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Ben-Gurion University  
*of the Negev*

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# Board of Directors Manual

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# ABOUT



## AABGU MISSION STATEMENT

American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU) plays a vital role in sustaining David Ben-Gurion's vision, creating a world-class institution of education and research in the Israeli desert, nurturing the Negev community and sharing the University's expertise locally and around the globe.

## HOW AABGU FULFILLS ITS MISSION

AABGU fulfills its mission by raising funds and awareness for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) across the United States, showcasing BGU's academic excellence and cutting-edge research from the desert for the world.

Activities include educating individuals, foundations and media about the University's groundbreaking research through a series of exciting, informative communications, as well as educational programs and events that feature BGU's world-renowned faculty.

AABGU promotes the pioneering spirit of Israel's founders that continues to flourish in the Negev desert. A unique oasis of innovation, BGU is a world-leader in fields that include desert studies, alternative energy, ecological conservation, water purification and management, bio- and nanotechnologies, community medicine and global health, social work, Jewish literature and culture, and more. AABGU supports these endeavors and the University's extensive outreach to the Negev's diverse communities, its Arab neighbors, developing nations, and the world.

Founded in 1972, AABGU is a nonprofit corporation with headquarters in New York City and nine regional offices throughout the United States.

## 2020 VISION STATEMENT

As Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) looks ahead to turning 50 in 2020, American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU) imagines a future that goes beyond the walls of academia. One that invents a new world. A plan that inspires our vision for a stronger Israel and for its next generation of leaders. A plan that fosters excellence in teaching, research and outreach to the communities of the Negev for the next 50 years and beyond:

- AABGU is committed to providing the support needed to continue the transformation of the Negev; to bring groundbreaking research from the desert for the world.
- AABGU will help the University build its new North Campus, doubling the size of its footprint in Beer-Sheva.
- We will invest in the future of BGU, the Negev and Israel by providing the resources that make groundbreaking leaps in research possible.
- We will support the University's extraordinary mandate to reach out to the residents of the Negev and provide them with community services and access to education unlike any other university in the world.
- AABGU's support for Ben-Gurion University will ensure Israel's place in the world as an innovative leader in technology, drug delivery, cyber security, alternative energy, Israel studies, and more.

Our support, and the University's exemplary execution, will result in a safer, healthier and economically secure Israel, and a better world.



*Join us in celebrating our past achievements while envisioning those yet to come.*

*Join us in implementing our shared vision for a new phase of development for BGU and for the Negev: the next great pioneering era in Israel.*

*Join us and Ben-Gurion University's associates from around the world in raising \$500 million by 2020.*



## ABOUT BGU

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) was inspired by the vision of Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, who believed that the future of the country lay in the Negev region, a desert area comprising more than 60 percent of the country. Established by government mandate in 1969 as a vehicle for the social, economic and scientific transformation of the Negev, Ben-Gurion University is more than a world-renowned institute of research and higher learning.

BGU is imbued with the pioneering spirit of Israel's earliest founders, driven by the mandate to secure the future of Israel, develop the Negev and provide opportunity to the region's residents. With some 20,000 students spanning campuses in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer and Eilat, BGU is the most dynamic university in Israel today, leading projects in the areas of environmental science and ecology, medicine and global health, engineering, biotechnology, Hebrew literature, desert agriculture, water purification and management, alternative energy, and more.

## GINSBERG-INGERMAN OVERSEAS STUDENT PROGRAM (OSP)

Through the generosity of Stanley D. Ginsburg and Ira Ingerman, the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program (OSP) at BGU has been enriching the lives of college students since 1991. This unique study abroad program is a tremendous source of pride for their families and for the entire AABGU family.

The OSP emphasizes integration with Israeli students and immersion in Israeli society. Students share apartment suites with Israeli students in BGU's dorms, a practice that maximizes contact with Israelis and contributes to fluency in Hebrew. International students are fully integrated members of the BGU student body and have access to all student facilities.

Whether they choose to attend for a year, semester, winter, or summer, the OSP provides participants with an authentic experience in the “real” Israel, fostering a life-long relationship with the country and with BGU, and developing a cadre of proud and knowledgeable advocates for Israel on American campuses and beyond.

