Commencement Exercises
Doctorates Honoris Causa

Academic Procession
University at a Glance: Bar-Ilan at 55
Masters of Ceremony: Dr. Aliza Lavie and Haim Zisovitch

Introductory Remarks
Reading of a Chapter of Psalms - Campus Rabbi Shlomo Shefer
Address of the University President, Prof. Moshe Kaveh
Address of the Rector, Prof. Joseph Menis
Videotaped Speech of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

Conferment of Doctorates Honoris Causa

Upon
Justice Prof. Aharon Barak (Israel)
Rabbi Chananya Chollak (Israel)
Prof. Robert F. Curl (USA)
Eli Hurvitz (Israel)
Lea Koenig Stolper (Israel)
Dr. Alvin T. Levitt (USA)
Cherna Shovers Moskowitz (USA)
Barre Seid (USA)
Norman Sternthal (Canada)
Romie Tager QC (UK)
Prof. Ada Yonath (Israel)

Musical Interludes - “Sensation” Ensemble
Hatikva

Dessert Reception

Dr. Aliza Lavie is a lecturer in Bar-Ilan University’s Department of Political Studies and its Communication Program and is spearheading the establishment of a Center for Media and Judaism on campus. Her fields of research include public communications, multi-culturalism, and the world of feminine Jewish wisdom and knowledge. A BIU alumna, she is also an author, publicist, media personality, and social activist. Her work, “A Jewish Woman’s Prayer Book” received the 2008 National Jewish Book Award and is an international bestseller.

Haim Zisovitch is Bar-Ilan University’s Spokesman and Director of Public Affairs. He is a veteran Israeli journalist, having served as a radio and TV host for the Voice of Israel and Educational Television, and as Israel Radio’s Washington correspondent and news director. He currently lectures in communications at Bar-Ilan.

We are proud to note that the event will be interpreted into Israeli Sign Language, provided by graduates of the Israeli Sign Language Interpreting Program in the Bar-Ilan Faculty of Humanities.
Bar-Ilan University
A Tradition of Excellence

Bar-Ilan University is the fastest-growing institution of higher education in Israel. Those pursuing their BA, MA and PhD degrees on our award-winning campus just outside Tel Aviv and in our four regional colleges are joined by thousands more who are enrolled in certificate and enrichment programs, including the largest in-service teacher training program in Israel. The Bar-Ilan family numbers 33,000 students.

Combining academic excellence with a commitment to Jewish enrichment and values, Bar-Ilan has achieved an international reputation in the sciences and humanities while remaining firmly committed to the Jewish people, its tradition and culture. Home to the largest Jewish studies faculty in the world, BIU is also pursuing cutting-edge scientific research, as seen in our new Nanotechnology Institute and School of Engineering. Leading a national initiative to stem the “brain drain” by repatriating 50 outstanding Israeli experimentalists working abroad, Bar-Ilan is now launching Israel’s newest Faculty of Medicine, which is to be based in the Galilee. In 2010, the BIU Faculty of Law is celebrating an important benchmark: 40 years in the vanguard of Israeli legal education, research and discourse.

Since the University’s founding in 1955, the Bar-Ilan academic community has proven to have the right formula for molding leadership - many of its nearly 100,000 alumni have assumed senior positions in the government, business, scientific, security, non-profit, and academic sectors.
Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Justice Prof. Aharon Barak in recognition of his pivotal contribution to Israeli law and society, and for his steadfast dedication in defending civil liberties.

Justice Prof. Aharon Barak

Throughout his long, illustrious legal career, Prof. Aharon Barak has played a decisive role in establishing the Supreme Court as a powerful and independent institution in the State of Israel.

Gaining recognition as a brilliant young legal scholar, he later achieved widespread fame when, as the Israeli Attorney General, he unhesitatingly brought public figures to justice. Thus, he helped define Israeli society as a true democracy, where all are equal before the law.

As Supreme Court President, Aharon Barak significantly expanded the court’s jurisdiction, opining that the court plays a key role in shaping the identity and character of Israeli society. Advancing a judicial activist approach, Prof. Barak is credited with promoting a “constitutional revolution”, via his efforts to safeguard human rights through Basic Laws and affording the courts with the authority to declare as unconstitutional laws that contradict fundamental social values.

