

MISSION OF YALE ACADEMICS TO ISRAEL- 2024

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Support — Learn — Engage — Return — Educate

BACKGROUND

Following the Hamas massacre of October 7, all segments of Israeli society are under attack. This is especially true for Israel's academics. The academic year has been irreparably interrupted, with college and university students, faculty and staff alike pressed into military service to defend the country. The isolation and boycott threat faced by Israeli academics is real. Scholars now face difficulties getting their academic papers reviewed and grants approved. Post-doctoral or visiting faculty positions have been suspended due to a resurgence of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. While it is incumbent upon all Jews and friends of Israel to stand up and be counted, it is especially important for academics at leading universities worldwide to support our Israeli colleagues.

BOYCOTTS

Boycotts take many forms. Exclusion of Israelis from professional societies. Exclusion of Israelis from professional conferences. Refusal of other academics to review promotion dossiers or manuscripts of Israelis ("soft boycotts"). These boycotts are devastating to the Israeli academy. Young scholars depend on reviews of their work and



dossiers by international experts. Universities in Israel depend on reviews to maintain their international standing. Students and postdocs need access to training in elite internationally-recognized universities and institutions to advance their careers. We must oppose all forms of boycotts and provide opportunities for Israeli academics to remain integrated with the international academic community. Read more about this crisis here: <https://en.globes.co.il/en/article-global-academic-community-snubbing-israeli-researchers-1001470960>

MISSION STATEMENT



1. To express solidarity with Israeli academics and all who are suffering from the effects of violence and terrorism in the wake of Oct. 7.
2. To learn about the state of affairs at Israeli universities, to foster collaborations with Israeli academics, to open opportunities for fellows and scholars to visit Yale University, particularly given efforts to boycott them.
3. To return to the US, disseminate what we have learned, and promote actions we can all take to support our Israeli colleagues.

THE TRIP

We intend to travel between March 16 and 22, 2024 with the following agenda:

Evening Sunday March 17: 7:00 PM – Orientation (dinner at **Dan** Tel Aviv hotel; welcome from Director Tzvi Richter and Guide Ross Singer of Israel Destination. Discussion of security and other protocols.
After dinner. Briefing by IDF Lt Col Peter Lerner

Monday March 18: Solidarity with the South

6:30 AM: Breakfast.

7:15 AM: Depart for the South.

8:45 AM: Sderot – Intro to events of October 7.

9:15 AM: Sapir College in Sderot (meet President Nir Kedar and college leadership).



10:30 AM Visit Kfar Azza.
12:30 PM Site of Nova Festival.
2:00 PM: Meet with President Daniel Chamovitz of Ben Gurion University of the Negev, and university leadership.
2:30 PM: Lunch and leadership presentations.
3:00 PM: Networking sessions -by discipline.
4:00 PM: Walk to Soroka Medical Center
4:15 PM Soroka Medical Center visit.
5:30 PM: Return to Tel Aviv.
8:00 PM: Flame Restaurant. “Decompression Dinner” with Dr. Rhonda Adesky on cognitive behavioral treatments for trauma faced by individuals and the nation from events of October 7.

Tuesday March 19: Jerusalem

6:00 AM: Breakfast.
7:15 AM: Departure for Jerusalem.
9:00 AM: Short Tour of Supreme Court.
9:30 AM: Discussion with Supreme Court Justice Alex Stein.
10:30 AM: Depart for Mt. Scopus.
11:00 AM: Welcome. Hebrew University.
11:25 AM: Remarks by Hebrew University Leadership and Mission Organizers.
11:45 AM: VP Strategy and Diversity and student diversity ambassadors.
12:05 PM: Rector – Concluding remarks
12:15 PM: Lunch and Networking sessions - by discipline.
1:30 PM: Medical Faculty depart for Ein Kerem.
2:00 PM: Arrival at Hadassah Medical Center for Mini-conference on Human Behavioral Genetics, and other medical meetings.
Presentations by Profs. Gelernter, Levey, Gruen
5:00 PM: Medical faculty return to Jerusalem.
2:30 PM: Non-Medical faculty. Conclude Networking at Mt. Scopus.
4:00 – 5:00 PM Optional: Journalist Khaled Abu Toameh. Community Center, “Bet Canada.”
5:30 - 7:00 PM Optional guided walking tour of Old City.
7:30 PM Dinner and reception at **Kedma**. Welcoming remarks by Nobel Laureate Robert Aumann, and President of Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, David Harel.
9:30 PM: Return to Tel Aviv.