International students at BGU study the Hebrew language in addition to choosing from a variety of courses taught in English that are designed to enhance and connect with their experience in Israel. The OSP offers concentrated tracks in Sustainable Development, Global Health, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Israel Studies, along with a wide array of fascinating courses in a variety of disciplines including history, anthropology, sociology, religion, the arts, and many others.



Each area of study offers matriculating courses, the possibility of individualized academic research internships with faculty members, as well as volunteer opportunities with the University’s extremely popular and successful Department of Community Action.

Students also explore Israel on trips organized by the OSP, where they learn about the country’s history, landscape and diverse traditions. Finally, OSP students at BGU become a part of the University’s vibrant student body and gain a deep understanding of Israeli life from the “inside.”

## How can you help OSP?

- Consider OSP as an option for your children, grandchildren or other family members and friends.
- Identify opportunities to showcase the OSP within your local community – JCCs, synagogues, federations, boards of Jewish education, or any other appropriate venue. Our office is happy to send materials or make visits anywhere in the country.
- Help make connections between the OSP and American universities. Any “lead” or contact in a school that helps open the door for our staff is a tremendous help.
- Provide scholarship funds for a needy or meritorious student.

For more information, see our award-winning website ([www.bgustudyabroad.org](http://www.bgustudyabroad.org)) or contact Andi Meiseles, director of the North American office for international academic affairs, at [ameiseles@aabgu.org](mailto:ameiseles@aabgu.org) or 646-452-3681.



# FUNDRAISING

## FUNDING INITIATIVES

Funding needs exist for a number of initiatives and research areas. The list below includes areas of research in which BGU excels (in alphabetical order):

- Alternative and Solar Energies
- American Associates Village at Sede Boqer
- Biotechnology
- Brain Science
- Capital Projects
- Cyber and Homeland Security
- Desert and Water Research and Management, including the Plant a Tree to Seed Desert Research Initiative (olive trees in Wadi Mashash)
- Diabetes, Nutrition and Metabolic Disorders
- Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Medicine
- Israel Studies and Zionism
- Nanotechnology
- North Campus
- Professorial and Career Development Chairs
- Regenerative Medicine
- Robotics
- Student Scholarships and Graduate/Post-doc Research Fellowships



## RECOGNITION SOCIETIES

The following AABGU giving levels include inscriptions on the BGU Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva:

President's Pillars  
\$5,000,000 +

Ben-Gurion Society  
\$1,000,000 +

Negev Society / Tamar  
\$500,000 +

Negev Society / Arava  
\$250,000 +

Negev Society / Eshkol  
\$100,000 +

Founder  
\$50,000 +

Living Legacy Society  
any planned gift

## PLANNED GIVING

AABGU offers a range of planned giving options that enable you to support the University in perpetuity and become a member of BGU's Living Legacy Society.

Options include:

- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Bequests
- Gifts of Real Estate
- Gifts of Life Insurance
- Gifts of a Pension, a Retirement Plan, or an IRA
- Charitable Trusts

To start the conversation, consult your financial and/or legal advisor and contact the regional director in your area, or contact AABGU's planned giving team leader at 1-800-962-2248 ext. 1400 or [plannedgiving@aabgu.org](mailto:plannedgiving@aabgu.org).

## GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

### Scholarship and Fellowship Initiatives

Brain power is Israel's greatest natural resource. BGU is dedicated to nurturing and pumping this resource by ensuring that higher education is readily available to those who choose to pursue it, regardless of their financial situation. Educating new generations of undergraduate students is a core element of BGU's mission. Securing enough funds to provide scholarships and financial aid to qualified students in need is an ongoing challenge.

Ben-Gurion University is also committed to recruiting the most exceptional students to its academic and research centers, and to increasing the percentage of the student body engaged in advanced research. Therefore, in addition to need-based scholarships for undergrads, fellowships for graduate, doctoral and postdoctoral candidates are provided on a merit basis, allowing Israel's finest young minds to contribute to and enrich the quality of academic life.