Born in Kaunus, Lithuania in 1936, Aharon Barak experienced the horrors of the Holocaust before his family immigrated to Israel in 1947. Studying law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, he received his Doctorate cum laude in 1963 and was invited to join the faculty. He later conducted research at Harvard Law School in the US. While serving as an associate professor and later as dean of the Hebrew University Law School, Aharon Barak taught at Bar-Ilan University’s nascent Faculty of Law.

Following his term as Attorney General (1975-1978), Prof. Barak joined the Israeli Supreme Court. During his 28-year tenure on the Supreme Court, which included eleven years as president (1996-2006), he spearheaded far-reaching change and molded Israeli law in diverse fields, often sparking lively public debate. Heading public committees and authoring books and scholarly articles, he lectured widely and was awarded many honors. Since retiring from the bench, Barak is a faculty member at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya and a visiting professor at Yale Law School.

In tribute to three decades of bold leadership of the Israeli judicial system and in appreciation for his expansive legal knowledge, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Justice Prof. Aharon Barak an honorary doctorate.
Rabbi Chananya Chollak is the founding director of Ezer Mizion, the Health Support Organization which offers ill, disabled, elderly and underprivileged Israelis and their families an extensive range of medical and social support services.

With its core of 11,000 volunteers nationwide, Ezer Mizion assists some 650,000 people annually. The organization supplies 50,000 hot meals each month, and its fleet of 20 ambulances, along with 1,000 volunteer drivers in private cars, transport infirmed and handicapped people to medical facilities and other locations.

The organization’s flagship project is supporting cancer patients, especially youth. In 1996, Ezer Mizion, along with Dr. Bracha Zisser, established Oranit for children from the periphery. Another vital project spearheaded with Dr. Zisser was the establishment of a national bone-marrow registry, which has made hundreds of life-saving transplants possible.

Born in 1954, Chananya Chollak attended the Ponevezh Yeshiva in Bnei Brak. He became personally aware of the needs of hospital patients and their families when his father-in-law was hospitalized. In 1979, he founded Ezer Mizion as a modest initiative, which provided hot meals cooked by his wife, Leah, to patients’ families and organized neighbors for hospital nightshifts to relieve weary parents.

Requests for additional help quickly followed, and under Rabbi Chollak’s capable leadership Ezer Mizion grew to become Israel’s largest non-profit organization. Today it lends medical equipment, offers medical advice, help for the elderly, community welfare services, and support for children with special needs, and establishes protected establishments for people with mental disorders.

The father of 16, including four adopted children, Rabbi Chollak has directed Ezer Mizion for three decades and continues to be accessible around the clock, providing a personal role model for the professional staff and volunteers. Ezer Mizion and Chananya Chollak have received many awards. In 2008 Ezer Mizion won the Israel Prize for its noted contribution to the State.

In tribute to his unswerving commitment to the pre-eminent Jewish values of social justice and the sanctity of Jewish life, which have fueled his efforts to improve health support in Israel, ease the burden of the less fortunate, and encourage the spirit of volunteerism, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Rabbi Chananya Chollak an honorary doctorate.
A distinguished American chemist and Professor Emeritus at Rice University, Robert Curl was one of three recipients to share the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery of the only known molecular forms of pure elemental carbon, the “fullerenes” – which consist of joined rings of carbon atoms closed into hollow cages. This breakthrough has changed our thinking in chemistry and physics, and has important implications for such diverse areas as astrochemistry, superconductivity and materials chemistry/physics.

Robert Curl and co-recipients Harold W. Kroto and Richard E. Smalley called the spherical structure “buckminsterfullerene” since it resembles the geodesic dome designed by American architect R. Buckminster Fuller. Novel substances with new and unexpected properties were produced from these “buckyballs” and an entirely new branch of chemistry, nanotechnology - which is the manipulation of subatomic objects - developed as a result. In 1991, Science magazine named buckminsterfullerene “molecule of the year.”

The son of a Methodist minister, the Texas-born Curl obtained his undergraduate degree from the Rice Institute in Houston and his doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1958, after a research fellowship at Harvard University, he joined the academic faculty at Rice. A professor of natural sciences, his research has focused on physical chemistry, and particularly high-resolution spectroscopy. Prof. Curl has also received a number of other awards and honors.