Wednesday March 20: Haifa , Solidarity with the North

7:00 AM: Breakfast.
7:45 AM Departure to Haifa.
10:00 AM: - 10:45 AM. President Eliezer Shalev of Tel Hai Academic College (currently evacuated).
10:50 - 11:50 AM: President of Technion Uri Sivan and Institute leadership.
12:00 – 1:45 PM. Lunch and Networking sessions - by discipline.
1:45 PM: Depart for Medical School.
2:15-3:15 PM. Meet Dean of Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, and faculty members.



3:30-4:30 PM: Visit Rambam healthcare campus and underground hospital.
5:00 PM: Baha'i Gardens.
6:15 PM: Arrive Dalyat al Karmel, **Nura's Kitchen** for dinner. Remarks by Dr. Hussein Nassereldin on the Druze in Israel.
8:15 PM: Depart to Tel Aviv

Thursday March 21: Tel Aviv and area

6:30 AM: Breakfast.
7:00 AM: Hotel Checkout and load bus with baggage
7:30 AM: Depart for Rehovot and Weizmann Institute.
8:30 – 9:00 AM: Meet Weizmann leadership.
9:00 – 10:00 AM: Networking – by discipline.
9:00 AM: Tour Chaim Weizmann House and Clore Science Garden.
10:30 AM. Return to Tel Aviv.
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Visit Hostage Square.
1:30 PM: Rector Mark Shtauf of Tel Aviv University and university leadership. Panel.
2:15 – 3:15 PM: Networking – by discipline.
3:15 – 4:15 PM: Wrap-up: “Where do we go from here?” with Tel Aviv counter-boycott leaders
4:30 – 5:30 PM. Museum of the Jewish People, October 7th exhibit.
5:30 PM Reception.
6:15 PM Musical performance by Israeli musicians of new composition by Yale Prof. David Sasso
7:00 PM Closing dinner with Yale Club of Israel/Yale Alumni and other friends in Israel.
9:15 Depart for airport.

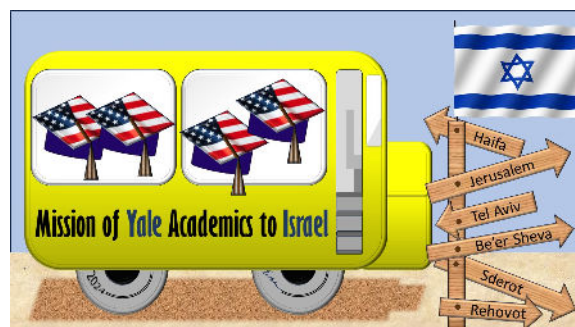
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Networking Events

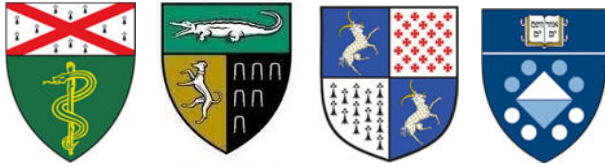
Networking events are intended as a way for students and young faculty (Israeli Jews and Arabs) to connect to Yale professors. We will use the events to identify potential recipients of travel grants and short fellowships to Yale. We will identify potential guest speakers at Yale from among senior Israeli colleagues. We will seek out Israeli collaborators for each of us and for our other Yale colleagues who could not make the trip to Israel.