### Undergraduate Scholarships (need based)

#### ANNUAL:

\$3,000 provides one scholarship for one year

#### ENDOWED:

\*\$75,000 provides one scholarship annually in perpetuity

### Master's, Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships in Most Fields of Study (merit based)

#### ANNUAL:

\$10,000 provides one master's fellowship for one year

\$18,000 provides one doctoral fellowship for one year

\$25,000 provides one postdoctoral fellowship for one year

\$36,000 provides one M.D./Ph.D. fellowship for one year

#### ENDOWED:

\*\$250,000 provides one master's fellowship annually in perpetuity

\*\$450,000 provides one doctoral fellowship annually in perpetuity

\$625,000 provides one postdoctoral fellowship annually in perpetuity

\$900,000 provides one M.D./Ph.D. fellowship annually in perpetuity



*\*Earnings on these three endowment funds are matched by the University.*

## International Fellowships (merit based)

### ANNUAL:

\$20,000 provides one master's or doctoral fellowship for one year in the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies or the Israel Studies International Program

\$20,000 provides one master's fellowship (non-Israeli student) for one year in most areas of study on the Marcus Family Campus

\$25,000 provides one doctoral or postdoctoral fellowship (non-Israeli student) for one year in most areas of study on the Marcus Family Campus

\$25,000 provides one fellowship for one year in the Medical School for International Health

\$35,000 provides one postdoctoral fellowship for one year in the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies or the Israel Studies International Program on the Sede Boqer Campus

### ENDOWED:

\$500,000 provides one master's or doctoral fellowship in the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies or the Israel Studies International Program annually in perpetuity

\$500,000 provides one master's fellowship (non-Israeli student) in any area of study annually in perpetuity

\$625,000 provides one doctoral or postdoctoral fellowship (non-Israeli student) in most areas of study on the Marcus Family Campus annually in perpetuity

\$625,000 provides one fellowship in the Medical School for International Health annually in perpetuity

\$875,000 provides one postdoctoral fellowship in the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies or the Israel Studies International Program annually on the Sede Boqer Campus in perpetuity

## CHAIRS

Professorial and Career Development Chairs are bestowed upon professors, lecturers and researchers who have demonstrated excellence and success through theoretical or applied research, publications, teaching, innovation, and developmental leadership.

Professorial                      \$1,000,000

Career Development         \$500,000

Contact your regional director for more information about these and other funding needs.



# RESOURCES

## INTERNET

AABGU: [www.aabgu.org](http://www.aabgu.org)

AABGU's award-winning website includes:

- News and information about AABGU and BGU
- Information about research areas in which BGU excels and funding needs
- Living Legacy Society information
- Videos
- Digital versions of AABGU and BGU publications
- Regional event information
- Zin Fellows information
- Donation forms: in memory/in honor/general/olive tree initiative

OSP: [www.bgustudyabroad.org](http://www.bgustudyabroad.org)

BGU: [www.bgu.ac.il/en](http://www.bgu.ac.il/en)

## Facebook

Please "Like" the AABGU and BGU

Facebook pages:

[www.facebook.com/aabgu](http://www.facebook.com/aabgu)

[www.facebook.com/BenGurionUniversity](http://www.facebook.com/BenGurionUniversity)

## Twitter

Follow AABGU and BGU on Twitter:

[twitter.com/aabgu](https://twitter.com/aabgu)

[twitter.com/bengurionu](https://twitter.com/bengurionu)

## YouTube

Watch videos about BGU at:

[www.youtube.com/aabgu](http://www.youtube.com/aabgu)

[www.youtube.com/user/BenGurionUniversity](http://www.youtube.com/user/BenGurionUniversity)

## PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are available digitally at [www.aabgu.org](http://www.aabgu.org) and in print from the national office or your regional office:



### IMPACT

A bi-annual magazine (November and May) produced by AABGU, featuring education and research news, donor profiles, student and alumni stories, and updates about AABGU and BGU. It is the one piece that is mailed to some 11,000 donors and has come to be known as AABGU's signature brand publication.