In tribute to his pioneering discovery which opened new vistas of science that promise exciting applications which will change and enhance the quality of human life, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Prof. Robert F. Curl an honorary doctorate.
Throughout his outstanding 5-year career, Eli Hurvitz has led Teva Pharmaceutical Industries from one success to the next, transforming the company into the world’s number one generic drug producer, and a flagship of the Israeli economy.

With far-sighted strategic vision to create leadership in the Israeli market and beyond, Eli Hurvitz initiated the merger of several Israeli pharmaceutical companies into Teva. Implementing a corporate culture of excellence, he guided Teva in becoming Israel’s largest drug producer and a world giant, which employs 8,000 workers, including 6,000 in Israel - where it maintains its corporate headquarters.

Shortly after his appointment as CEO in 1976, Teva decided to enter the generic drug market in the US, the first step in a bold strategic plan to penetrate innovative markets using Israeli brains and scientific prowess. These efforts paid off. In 1996, the FDA authorized Teva’s production of Copaxone, a multiple sclerosis drug developed by three researchers from the Weizmann Institute, in close collaboration with the company. This unique combination of applied scientific research, business entrepreneurship, and industrial production has continued to characterize Teva’s activities.

Eliyahu (Eli) Hurvitz was born in 192 in Jerusalem, and grew up in Tel-Aviv. He enlisted in the 1948 War of Independence despite his young age, and was one of the founders of Kibbutz Tel Katzir. After studying economics, Hurvitz worked as a dishwasher in the Assia Chemical Labs, eventually advancing to the position of CEO (1976) and initiating the merger with Teva. Eli Hurvitz led Teva to the heights of success as CEO and, later, as Chairman of the Board.

Driven by a deep social commitment, Eli Hurvitz has, over the years, promoted many public causes and, under his leadership, Teva supports Israeli science, education and culture. As President of the Israel Manufacturers Association in the 1980s, he took steps to ease inflation and stabilize the economy. He has chaired the Israel Export Institute, the Jerusalem Development Authority, and the Board of Bank Leumi. He has also been a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Israel and of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. A recipient of numerous awards and honors, he won the Israel Prize in 2002.

In recognition of his singular role in the development of Israeli industry, and his contribution to fostering Israel’s economic strength and national pride, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Eli Hurvitz an honorary doctorate.
During her long, illustrious Israeli theatrical career, Lea Koenig Stolper has played many unforgettable roles with rare talent. Today, she continues to stand in center stage and captivate her audiences, justifying the title that admirers and critics have given her: “the first lady of Israeli theater.”

Lea Koenig was born in Lodz, Poland to a well-known family of actors. After the Second World War, the family moved to Romania, where Lea studied acting in an arts academy, and at age 17, began to perform in the Jewish Theater in Bucharest.

In 1961 Lea left her career, language, culture, and family, and moved to Israel. Highly motivated and with exceptional talent, she quickly overcame the language barrier and integrated into the world of Israeli theater. Lea Koenig was invited to join the prestigious Habima Theater and performed dozens of lead roles in classical and modern plays: “The Wedding Contract,” “Mirale Efrat,” “Mother Courage,” “Blood Wedding,” “Philomena,” “The Visit of the Old Lady,” “A Guide for the Traveler in Warsaw,” “Driving Miss Daisy,” “A Simple Story,” “Autumn Sunset,” “The Club of the Merry Widows” and “His Whole Life Ahead of Him.” She also played in such one-person shows as “Stars with No Sky” and “Oscar and Aunt Rosa.”

Committed to the revival of Yiddish culture, Lea Koenig has contributed considerably to the Yiddish theater. One of her noteworthy performances was when she played in “A Heavenly Couple” alongside her late actor husband, Zvi Stolper.

Throughout her career Lea Koenig has won countless awards, most notably the Israel Prize in 1987. In 2008 she received an honorary doctorate from Tel Aviv University.

In tribute to her dramatic talent, remarkable contribution to Israeli culture, and her passionate pursuit of creativity which shows that age need not be an obstacle for creative minds, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Lea Koenig Stolper an honorary doctorate.

Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Lea Koenig Stolper in recognition of her leading role in cultivating Israeli culture, and for 50 years of masterful dramatic performance on the Israeli stage.
Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Dr. Alvin T. Levitt in recognition of his sterling communal leadership, which has heralded a new era in Jewish philanthropic giving in the United States.

Dr. Alvin T. Levitt

Alvin Levitt has played a vital role in forging a new model for foundation philanthropy, setting an example for “responsible trusteeship” at the highest echelons.

For most of his lifetime, he has been actively immersed in Jewish causes, particularly those which aim to further Jewish education and heighten Jewish identity. At the national level, he has served as a Director of the Birthright Israel Foundation, the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education, Inc., and is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Birthright Next. In the San Francisco Bay Area, he has served as a director and officer of numerous Jewish organizations and foundations.

As President of the Jim Joseph Foundation and Chairman of its Board, Dr. Levitt has guided the Foundation in fulfilling the philanthropic mission of its founder, Jim Joseph, who believed in providing compelling and effective learning experiences for young Jews in the US. In supporting this mission, the Jim Joseph Foundation has joined with Bar-Ilan University to establish the imposing Jim Joseph Education Building and the Jim Joseph Foundation Fellowship Program.

A native of Denver, Colorado, Al Levitt holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Colorado and Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of California School of Law at Berkeley. A highly-respected member of the legal community, he is a partner in the national law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips and has served as a visiting lecturer at the University of California School of Law at Berkeley and Hastings School of Law in San Francisco. He has authored articles for professional journals, lectured at tax institutes, is a Fellow of the American College of Tax Attorneys, and has consistently been recognized in the book, Best Lawyers in America.

In tribute to his dynamic leadership in the Jewish community and his stalwart commitment to Jewish education, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Dr. Alvin T. Levitt an honorary doctorate.
Cherna Shovers Moskowitz's love of the Jewish people and nation has been clearly demonstrated through the many good deeds that she and her husband Irving have performed.

Born in Racine, Wisconsin to immigrant parents, Cherna married Irving in 1950. After Irving graduated medical school, the couple moved to California, where, he practiced medicine and developed 13 hospitals. There they raised eight children and launched their Foundation to fulfill the dream of helping Israel. At the height of plane hijackings, Cherna became an Israeli citizen in order to identify with Israelis who were separated from other passengers. In 1991, she and her husband brought a plane full of students to Israel to show moral support to a nation under attack.

In California, the Moskowitz's support many social programs, and have recently been honored by the International Red Cross for their “generosity and compassion” in responding to crisis around the world. Since 1988, she and Irving have generously assisted a long roster of worthy causes, mainly in Israel, which include academic and research institutions, hospitals, Hesder Yeshivot and food banks. They have redeemed synagogues, Yeshivot and other formerly-owned Jewish buildings in Jerusalem’s Old City. Cherna also chairs the Moskowitz Prize for Zionism, which she inaugurated, and has developed the Moskowitz Life Compass Program.

At Bar-Ilan University, they established a Chair in Land of Israel Studies, have supported brilliant doctoral students in the Jesselson Institute for Advanced Torah Studies and, most recently, named a floor which is dedicated to conducting Security Research in the Gonda (Goldschmied) Nanotechnology Triplex.

With eight children, forty-two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Cherna Shovers Moskowitz has demonstrated a belief in Jewish continuity, charity and the fortitude of the Jewish nation. This, together with her understanding that we have to invest in the minds of the best and brightest while providing them with a relevant moral context, has made a difference in the lives of so many.

In tribute to her Jewish activism and munificent philanthropy on behalf of *Am Yisrael*, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Cherna Shovers Moskowitz an honorary doctorate.
Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Barre Seid in recognition of his ongoing support for the enrichment of Jewish life and the advancement of the State of Israel.

Barre Seid’s vital contribution in strengthening the case for Israel, and supporting those organizations which will fortify Israel’s position in the world, is of great importance to the survival and flourishing of the Jewish people. On the communal level, he has demonstrated that imbuing Jewish values and heritage is something that must begin in the formative years, and, as such, his support of informal Jewish educational frameworks has been a significant reason for their further growth and development. Indeed, Mr. Seid’s support reflects a broad spectrum of issues, but they all come down to one common cause: a deep and abiding love for the Jewish people and the Jewish state.