Learning about Challenges

We are going to Israel to learn about the many challenges faced by universities after October 7. Jewish Israelis and Arab Israeli students may face different challenges. University administrators have to manage them all. We are going to learn, so that we can find the best ways to help.



PARTICIPATING FACULTY:



Evan D Morris, Professor of Radiology Biomedical Imaging, Biomedical Engineering

Edward Kaplan, William N and Marie Beach Professor, School of Management, Engineering and Public Health

Irena Tocino, Professor Emeritus, of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging

David Sasso, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Child Study Center

Naomi Libby, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Child Study Center

Pnina Weiss, Professor of Pediatrics, Vice Chair of Education.

Yair Listokin, Shibley Family Fund Professor of Law

Joel Gelernter, Foundations Fund Professor of Psychiatry, Genetics

Alan Gerber, Sterling Professor of Political Science

Andres Martin, Rivo Ariella Ritvo Professor of Psychiatry

Zina Berman, Research Assistant Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology

Roy Herbst, Ensign Professor of Medical Oncology, Dep. Director, Yale Cancer Center

Amit Oren, Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry

Frederick W Kron, Assistant Professor Adjunct of Internal Medicine

Daniel Levey, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

Jeff Gruen, Professor of Pediatrics and Genetics

Orly Levit, Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Ehud Mendel, Nixdorff-German Professor of Neurosurgery

Michael Helfand, Florence Rogatz Visiting Professor of Law

Limor Peer, Assoc. Director, Institution for Social and Policy Studies

Jeff Weinreb, Professor of Radiology Biomedical Imaging,

Daniel Prober, Professor of Applied Physics

Roya Hakakian, Fellow, Yale Whitney Humanities Center; Writer

Steven Schiff, Harvey and Kate Cushing Professor of Neurosurgery, Vice Chair for Global Health

Gal Zauberman, Joseph F. Cullman 3rd Professor of Marketing



Program for the visit of
Yale University
Monday, March 18, 2024

14:00 Arrival to the Marcus Family Campus, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva.

To be met by Meital Dvash and Rita Frenkel, Academic Visits Unit. Mobile: +972-54-783-1735.

Building 26, Oren Conference Hall

14:00-14:15 Meet with [Prof. Daniel Chamovitz](#), President, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

14:15-14:30 Meet with [Prof. Chaim Hames](#), Rector, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

14:30 - 15:00 Lunch – *Building 26, Oren Conference Hall*

14:45-15:00 Meet with [Prof. Michal Bar-Asher Siegal](#), Vice-President for Global Engagement, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. *Building 26, Oren Conference Hall*

15:00-16:00 Round-table networking discussions between Ben-Gurion and Yale faculty members, divided into three panels:

1. Health Sciences

BGU	Yale
Reli HersHKovitz	Jeff Gruen, MD
Amichai Meirovich	Pnina Weiss, MD, MHPE
Moshe Elkabets	Orly Levit, MD
Dan Greenberg	Frederick W. Kron, MD
Tomer Cooks	Joel Gelernter, MD
Angel Porgador	Daniel F Levey, MD, PhD
Walid Shalata	Amit Oren, PhD
Ilan Shelef	Ehud Mendel, MD, MBA
Shimon Glick	Steven Schiff, MD, PhD
	David Sasso, MD, MPH
	Naomi Libby, MD, MHA
	Andres Martin, MD, PhD

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2. Ethics and Management

Miki Malul	Gal Zauberman, PhD
Granit Almog-Bareket	Michael (Avi) Helfand, JD, PhD
Amir Shani	Yair Listokin, JD, PhD
Yotam Lurie	Alan Gerber, PhD
David Newman	Roya Hakakian
Coby Morvinski	Limor Peer, PhD
Tamar Makov	
Arieh Gavious	