### eIMPACT

A monthly electronic newsletter sent to all donors with known e-mail addresses and other online subscribers. It highlights research news that appeared in media and press releases, special events, new videos, students, and more.

### BGU & You

A bi-annual (August and January) newsletter produced by BGU's Department of Publications and Media Relations that highlights donor news from around the world. Copies are shipped to regional offices for their discretionary use.



### President's Report

An annual publication produced by BGU's Department of Publications and Media Relations that gives an overview of the University and its achievements of the past year. It is distributed at BGU's annual Board of Governors Meeting and mailed from AABGU to select donors in June.

## PRINTED MATERIALS

Ask your regional director or a national staff member to provide you with fundraising and promotional materials, including:

### Fundraising Brochures

Many brochures and proposals exist on a variety of topics to assist with fundraising. Brochures are being revised to coincide with the public launch of BGU's 50th Anniversary Campaign in June 2016.

Topics covered include: solar and alternative energy; regenerative medicine; Israel studies; brain research; cyber security; student scholarships and fellowships; professorial chairs; and more.

### Promotional Brochures

- Start-Up Negev – This 24-page booklet provides a visual and editorial overview about BGU
- Investing in the Future of Israel – This trifold brochure provides a succinct overview of BGU and is a perfect resource to pass onto associates, friends and family members to learn about the University
- Facts and Figures 2015 (significant stats and financial information about BGU and AABGU)
- The Legacy – AABGU's annual newsletter about planned giving
- Global Impact – This newsletter, available only online this year, describes how BGU is making a difference beyond Israel: <http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/GlobalImpact/global-impact-2015.pdf>
- Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program – A variety of materials exist to assist in the recruitment of students, as well as other materials that reach out to professionals in study abroad offices
- Faculty, Center and Departmental – A number of brochures, booklets and newsletters are developed by individual research institutes, faculties and departments. These are made available to AABGU's regional offices to use at their discretion. Examples include but are not limited to: The Blaustein Institutes' "Planting Science in the Desert;" Heksherim; Israel studies; Open Apartments; Faculty of Health Sciences

*If there is an area of study or research that you are interested in, please let your regional director know. Materials may exist or can be obtained.*



## VIDEOS

Many videos are available to view at [www.aabgu.org/videos](http://www.aabgu.org/videos), including:

### Fulfilling the Dream

With the ongoing development of the Advanced Technologies Park, CyberSpark, the move of many of the IDF's units to the Negev, and the new North Campus, David Ben-Gurion's dream is truly being actualized before our eyes. This video provides an uplifting look at the realization of the dream and the engine behind it: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. (6:43)

### Designing a New Future

Highlights key research priorities: homeland security, desert science, nanotech medical advances, and algae-based pharmaceuticals. (6:47)

### Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research

A number of videos on a variety of desert research topics can be viewed at [www.aabgu.org/videos](http://www.aabgu.org/videos). Simply search "Desert and Water Research" in the topic filter.

As we forge forward through the digital age, more and more short and topical videos are being made and posted on our website and featured in eIMPACT, our electronic monthly newsletter.

### More Videos

In addition to [www.aabgu.org/videos](http://www.aabgu.org/videos), these videos can also be viewed here:

[www.youtube.com/aabgu](http://www.youtube.com/aabgu)

[www.youtube.com/user/BenGurionUniversity](http://www.youtube.com/user/BenGurionUniversity)

## Calendar of Meetings

A business meeting of the AABGU national board of directors will take place at each of the following events. Before booking flights or making other arrangements, please check with your regional office to verify that the dates listed here have not changed since the printing of this manual.

### 2015-2016

October 12 to 13, 2015	AABGU Annual Meeting	New York, NY
February 8 to 9, 2016	AABGU Mid-Winter Meeting	Delray Beach, FL
June 5 to 9, 2016	BGU 46th Board of Governors Meeting	BGU, Israel

### 2016-2017

September 26 to 27, 2016	AABGU Annual Meeting	New York, NY
February 19 to 21, 2017	AABGU Mid-Winter Meeting	Houston, TX
May 14 to 18, 2017	BGU 47th Board of Governors Meeting	BGU, Israel

### 2017-2018

October 16 to 17, 2017	AABGU Annual Meeting	New York, NY
February 2018	AABGU Mid-Winter Meeting	TBD
May 6 to 10, 2018	BGU 48th Board of Governors Meeting	BGU, Israel

## AABGU OFFICE HOURS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

AABGU's offices are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays.

