

Four Million Dollars for Construction of a Center for Integrating Technology in Teaching at the Open University's New Raanana Headquarters

The Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Foundation is donating 2.7 million dollars towards the establishment of a Center for Integrating Technology in Teaching at the new Raanana Headquarters of the Open University. In addition to the donation of the Foundation, an additional donation of 1.3 million dollars has been received from the New York Rothschild Foundation. An agreement finalizing the donation was signed by Avraham Bigger, Deputy Chairman of the Caesarea Foundation, and Prof. Eliahu Nissim, President of the Open University of Israel.

The new Technology Center to be established on the Raanana campus includes studios for broadcast via satellite, editing rooms, a video conference hall and facilities for Internet communication.

The Rothschild family continues to donate to this day continuing the tradition of the well-known Nadiv, says Avraham Bigger. "The Caesarea Foundation is owned by the Baron Benjamin de Rothschild and the Government of Israel. The Foundation implements the philanthropic vision of the Baron de Rothschild and advances and encourages education and higher education in Israel, as well as other cultural and welfare institutions."

Avraham Bigger continues, "History testifies that the Rothschild family is a family which donates without precedent to the State of Israel, both in the variety of projects and areas of activity, and in the extended time frame of its donations over years and generations. The family has played a key role in establishing the State of Israel over 120 years, before the early days of Zionism, purchasing lands, establishing industry and agriculture, absorbing new settlers and assisting them to build homes in Israel while encouraging agricultural initiatives which would help them earn a respectable living."



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Baron de Rothschild, "the Father of the *Yishuv*," understood that investment must be made in education and culture in order to bring about prosperity in the community. Out of an ongoing commitment to the State of Israel and in order to influence favorably the commitment of the community in Israel over the long term, the Caesarea Foundation initiates multi-year grants and donations to development towns, to health centers, to universities and others. Donations of the family through the Caesarea Foundation are granted out of an orderly concept which centers around assistance to the State,

assistance to weaker populations, advancement of education and maximum influence towards the success and prosperity of the country.

Integrating Technologies at the Open University

The Open University does extensive work in integrating technologies in teaching and in utilizing technologies in service of students. Using technologies enables enrichment and improvement of learning and improves accessibility anywhere and any time convenient to students.