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Welcome to 2022! TAU President meets with Secretary of Education in London

What a crazy year 2021 has been with Covid, and the uncertainty of lockdowns, but we look forward boldly to a wonderful year ahead full of plans and events! Our popular *Night at the Movies* will be a joyful highlight featuring the most exciting and stylish creations from our talented film school students.

We were delighted to welcome TAU President Professor Ariel Porat on a flying visit to London, accompanied by TAU VP, Amos Elad - perfectly timed before new travel restrictions kicked in. Porat attended the necessarily limited event, hosted by Google where he met with the Rt Hon Secretary for Education Nadhim Zahawi - a significant moment for an Israeli university head and a British Minister. He also participated in a round-table conversation with UK

university leaders in a discussion led by the Israeli Embassy.

Please have a look at further information and photos from the exclusive event, as well as links to news coverage below.

Also have a look at this revealing [Daily Mail article](#) on TAU's latest research into the distractions of smartphone use.

On behalf of the Trustees and team at TAU Trust and the thousands of students, faculty and staff at Tel Aviv University, we warmly wish you and your family a healthy and happy 2022.

Happy New Year!



Cara G. Case
Chief Executive





Tel Aviv University host TAU President Ariel Porat and Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP at exclusive Reception at Google HQ in St Pancras

Guests enjoyed cocktails and nibbles and a discussion on education policy during Covid with Rt Hon Secretary of State for Education Nadhim Zahawi MP and TAU President Professor Ariel Porat moderated by journalist and broadcaster Samantha Simmonds. TAU Trust Chair David Meller introduced the event while Google Cloud head Mark Palmer warmly welcomed everyone to Google's London HQ and highlighted Google Classroom and their recent charity work. The wide ranging discussion touched on education policy in school classrooms and at universities in the UK and the changes and difficulties due to Covid, as well as changes in education methods at universities in Israel including the move to online learning which is something both countries intend to keep to some extent.

TAU Trust Chief Executive said: "We were delighted to welcome friends and supporters to this exclusive event to learn about changes in education during this difficult period. We were also pleased to have TAU President Porat here in London for the first time since the pandemic began. I would like to thank Asaf Anolik our host and all at Google as well as the Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP for joining us and Samantha Simmonds for interviewing so magnificently."

The Israeli Embassy in London Spokesperson said: "The fact that the UK Education Secretary is attending an event with the president of Tel Aviv University shows the importance of Israel as an innovation hub and Israeli academia (and Tel Aviv Uni) as leading Israel in this direction."

Main image: L to R - TAU Trustee Asaf Anolik, journalist and broadcaster Samantha Simmonds,

TAU President Ariel Porat, Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP, TAU Trust Chair David Meller CBE, TAU
Trust Chief Executive Cara Case, TAU VP Amos Elad
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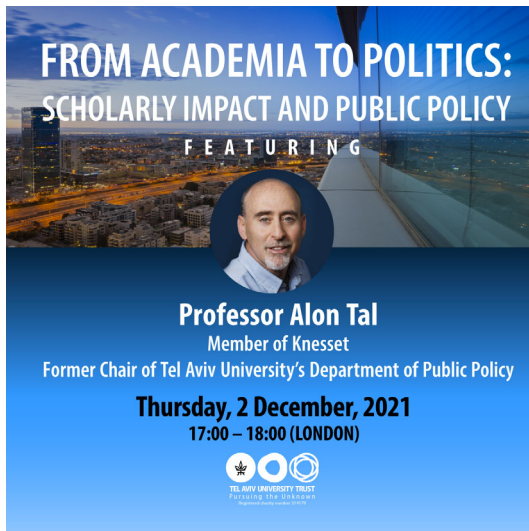
Night at the Movies

A background image of a movie theater at night. The sky is dark blue with many white stars. In the foreground, the silhouettes of people's heads are visible, looking towards a screen. A large, bright star is visible on the screen.

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