AABGU will be closed for the following holidays in 2016:

Friday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, February 15	Presidents' Day
Friday, April 22	*Early Closing – 1:30 p.m., 1st Seder
Friday, April 29	7th day of Passover
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, June 13	2nd day of Shavuot
Monday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Monday, Tuesday October 3/4	Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, October 11	*Early Closing – 1:30 p.m. erev Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12	Yom Kippur
Monday, Tuesday October 17/18	First two days of Sukkot
Monday, Tuesday October 24/25	Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah
Thursday, Friday, November 24/25	Thanksgiving Weekend
Monday, December 26	Christmas

# BOARD INFORMATION



## OFFICERS

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*\*Non-board Member*

## BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION POLICY

Subject to such exceptions as the president and the development committee might approve, AABGU officers and directors-at-large are expected to participate in AABGU activities in the following ways:

### 1. Financial Support and Advocacy

- a. Be an active advocate of AABGU and take a leadership role in fundraising.
- b. Be a major gift donor or make a commitment to a Founder's level gift of \$50,000 during the first three-year term on the national board.
- c. Contribute, or by direct result of the board member's efforts, generate at least \$10,000 for AABGU during each year of board service.
- d. Assist in soliciting major gifts, attend and bring proposals and supporters to national and/or regional AABGU fundraising functions, and help to obtain "guests of honor" or speakers.
- e. Encourage others to become active supporters of BGU, both at regional and national levels.

### 2. Attendance

- a. Attend AABGU national board meetings, either by phone or in person. There are nine meetings per term (three per year). Minimal acceptable attendance is five board meetings during each term.
- b. Serve on at least one board committee when asked.
- c. Attend one Ben-Gurion University Board of Governors Meeting and/or visit the University at least once during each three-year term.
- d. Participate in regional activities.

### 3. Relationship with the University

- a. Each board member is encouraged to become knowledgeable about at least one research center, department, school, or faculty, and reach out to individual faculty members through visits to the University and when BGU faculty visit the United States. Every trip to Israel by a board member, where feasible, should include a visit to the University.
- b. Pursue opportunities that help connect the University with any corporations, foundations, etc., with which board members have a relationship for potential support of the University and/or the economic development of the Negev region.
- c. Assist the University in making connections with academic and research institutions in the United States for potential collaboration and affiliation.

## OFFICERS

## CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Definitions: A Conflict of Interest exists when one has the opportunity to advance or protect one's own interest or the private interests of related parties in a way detrimental to the interests of or potentially harmful to the integrity or fundamental mission of AABGU. Relationship means a familial or other personal or business relationship.

1. Scope: This policy applies to all Directors and Key Employees of American Associates, Ben Gurion University of the Negev. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility above all else to protect AABGU's interests and to take appropriate action so that a Conflict of Interest or the appearance of a Conflict of Interest is avoided.
2. Definition of Circumstances that Constitute Conflict of Interest: A Conflict of Interest exists when one has the opportunity to advance or protect one's own interest or the private interests of related parties in a way detrimental to the interests of or potentially harmful to the integrity or fundamental mission of AABGU. For purposes of this policy, "related parties" include (i) family members (ii) corporate partnerships or other business entities in which one has an ownership, managerial or other financial interest, (iii) estates or trusts in which one's family has a present or future beneficial interest; and (iv) partners, co-owners or business associates of any related party.