3. Natural Sciences

BGU	Yale
Gabriel Lemcoff	Evan Morris, PhD
Yigal Meir	Irena Tocino, MD, FACR
Yossi Pliskin	Jeff Weinreb MD, FACR
Hillel Bar Gera	Dan Prober, PhD
	Zina Berman
	Edward H. Kaplan, PhD

**16:00 Departure to Soroka Medical Center, accompanied by the Israel Destination team and Prof.
from Health Sciences**



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Yale University Academic Faculty Mission to Israel

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus Campus
Maiersdorf Faculty Club
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

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Time	Details	Venue	Remarks
11:00 am	Arrival of the delegation Welcomed by Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson , Chancellor, and Ambassador Yossi Gal , Vice President for Advancement and External Relations Short explanation at the "Opening Ceremony" painting	Flag Plaza - Administration Building	Contact person: Tzvi Richter 054-2262400
11:10 am	Escorting the delegation to the Maierdorf Faculty Club	Beit Maierdorf	Light Refreshments
11:20 am	Short movie on the Hebrew University (3 mins)		
11:25-11:35 am	Introduction of the Hebrew University management and remarks by Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson : Prof. Tamir Sheaffer , Rector Prof. Oron Shagrir , Vice President for Internationalization Ambassador Yossi Gal , Vice President for Advancement and External Relations Yishai M. Fraenkel , Vice President and Director General Prof. Aaron Palmon , Vice President for Research and Development Prof. Mona Khoury , Vice President for Strategy and Diversity		
11:35- 11:45 am	Remarks by Prof. Ed Kaplan and Prof. Evan Morris , Yale University		

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11:45 am-12:05 pm	Presentation by Prof. Mona Khoury , Vice President for Strategy and Diversity, and Student Diversity Ambassadors: Micah Thau Tala Atieh Nitzan Menashe Almog Levi Maya Sakran Devora Lipner Shiran Brosh		
12:05-12:15 pm	Concluding remarks by HU Rector, Prof. Tamir Sheaffer		
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch and discussion with counterparts <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nanotechnology- Social Sciences- Business- Law- Medicine (with medical students and VP for R&D Prof. Aaron Palmon)		
1:30 pm	Clinicians depart for Genetics conference at Ein Kerem campus		Prof. Ronen Segman
2:00 pm	End of the visit		

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Itinerary March 22, 2024
Coordinated by Sharon Baum

Visit to the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
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(27 PAX)

USA

Wednesday March 20, 2024

- 10:00 Arrive at the Technion Campus, Polak Visitors Center
- 10:05-10:55 Presentation of Tel Hai College by **Prof. Eliezer Shalev**, president, Tel Hai College (Polak Visitors Center, Multipurpose meeting room)
- 11:00-11:55 Meet **Prof. Uri Sivan**, President, **Prof. Oded Rabinovitch**, Senior Executive Vice President, **Dr. Rafi Aviram**, Executive Vice President and Director-General, **Prof. Noam Adir**, Executive Vice President for Research, **Prof. Ilihi Zelnik-Manor**, Executive Vice President for Innovation and Industry Relation, **Prof. Naama Brenner**, Executive Vice President For Academic, **Prof. Wayne D. Kaplan**, Vice president for External Relations and Resource Development, **Prof. Adi Salzberg**, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, **Prof. Boaz Golany**, Faculty of Data and Decision Sciences, **Prof. (Emeritus) Zvi Ziegler**, Faculty of Mathematics and **Prof. Miri Yemini**, Faculty of Education is Science and Technology (Polak Visitors Center, Multipurpose meeting room)
- 12:00-13:15 Lunch with Counterparts: **Prof. Ohad Nachtomy**, dean, Humanities and Arts, **Prof. Joseph Avron**, Director of the Helen Diller Quantum Center **Prof. (emeritus) Miriam Erez**, Faculty of Data and Decision Sciences, **Prof. Ido Erev**, Faculty of Data and Decision Sciences, **Prof. Eric Akkermans**, Faculty of Physics, **Prof. Jeff Steinhauer**, Faculty of Physics, **Assoc. Prof. Arnon Henn**, Faculty of Biology, **Assoc. Prof. Yoav Sagi**, Faculty of Physics, **Assoc. Prof. Daniel Soudry**, The Andrew and Erna Viterbi Faculty of Electrical and Computer Engineering, **Asst. Prof. Luai Khoury**, faculty of Materials Science and Engineering, **Asst. Prof. Menahem (Hemi) Rotenberg**, Faculty of Biomedical Engineering, **Asst. Prof. Moti Freiman**, Faculty of Biomedical Engineering (Polak Visitors Center, 2nd floor, open space)
- 13:45-15:15 Meet **Prof. Ami Aronheim**, Dean, The Ruth and Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine and Faculty members
- 15:30 Visit the **Rambam Health Care Campus**



