more broadly, open access to academic research. Unlike other higher education rankings that focus only on academic publications, Webometrics combines other factors, such as a researcher's online presence: impact (content quality), file accessibility, and excellence (the number of articles in the top ten percent of the most cited papers in a given field).

TAU's ranking is determined by these metrics, which measure the quality and reach of a researcher's work: how often they're cited and included in the top ten percent of citations in their field.

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## TAU honours and supports Aus

The Jewish National Fund of Australia, in collaboration with TAU and the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, hosted a solidarity event with the Australian people.

The event included greetings from the President of the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Ido Nehoshtan and TAU President Prof. Ariel Porat, as well as a review of damage caused to biodiversity following the fires, and ways to remedy it, by Professor Tamar Dayan of the Department of Zoology at TAU, director of the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History and environmental activist. Finally the Koolulam musical social enterprise created a collaborative musical piece through public singing.

All proceeds go to WWF's Australian Wildlife & Nature Recovery Fund.

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## TAU researcher measures hope

Occupational therapist Dr. Dorit Redlich Amirav of TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine has been appointed to direct the annual international Hope Barometer project in Israel. The International project is sponsored by Swiss Society for Future Studies.

The Hope Barometer was established by the Swiss Society for Future Studies in 2011 to determine how much societies are focused on hope as opposed to immediate threats, concerns and fears. It does so through an online questionnaire that asks people to indicate whether they are optimistic or pessimistic about their personal lives, political and economic policies, climate change and the environment. They are then asked to describe their hopes and concerns about the coming year.

Dr. Redlich Amirav explains: "Research has shown that hope promotes health and well-being in many aspects of people's lives."

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## Tel Aviv University Alumni?



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## For Holocaust Survivors, TAU Clinic Is a Lifeline

TAU's Clinic for the Rights of Holocaust Survivors and the Elderly attempts to address the myriad legal issues affecting the elderly in Israel, particularly survivors. Among other things, this Clinic, one of seven at TAU's Buchmann Faculty of Law, offers vital legal services not provided by the State.

The Clinics come into play by actively striving to reform laws and policies, making their purpose bigger than just the one-on-one help they offer. Their value is the ability to draw on individual cases to redress a wider injustice. In this way, TAU can improve the lives of many survivors.

Much of the Clinic's legal work is performed by second and third year law students at TAU, many of whom are supported by scholarships donated to the University.

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