### **The following are examples of Conflicts of Interest:**

Influencing the terms of lease or purchase of services, equipment or materials for AABGU to the advantage of the Director or related party; encouraging AABGU to contract with a company or private enterprise in which either the Director or related party has a financial or other interest; directing (or guiding or conducting) an AABGU-sponsored program to serve the needs of an organization in which either the Director or related party has a financial or other interest; accepting significant gifts or special favors for personal gain from private organizations or individuals with whom AABGU does business; unauthorized and non-reimbursed use of AABGU resources or facilities to benefit a private concern in which either the Director or related party has a financial or other interest; using for personal gain or other unauthorized purposes, privileged information acquired as a result of the Director's Board activities. Such information might include, but not be limited to, knowledge of forthcoming announcements of competitive grants, investment decisions, etc; participating in the selection, employment, supervision, or evaluation of a person who qualifies as a related party.

3. Applicability to Key Employees: The Director's duty to avoid Conflicts of Interest and to report a conflict that emerges, and the procedures to be followed as provided herein shall apply also to all Key Employees of AABGU.
4. Procedures:
  - a) When a Conflict of Interest arises or a potential Conflict of Interest develops, the conflicted Director or Key Employee has a duty to disclose in the most expeditious way possible the conflict or potential conflict to the Audit Committee and President. The Director may be asked to submit full written disclosure.

- b) Allegations of any violation of the Conflict of Interest policy shall be investigated prior to taking any required action.
- c) The person with the Conflict of Interest shall not be present at or participate in Board or Committee Deliberation or vote on the matter giving rise to such conflict.
- d) The person with the conflict is prohibited from attempting to influence improperly the deliberation or voting in the matter giving rise to such conflict.
- e) The existence and resolution of the conflict shall be documented in the Corporation's records, including the minutes of any meeting at which the conflict was discussed or voted upon.
- f) The President shall report to the full Board the results of any Conflict of Interest decision at, or prior to, its next meeting.
- g) Prior to the initial election of any Director, and annually thereafter, such Director shall complete, sign and submit to the Secretary of the Corporation a written statement identifying, to the best of the Director's knowledge, any entity of which said Director is an officer, director trustee, member, owner (either as a sole proprietor or a partner), and employee and with which the Corporation has a relationship, and any transaction in which the Corporation is a participant and in which the Director might have a Conflict of Interest. The Secretary shall provide a copy of all completed statements to the Chair of the Audit Committee.
- h) Each Board Member and Key Employee shall receive, sign and deliver to the Secretary a copy of this policy upon election and annually thereafter (or upon appointment in the case of a Key Employee). AABGU will retain the signed policy acknowledgements of all current Board Members.

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AABGU Board Member or Key Employee's Name (Please Print)

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Signature

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Date

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Zvi is currently the founder and chairman of Alon Ventures. Prior to this, he was the founder of NetManage, Inc. and served as chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer since the

company's formation in 1990 through the sale of the company in 2008. In 1994, Zvi founded NetVision, the largest Internet service provider in Israel, and served as its CEO and chairman for five years. From 1986 to 1989, Zvi was the president of Halley Systems, a manufacturer of networking equipment, including bridges and routers. He also has served as manager of Standard Product Line at Sytek, Inc., a networking company, and manager of the Strategic Business Group for Architecture, Graphics and Data Communications at Intel Corporation, a semiconductor manufacturer. Zvi received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel. He served as president of AABGU from 2000 to 2003.

### Joshua (Josh) Arnow



Josh is an investor in agents of change that accelerate the transition to a sustainable future. He has extensive experience in real estate development and investment management and currently

serves as a director of the Arnow Family Fund and senior advisor to the Buckminster Fuller Challenge Prize program. He is on the boards of The Sustainability Laboratory, The Worldlink Foundation and the Earth University Foundation. He is an active member of the

Inter-agency Task Force on Israeli Arab Issues and co-chairs the economic development committee of the Social Venture Fund for Jewish-Arab Equality and Shared Society.

In recent years, he's devoted much of his time to working with his father to ensure adequate scholarship funding and support services for Bedouin students attending BGU, and to supporting projects focused on the development of leadership, community-based businesses and sustainable agriculture in the Bedouin sector.

### Robert (Bob) H. Arnow



Bob is chairman emeritus of the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He relinquished the chairmanship in 1995 after 11 years. In the early 80s, Bob served as president

of AABGU. Under his stewardship, the organization became the University's major international fundraising operation. In 1997, he founded the Center for Bedouin Studies and Development at BGU, which was named for him in 2007. The Center is dedicated to enhancing the lives of the Bedouin in the Negev through education.