Yale University Faculty USA

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

8:30 – 9:15

Welcome and Overview by **Prof. Ziv Reich**, Vice President

Location: *Koffler Accelerator of the Canada Centre of Nuclear Physics, The Sagol Network Lounge for International Collaborations*

9:30 – 10:30

Round Tables Session for Networking

Location: *Koffler Accelerator of the Canada Centre of Nuclear Physics, The Sagol Network Lounge for International Collaborations*

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Prof. Ziv Reich

Vice President

Department of Biomolecular Sciences

The Hella and Derrick Kleeman Professorial Chair of Biochemistry

Born in Be'er-Sheva, Prof. Ziv Reich received his BSc from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in 1988. He earned his MSc in 1990 and his PhD degree in 1995, both from the Department of Organic Chemistry at the Weizmann Institute. Following postdoctoral research at Stanford University, he joined the Institute in 1998. Prof. Reich was appointed Vice President in December, 2019. He is the incumbent of the Hella and Derrick Kleeman Professorial Chair of Biochemistry.

Prof. Reich's studies include transport of molecules and macromolecules between the cell nucleus and cytoplasm, protein folding and binding, structure, function and adaptation of photosynthetic membranes, and the molecular basis of chloroplast development and leaf senescence—processes of major significance for agriculture. He is also elucidating the mechanisms that allow plants to withstand harsh environmental conditions, primarily water deficiency, towards developing drought-resistant crops.

His lab also investigates the origin and evolution of diversity in microbial populations, asking questions related to their diversity over time, how the environmental history of the community affects the breadth of possible individual traits, and when a transient change in an individual become a permanent trait in the population. He addresses these questions using directed-evolution experiments and data analysis based on deep learning and mathematical modeling. His research on the evolution of diversity, in addition to providing insight into key scientific questions, may shed light on medical topics related to cellular heterogeneity such as bacterial resistance to antibiotics and cancer resistance to chemotherapy, and may inform the management of biodiversity in the face of environmental changes.

Prof. Reich received the Sir Charles Clore Prize (1993), the Gerhard Schmidt Prize in Chemistry (1997), the Rothschild Postdoctoral Fellowship (1995), the Yigal Allon Fellowship (1998), the Teva Pharmaceuticals Award (2001), and the Morris L. Levinson Prize in Biology (2005). He was elected an EMBO Young Investigator at 2001.

Prof. Reich is married and the father of three.

YALE FACULTY SOLIDARITY VISIT TO TAU MARCH 21, 2024



**WELCOME
TO TEL AVIV
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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY
The Lowy International School

March 21, 2024

**Location: The Green House, The Lowy
International School**

- 1:30-2:15 pm** **Prof. Mark Shtaif, Rector
&
Prof. Neta Ziv, Vice President of
Equity, Diversity and Community
&
Ms. Daniel Zilber, Head of the
Student Union**
- 2:15-3:15 pm** **Round Table Discussions with
TAU Faculty**
- 3:15-4:15 pm** **Plenary Discussion: Where
do we go from here?
Moderated by
Prof. Meir Litvak
&
Prof. Amiel Sternberg**

Coffee and light refreshments will be served.



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