An innovative business leader, Barre Seid recently celebrated the jubilee anniversary as President of Trippe Manufacturing while it transitioned from automotive lighting to computer power protection. His keen foresight, coupled with his commitment and drive to bring about change, is also manifest in his philanthropy and communal work.

Playing an instrumental role with the Foundation for Jewish Camp in initiating and expanding a novel program for subsidized summer camp, Mr. Seid has helped provide more and better informal educational opportunities for scores of Jewish children in North America. His fervent commitment to setting forward a strong case for the State of Israel is evident in his support for programs which help develop the ability of Israel’s future leaders to persuasively communicate Israel’s positions and concerns.

A resident of Chicago, Illinois, he attended the University of Chicago, the University of Colorado and Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania.

In tribute to his far-reaching contribution to the Jewish people and the State of Israel, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Barre Seid an honorary doctorate.
Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Norman Sternthal in recognition of his dedicated Jewish communal activism, munificent support of vital Jewish causes in the Diaspora and Israel, and devoted commitment to our University and its hallmark Torah and Science.

As active members of the Montreal Jewish community, Johanne and Norman Sternthal have accrued a long and impressive history of Jewish philanthropy, including significant contributions to Yeshiva University, Combined Jewish Appeal, Yeshivot Hesder, Hebrew Academy, various Yeshivot and Jewish education in general.

Mr. Sternthal was born in Montreal into a traditional and committed Jewish family. His late father, Joel Sternthal, was President of the Canadian Mizrachi and, through his work with the late Rabbi Pinkhos Churgin, was one of the founders of Bar-Ilan University. Norman Sternthal attended Bar-Ilan in 1956/57.

Mr. Sternthal is a co-founder of Groupe Fairway, a real estate and development company in Montreal, and is actively involved in its operation.

Long-time supporters of Bar-Ilan University, the Sternthals identify with Bar-Ilan’s Torah Im Derekh Eretz philosophy, which has resulted in their financial commitment to the Jeeslon Institute for Advanced Torah Studies - the Machon - and its Reshit Program and Doctoral Fellowships of Excellence. They have established a long and impressive record of support for our University.

Active in Bar-Ilan’s Canadian Friends organization, Mr. Sternthal sits on the Canadian Board and is a member of the University’s International Board of Trustees. He is a frequent visitor to the Bar-Ilan campus.

In appreciation of his stalwart leadership in the Bar-Ilan University community, and his dedicated efforts to spearhead worthy projects and advance our institution’s unique goals, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Norman Sternthal an honorary doctorate.
Personally embodying Bar-Ilan’s ideological mission, Romie Tager considers the education and continuity of future generations of the Jewish people as an uppermost priority for ensuring quality Jewish life.

A native of London and the son of devoted communal leaders, Mr. Tager perpetuates his family’s tradition of supporting significant UK Jewish charities, ranging from the Tager Autism Centre at Norwood’s Ravenswood Village to the Jewish Book Council.

A leading English barrister, he graduated with first-class honors from the University College London law faculty. In 1995, he was appointed a Queen’s Counsel, as a mark of his professional distinction. In 2002, together with a number of colleagues, he formed Selborne Chambers, which, under his direction, has gained prominence for its expertise in property law.

A Bar-Ilan University trustee, he has been active, together with his wife, Esther, in promoting our Law Faculty’s research and publications in Jewish law and religion, including HaDin ve HaDayan (“The Law and its Decisor”), which publishes Rabbinical Courts’ decisions in family law cases.

Mr. Tager’s commitment to Israel as a Jewish and democratic state led to the establishment, last year, of a multifaceted program to advance research in Jewish law and religion at the Faculty of Law. This novel BIU project includes the publication of a bi-annual journal and an annual international conference devoted to topics of Jewish law and ethics that are relevant to modern society.

In tribute to his pivotal role in advancing Jewish law, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Romie Tager QC an honorary doctorate.
Bar-Ilan University bestows an honorary doctorate upon Prof. Ada Yonath in recognition of her world-renowned research achievements which have expanded our knowledge of core life processes and contributed to original scientific thinking, serving as a source of inspiration for Israeli researchers.