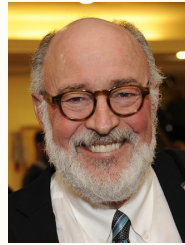
Bob serves on the boards of *The New York Jewish Week*, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Theatre for a New Audience, and on the editorial advisory board of *Moment Magazine*. He is also a life trustee of UJA-Federation of New York and a life member of JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America). A passionate advocate of many causes, Bob's leadership and generosity have enhanced the lives of many people in the United States, in Israel and throughout the world.

## Arnold (Arnie) Bengis



Arnie has supported AABGU since making his initial gift in 1995 and is a member of the University's Ben-Gurion Society. He established the Bengis Center for Desert Aquaculture which pioneered the use of brackish water for fish farming in the Negev. He later established the Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and High-Tech Management, the first of its type in the country. Currently, Arnie is serving as a vice chair on BGU's board of governors. In 2014, his charitable giving to BGU was acknowledged in the inauguration of the President's Pillars. Over the years, Arnie has been an active member of the AABGU community and a regular at Board of Governors meetings. He served as co-chair of the Greater New York Region board, and has attended numerous regional events over the years. Arnie received an honorary doctoral degree from BGU in 2003. He currently serves as a board member of the U.S.A. Maccabi Association, and has been active in South African Jewish charitable organizations for more than 40 years.

## Richard (Rich) Bernstein



Rich has been a member of AABGU's board since 2009. He is a prominent leader in the Miami Jewish community and has held nearly every senior lay leadership position within the Greater Miami Federation. Currently, he serves as the chairman of the board of United Israel Appeal and is a member of the executive committees and boards of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Jewish Federations of North America. Rich is senior of counsel to the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig, PA having practiced in the mergers and acquisitions, corporate and securities law areas for over 30 years. Among other involvements, Rich is a member of the boards of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, and the Jerusalem YMCA. He was instrumental in the development of the Miami Federation's Partnership 2000 (P2K) relationship with the Negev town of Yerucham. Rich was an active member of UJC's Task Force on Negev Development staffed by Doron Krakow during his UJC tenure, and was a past national co-chair of the UJC Argentinean Relief Campaign.



Rich is a passionate devotee of the Negev region and is deeply committed to the advancement of higher education in Israel, having served until recently as a member of the board of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University. Rich is also chairman of the board of the One Laptop Per Child Association, a global nonprofit committed to making low cost, rugged, Internet-connected laptop computers available to children in the developing world. Rich is married to Barbara, his high school sweetheart from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has two married daughters, Jen (Jason) Derevensky and Sara (Dr. Brian) Frost, and three grandsons: Tyler Derevensky, Ethan Frost and Logan Derevensky.

### Jack R Bershad



Jack is the chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region, chairman of the endowment fund for the BGU–Fox Chase Cancer Center affiliation, and a member of the Philadelphia chapter's

Living Legacy Society committee. He and his wife, Helen, are members of the Negev Society, and he is a member of the Living Legacy Society. They established the Helen and Jack R Bershad Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2006 and are supporting the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer. Jack is a graduate of Temple University and Harvard Law School. He had a long affiliation with Blank Rome LLP, where he served as chair of the international law firm prior to retirement. Jack's community outreach is broad. His present and past nonprofit board affiliations include: Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition; Middle East Forum; Philadelphia Museum of Art; The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society; Opera Company of Philadelphia; Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia; Moore College of Art and Design; and The Wilma Theater.

### Martin (Marty) Blackman



Marty was first introduced to BGU through one of his law firm's clients, Bob Arnow. Marty practices business law with the New York City firm Bergreen and Bergreen. He was president of the

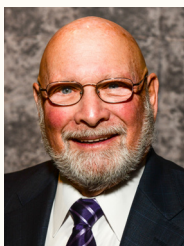
Skirball Foundation, a major philanthropic organization whose mission includes improving education and advancing medical research in the clinical fields. Marty is also a director of the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, the largest Jewish community center and museum in the world.

