





### Dear Governors, Friends and Alumni,

The last few weeks have been emotional ones as the TAU community dealt with two aspects of tragedy. We mourned Eytam Magini and Tomer Morad, TAU students who were murdered in the terrorist attack of April 7th in Tel Aviv. **Read** 

Almost 3,000 kilometers away, as war deepened the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, TAU responded by setting up an Emergency Fellowship Fund for Ukrainian Students and Researchers. I had the joy of welcoming the first cohort of refugee scholars (pictured) to our campus. **Read**. TAU donors around the world supported this fellowship drive generously. **Read** 

What better time to reflect on human resilience and cohesiveness than on the eve of Passover, the holiday of freedom?

I wish you a healthy and happy Pesach, Easter and Ramadan,

Warmly, Ariel Prof. Ariel Porat, President

### ••• BIG IDEAS

### Research: Hope for Reversing Paralysis



A team led by **Prof. Tal Dvir** (Life Sciences) of the Sagol Center for Regenerative Biotechnology has engineered the world's first 3D human spinal cord tissue transplant, offering hope to paralysis patients to walk again. **Read**.

# Research: New TAU-Air Force Partnership

# Research: A Question as Old as the Bible



Why do evil people prosper and the righteous suffer? 2021 Kadar Family Award winner **Prof. Dalit Rom Shiloni** (Humanities) helps us understand how Biblical prophets, scholars and poets questioned God at times of crisis. <u>Watch</u>.

# Industry Ties: Working with India



A joint center dedicated to advancing R&D on air and space power, the first of its kind in Israel, has been launched between TAU and the **Israeli Air Force** (IAF). Its mission: To ensure the IAF's position as one of the world's leading forces. **Read** 

TAU and Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology announced the launch of a joint research center based in India, led by **Prof. Noam Eliaz** (Engineering), for advancing industry applications in biomedicine, automotives and more. **Read** 

#### Change-Makers: Honing City Leadership



A festive launch was held for a pioneering center that will train mayors across Israel, inspired by the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. Partners are **Mike Bloomberg** & Bloomberg Philanthropies, **Yossi Sagol** & family, and Tel Aviv University. **Read** 

#### Change-Makers: Women Paying It Forward



With the support of benefactor **Irith Rappaport**, TAU has launched a mentorship and support network for female students and researchers in the exact sciences, as part of TAU's aim to redress the acute underrepresentation of women scientists in STEM. **Read** 

#### **IN THE NEWS**

- Among World's Best: TAU's Steve Tisch School of Film and Television, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, ranks 21st among global film schools. Read
- **Past Forward**: Nine laureates have won the Dan David Prize, newly imagined and relaunched as the world's largest history award. **Read**
- Land of Israel Studies: Prof. Oded Lipschits (Humanities) has won the EMET Prize in Archaeology. Read
- Holiday Reading: Check out the latest online issue of TAU Review and the TAU 2021 Summary Report. For your print copy, please contact us.

### **GLOBAL TAU EVENTS**

Sun. to Tues., May 8-10, Tel Aviv: Executive Training Brazilian Mission to Startup Nation For the 6th year, Brazilian Friends will organize a 3-day technology, innovation and entrepreneurship study tour for 40 high-level participants. Contact

Wed. to Mon., May 11-16, Tel Aviv: Together at Last 2022 International Board of Governors Meeting After three years of Zooming, TAU Governors, Friends and guests from around the world will finally meet on campus for an exciting six days of inaugurations, symposia and prizes. Program

#### Thursday, June 2, Frankfurt: Interreligious Dynamics

<u>TAU-Goethe University Joint Center</u> The German Friends will celebrate the strong ties between Tel Aviv and Frankfurt upon the establishment of a new joint center in religious studies. **Contact** 

#### Wednesday, June 15, London: Night at the Movies

50 Years of Cinematic Excellence TAU Trust will celebrate the 50th anniversary of TAU's Steve Tisch School of Film and Television with a special event showcasing student films through the decades. Keynote: Golden Globe winner and alumnus Hagai Levi. Contact



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