Prof. Ada Yonath

Prof. Ada Yonath, the 2009 Nobel Prize laureate in Chemistry, is the ninth Israeli, and the first Israeli woman, to win this coveted award. She was honored for her groundbreaking research which deciphers the structure and mechanism of action of ribosomes – the cell’s protein factories. Her findings are critical for developing new and more effective antibiotics.

Using X-ray crystallography to map the position for each and every one of the hundreds of thousands of atoms that comprise the ribosome, her studies have paved the way for other researchers.

Ada Yonath was born in Jerusalem in 1939 and, from a young age, had to support herself. She obtained her BSc in Chemistry and MSc in Biochemistry from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and her PhD in X-ray Crystallography from the Weizmann Institute of Science. In 1970, following post-doctoral studies in the US, she joined the research faculty at the Weizmann Institute, where she founded Israel’s first lab in Protein Crystallography. A professor of Structural Biology, she heads the Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure and Assembly.

Throughout the years, Prof. Yonath has been invited to teach and conduct research at leading institutions around the world. She is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the European Academy of Sciences and Art, and the Israeli Academy of Sciences. The recipient of many awards - including the Israel Prize in 2002, the Horowitz Prize from Columbia University, and the L’Oreal-UNESCO Award for Women in Science - she holds honorary doctorates from Oxford University, Ben-Gurion University and Tel Aviv University.

In tribute to her pioneering contribution to scientific research, her perseverance in pursuing her goals, and her internationally-lauded success which brings pride to the State of Israel, Bar-Ilan University is proud to award Prof. Ada Yonath an honorary doctorate.
Recipients of Bar-Ilan University Honorary Doctorates

1966
Vice President Hubert Humphrey

1968
Max Fisher
President Zalman Shazar

1969
Chief Justice Earl Warren

1971
Prof. Saul Lieberman
Prime Minister Golda Meir

1972
Joseph Merton Hyman
Louis John Mintz
Albert Parker

1973
Phillip Stollman
Elie Wiesel
Rabbi Zemach M. Zambrowsky

1974
Mayor Abraham D. Beame
Prof. Ernst Boris Chain
E. Alec Colman
William J. Levitt
Samuel S. Lunenfeld
Axel Springer

1975
Rabbanit Sarah Herzog
Paul Zuckerman

1976
Rabbi Dr. Max Gruenwald
Emeritus Chief Rabbi Isaac Nissim
H. Jerome Sisselman
U.K. Premier Harold Wilson
Dr. George S. Wise

1977
Shimshon Feldman
Uri Zvi Greenberg
Chaim Herzog
Sir Isaac Wolfson

1978
Prime Minister Menachem Begin
Nissim D. Gaon
Arthur Hubert
Dr. Yitzhak Kister
Abraham Spiegel
Frieda Stollman
Max Stollman

1979
Senator Frank Church
Lazarus Phillips
Prof. Raul Prebisch
Moshe Schnitzer
Simone Veil

1980
Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren
Ludwig Jesselson
Hermann Merkin
Lord Rothschild
Prof. Dow Sadan
Jane Stern
Philip F. Vineberg

1981
Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum
Prof. Emanuel Levinas
Dr. Irving Moskowitz
Philip Slomovitz
Jack D. Weiler

1982
Arthur Belfer
Diane Belfer
Mayor Tom Bradley
Arnold Finkler
Prof. Simcha Noah Kramer
Stanley Lewis
Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Dr. Itzhak Ernst Nebenzahl
Shlomo Zalman Shragai

1983
S. Daniel Abraham
Dr. Leon Fill
Heinz Galinski
Prof. Nehama Leibowitz

Sir Neville Mott
Prof. A. Neher
Dr. Arno A. Penzias
Sir Michael Sobell
Jerome L. Stern
Morton Tartar
Sir Leonard Wolfson
David Zimand

1984
Louis Bloomfield
Neri Bloomfield
Henry Knobil
Naftali Lavi
Clarence D. Long
Bruce Rappaport
Joseph Tanenbaum

1985
Vice President George Bush
Prof. Charles Fefferman
Prof. Abe Gelbart
Henri Glasberg
Charles Krown
Irving Stone
Herbert Tanzer
Gov. Pete Wilson
Rena Zimand

