

## Dedication of the Campus

# The Open University Moves to Its New Raanana Campus

## Dedication of the Dorothy de Rothschild Open University Campus

*A magical enchantment, brushed by a rainbow of color, descended upon the new Raanana campus of the Open University as distinguished personalities from all over the world converged to celebrate the dedication of the Dorothy de Rothschild Open University Campus. The festive ceremonies were held in the presence of international nobility arriving from different corners of the globe.*

### A Time to Celebrate

**Lord Jacob Rothschild**, Deputy Chancellor of the Open University and Chairman of the Rothschild Foundation, which together with Education Minister Yigal Allon and the Government of Israel, founded the Open University of Israel thirty years ago under the leadership of the late founding Chancellor Dorothy de Rothschild. Her cousin, Lord Rothschild, the driving force in the establishment of this new campus, chose to perpetuate her memory and her dedication to the Open University by naming the campus after her, the **Dorothy de Rothschild Open University Campus**;

**Lord Harry Woolf**, Chancellor of the Open University and Chief Justice of England and Wales, came from England to participate in the dedication events;

**Lord Claus Moser**, outgoing Chancellor of the Open University and distinguished personality in British culture and higher learning, arrived from England for the dedication events, among them a **music classroom** in his name;

**Baroness Nadine de Rothschild** from Switzerland, together with American representative of the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation New York, **Paul Epstein**, and Israeli representative of the Caesarea Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Foundation Vice Chairman **Avraham Bigger**, dedicated the **Caesarea Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Foundation Multimedia and Video Center Complex**.

**Ingeborg and Ira Rennert** of New York, longstanding and active friends of the Open University, dedicated the **Ingeborg Rennert Library** and the **Beit Avraham Synagogue**.

**Baron Robert de Rothschild** dedicated a **psychology lab** in memory of his father, Alain, and his wife, Debra.

An **American Friends of the Open University delegation**, headed by **Irwin Hochberg**, Chairman of the American Friends, and **Irving Rosenbaum**, President of the American Friends, dedicated several facilities donated by the American Friends, among them: the Registration

Hall in memory of Hanni Rosenbaum, facilities in the Guest Center donated by **Kenneth and Nira Abramowitz** and in honor of Irving Rosenbaum dedicated by **Arthur and Bernice Sherman** and **Irwin Hochberg**. **Harvey Kruger** dedicated a classroom in memory of his son Peter. The Levitan Book Collection was also dedicated in the library by **David Levitan**.

A distinguished **delegation of the Rothschild Foundation** also attended the events, including from France, **Madame Beatrice Rothschild Rosenberg**, sister of Baron Robert de Rothschild, Lord Alliance from England and other friends of the Rothschild family and associates of the Rothschild Foundation.

**The Israeli Friends of the Open University** and the **Neudorfer family** dedicated the Moshe Neudorfer Auditorium in memory of the founding Chairman of the Israeli Friends. A program of cantorial music, opera and Yiddish theater reflected the extraordinary dedication of Moshe Neudorfer to the broad spectrum of culture and education promoting cultural organizations that developed these fields.

Also in attendance were nobel-prize winner Elie Wiesel, Ada Karmi-Melamede, architect of the campus, former Presidents of the Open University, Prof. Menahem Yaari, who is the President of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, and Prof. Avraham Ginzburg, Vice Chancellor of the Open University, as well as then Mayor of Raanana Zeev Bielsky, who played a pivotal role in bringing the Open University to Raanana and is presently the Director of the Jewish Agency to Raanana.

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### Dedication Events in Pictures

*An evening of heavenly music by the Raanana Symphonette Orchestra with classical music and popular tunes sung by Israeli vocalist Shlomit Aharon, accompanied the moving account of the Open University's development, looking back to the vision of its founders, at its impressive achievements to date and forward to the promise of the future. The evening, entitled **WHEN THE REALITY SURPASSES THE VISION**, traced the early beginnings and concepts of the founders and focused on its present status as the largest University in Israel. One of every six students in Israel is a student of the Open University. The touching testimonials of students and graduates from all walks of life demonstrated the crucial role of higher education in the progress of their lives. A sprinkle of fireworks dusted the clear, cool autumn evening with a dazzling coat of wondrous charm.*



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*Lord Rothschild with President of the Open University Prof. Gershon Ben-Shakhar and Chancellor Lord Harry Woolf dedicate the Dorothy de Rothschild Open University Campus.*



*About to cut the ribbon (Left to Right):  
Ira Rennert, Baroness Nadine de Rothschild, Lord Harry Woolf, Lord Rothschild, Ingeborg Rennert, Prof. Gershon Ben-Shakhar, Avraham Bigger.*

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1. Ingeborg Rennert unveils the Ingeborg Rennert Library, (right) Ira Rennert and Lord Woolf, (left) Prof. Gershon Ben-Shakhar.
2. Baroness Nadine de Rothschild, (left) Paul Epstein, Prof. Gershon Ben-Shakhar, (right) Avraham Bigger.
3. Lord Rothschild cuts the ribbon.
4. Ingeborg and Ira Rennert.
5. Baroness Nadine de Rothschild and Avraham Bigger.
6. Three Lords: Lord Woolf, Lord Moser, Lord Rothschild.
7. Dedicating the new Beit Avraham Synagogue, Lord Rothschild carries the Torah scroll, with Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Israel Lau and Ira Rennert.



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1. Dancing with the Torah scroll.
2. Dedicating the Beit Avraham Synagogue, Arthur Fried (left) and Ingeborg Rennert.
3. The Rennerts host a dinner for the VIP delegation.
4. Lord Rothschild receives a model of the Dorothy de Rothschild Campus.
5. Yael Dayan (right) and Mme. Beatrice Rothschild-Rosenberg exchange observations.
6. Nobel Prize Winner Elie Wiesel (right) celebrates with Ira Rennert.
7. The outgoing American Ambassador to Israel His Excellency Daniel Kurtzer (standing) hosts a luncheon for the VIP delegation. (Right) Zeev Abeles, Chairman of the Open University Executive Committee.
8. Tirza Levtzion unveils the Nehemia Levtzion Boulevard.

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Unveilings:

*Baron Robert de Rothschild*



*Irwin Hochberg, Chairman of the American Friends of the Open University, and Arthur and Bernice Sherman*



*Irving Rosenbaum, President, American Friends of the Open University*



*Harvey Kruger*



*Nira Abramowitz*



*David Levitan and his daughter, Barbara*



*Hanna Neudorfer dedicates the Moshe Neudorfer Auditorium in memory of her husband, the founding Chairman of the Israeli Friends.*



*Dedication of the Lord Claus Moser Music Classroom*