1986
Prof. Morton Bloomfield
Dr. Josef Burg
Prof. Irvin Cotler
Leona Finkler
Thomas J. Klutznik
Mayor Edward Koch
Venezuelan President
Dr. Jaime Lusinchi
Prime Minister Shimon Peres
Joseph Solomon
Lord Rayner

1987
Joseph Berman
Dr. Armand Hammer
Max M. Kampilman
Prof. Ezra Zion Melamed
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Roy R. Neuberger
Prof. Isador Isaac Rabi
Blanca Roven Wintner
Prof. Rosalyn S. Yalow

1988
Michael Floersheim
Dina Halpern
Benjamin Netanyahu
Dr. Robert Barton Nussenblatt
Prof. Emanuel R. Piore
Prof. Sir Randolph Quirk
Moshe Unna

1989
Herbert Berman
Rabbi Pynchas Brener
Rena Costa
Prof. Martin Gilbert
Prof. Sheldon Lee Glashow
Solomon Krok
Abraham Krok
Lilly Shapell
Paul A. Volcker
Lord Young
Jacobo Zabludovsky

1990
Prof. Joel D. Cooper
Jerome I. Feldman
Prof. Harold A. Hauptman
Prof. A. Leo Levin
Prof. Igor Makarov
Prof. Rem Petrov
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir
Herman Wouk

1991
Samuel Cula-Rosenblat
Maria Finkle
Jacqueline Goldman
Dr. Ronald Hoffman
Rabbi Carl Klein
South African President
Frederik W. de Klerk
Dr. Manfred Lehmann
Alfred Mackler

Henry G. Plitt
Ruth Rappaport
Italian Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff
Dr. Tova Comet-Walerstein

1992
Aharon Dahan
Charles Dimston
Mikhail Gorbachev
Ruslyn Khasbulatorov
Lord Rabbi
Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits
Jacob Barry Kowarsky
Prof. Bernard Lewis
Arnold Lorber
Ian Macdonald Mackenzie
Loyd Harvey McNicol
Avraham Moshe Naftal
Dr. Hasia Yoffe-Naftal
Prof. Yuri Osipov
Pearl Resnick
Dr. Edward L. Steinberg
Dr. Gebhard Ziller

1993
Shoshanna S. Cardin
Dr. Harry Ginsburg
Zevulun Hammer
Judith and Gerson Leiber
Robert Lifton
Manfred H. Meyer
Jack Nagel
Naphtali Lipschutz
Prof. Michael Pepper
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin
Rabbi Dr. David Moshe Rosen
Edmundo Safdie
Jay Schottenstein
Saul Schottenstein
Lady Margaret Thatcher

1994
Ernst Cramer
Vice President Albert Gore, Jr.
Thomas O. Hecht
Prof. Lawrence R. Klein

1995
Stanley Abramovitch
Mendel Aviv
Edward I. Baker
Dr. Samuel Broder
Charles Hughes
Dr. Monique C. Katz
Gabriel Levine
Eric Samson
Dr. Milton Shiffman
Melvin Stein
Dr. Laszlo Tauber
Selik Wengrowsky
Marion Wiesel
Prof. Meir Wilchek

1996
Prof. Aharon Appelfeld
Dr. Ruben E. Beraja
Zalman Chaim Bernstein
Prof. Leo Esaki
Rabbi Avraham Elimelech Firer
Dr. Juergen Luethje
Sam Sebba
Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

1997
Lorenz Israel Cederbaum
Dr. Donald J. Cohen
Ann S. Deshe
Prof. Menachem Elon
Isidore Falk
Chaim Fraiman
Czech President Václav Havel
Fanya Gottesfeld Heller
Rabbi Yosef Kapach
Mira Koschitzky
Natan Sharansky
Sigmund Strochlitz
Recipients of Bar-Ilan University Honorary Doctorates

1998
Rabbi Haim David Halevy
Prof. Friedrich Ernst Peter Hirzebruch
Dr. David Jerselsohn
Anne Lehmann
Prof. Deborah Lipstadt
Gitta Nagel
Elyakim Rubinstein
Nina Avidar Weiner
Maurice Wohl C.B.E.
Prof. A.B. Yehoshua
Rabbi Yehoshua Yovel

1999
Dina Berniker
Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen
Prof. Claude Cohen-Tannoudji
Rachel Dahan
Jack Gradel
Dr. Moshe Green
Maj. Gen. (res.) David Ivry
Prof. Brian D. Josephson
Dr. Mordecai D. Katz
Pastor Friedrich Wilhelm Fritz May
Irving Schneider
Marcus Rosenberg

2000
Prof. Raymond V. Damadian
Governor Gray Davis
Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel
Australian Prime Minister
John Howard
Tova Ilan
Eliahu Izakson
Rabbi Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein
Shlomo Moussaieff
Peter Rzepka
Moshe Sanbar
Prof. Werner
(“Abraham David”) Silberstein
Max Webb
Joseph Fröhlich West

2001
Elaine Bloom
Prof. Pierre-Gilles de Gennes
Rabbi Dr. Irving Greenberg
Presidential Award of Honor
Aharon Dahan
Lifetime Achievement Award
Benny Landa
Award of Distinction
Drs. Vivienne and Maurice Wohl C.B.E.

2002
Lady Amelie Jakobovits
Prof. Alan J. Heeger
Cynthia Ozick
Prime Minister Ariel Sharon
Anna Hitter Webb
Vivienne Wohl

2003
Ronnie Benin-Barr
Bronia Hacker
Amos Hakham
President Moshe Katsav
Sami Shamon
Rabbi Prof. David Weiss Halivni
Presidential Award of Honor
Aharon Dahan
Lifetime Achievement Award
Benny Landa
Award of Distinction
Drs. Vivienne and Maurice Wohl C.B.E.

2004
Josef (Yoske) Achituv
Lt. Gen. (ret.) Shaul Mofaz
Father Takeji Otsuki
Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Sacks
Moshe Shamir
Gabi Weisfeld

2005
Prof. Richard Axel
José María Aznar
Prof. Alan Dershowitz
Australian Foreign Minister
the Hon. Alexander Downer
Eng. Israel Feldman
Samuel Gewurz
David Gradel
Teddy Kollek
Barbara Kort
Benny Landa
Rabbi Israel Meir Lau
Ehud Manor
Conrad Morris
Eli Reifman

2006
Prof. Robert J. Aumann
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
Naim Dangoor
Joseph Fetter
Mina Goodman
Rabbi Yitzchak David Grossman
Harvey M. Krueger
Prof. K. Alex Müller
Recipients of Bar-Ilan University Honorary Doctorates

Ephraim Propp
Aliki Rzepka
Jacob Shachar
Angela Shamoon
Mortimer Zuckerman
The Gesher Theatre

Lifetime Achievement Awards
S. Daniel Abraham
Nurit Hirsch

President’s Award for Outstanding Educational Projects in Israel
The Atidim Foundation,
under the chairmanship
of Eitan Wertheimer

AMMI (Friend of Israel) Prize
Michel LeGrand

2007
Prof. Aaron Ciechanover
Nochi Dankner
Abraham Foxman
Patricia Friedland
Ambassador Dan Gillerman
Everard Goodman
Menashe Kadishman
Marc Rich
Jack Slomovic

Award of Distinction
Yehoram Gaon

2008
Allan Friedland
Adv. Yair Green
Prof. Theodor W. Hänsch
Maurice Kanbar
S. Lee Kohrman
Prof. Yuan T. Lee
Aharon Megged
Rabbanit Rachel Neriya
Avi Shaked
Prof. Rabbi Avraham Steinberg

Lifetime Achievement Award
President Shimon Peres

2009
Father Patrick Desbois
Aryeh “Lova” Eliav
David Fuhrer
Prof. Ruth Gavison
Prof. Walter Kohn
Prof. Roger David Kornberg
Rabbi Dr. Norman Lamm
Meir Shamir
Alan Zekelman
Miriam Zohar

Award of Distinction
The Re’im Duo

2010
Justice Prof. Aharon Barak
Rabbi Chananya Chollak
Prof. Robert F. Curl
Eli Hurvitz
Lea Koenig Stolper
Dr. Alvin T. Levitt
Cherna Shovers Moskowitz
Barre Seid
Norman Sternthal
Romie Tager QC
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