Both the Skirball Foundation and Marty personally, with his wife, Rena, strongly supported BGU's Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics. Marty and the Foundation have also been enthusiastic supporters of BGU medical research programs, such as the Brain Imaging Research Center. Marty has found his numerous visits to BGU to be most instructive and rewarding.

Over the years, he has delighted in BGU's growth as more schools, departments, students, and buildings have been added. As a long-term AABGU board member, his commitment is more than monetary.



## James (Jim) M. Breslauer



Jim resides in Long Beach, California with his wife, Elizabeth (Liz). Now retired, he has more than 40 years' experience in manufacturing and line management, materials management, sales,

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Jim spends as much time as he can with his grandchildren, playing golf and "giving back." He received an honorary doctorate from BGU in May 2014 for spearheading the development of and funding for Israel's new 16-building Advanced Technologies Park in Beer-Sheva. He and Liz most recently funded the Jim and Liz Breslauer Bridge that will connect BGU's Marcus Family Campus with its Faculty of Health Sciences and Soroka University Medical Center.

Jim currently serves as chairman of the Breslauer-Soref Foundation and sits on a number of local, national and international boards, including: BGU's Board of Governors; the World Union for Progressive Judaism North American Council; Ronald McDonald House of Long Beach; Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Long Beach (past president); the Orange County Community Housing Corporation Advisory Board; the Jewish Federation of Greater Long Beach (past president); and The Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

He received a B.S. degree from the University of Florida in 1961 and was an officer in the United States Air Force.

## Robert (Rob) Colton



Rob is the new chair of the Boca Raton/Delray Advisory Committee of the AABGU Greater Florida Region. Introduced to BGU in 2011 by Joel Reinstein, Rob and his wife, Dr. Andrea Colton,

visited BGU for the first time in February 2014 with Joel. Rob is a retired physician and successful entrepreneur.

In 2001, he conceptualized and co-founded MDVIP in Boca Raton, which was the first network of primary care physicians to provide concierge service to patients on a national scale. The company was acquired by Procter & Gamble in 2009. Today, the multimillion-dollar company has more than 670 affiliated physicians in 41 states and Washington, D.C. Rob is currently the co-founder and chairman of the ClearlyDerm Center for Dermatology with Andrea, who is a dermatologist.

Rob graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1974, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with honors in biochemistry. He received his M.D. from the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, second in his class. Rob was board certified in internal medicine and nephrology, and was in practice from 1984 until his recent retirement. He was the chief of medicine at Boca Raton Community Hospital from 1991 to 1993.

In addition to his involvement with AABGU, Rob is active with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, Florida Atlantic University Medical School, Pine Crest Day School, and the Jewish National Fund. Rob and Andrea have five children and became first-time grandparents in April 2014.



## Neil Davidowitz



Neil Davidowitz is the president of Orsid Realty Corp., a New York-based family-owned residential real estate management and investment firm. He has had the honor and privilege of working alongside his father-in-law, Maks Etingin, for 30 years. Neil is delighted to join his mother-in-law, Rochelle Etingin, on AABGU's national board and continue his family's legacy on behalf of Ben-Gurion University.

Orsid Realty currently manages a portfolio of 110 New York co-ops and condominiums, consisting of almost 15,000 apartments. Neil and Orsid have been recognized as leaders in the field of asset management for many years.

Neil is chairman of the Klehr Center for Jewish Life, the Hillel Chapter at Franklin and Marshall College. He is also a member of the Franklin and Marshall Leadership Council.

Neil received a B.A. from Franklin and Marshall in 1978 and a J.D. from Villanova University in 1981. Prior to joining Orsid,

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Neil has been married to his wife, Doreen, for 33 years and has three children: Aaron, Elissa and Shanni. Neil and Doreen reside in Larchmont, New York.

## Jacob (Coby) Dayan



Coby participated in the "Express Mission" to BGU several years ago, and together with his wife, Riki, became Negev Society members. They chaired AABGU's 2007 Major Gifts Mission, and are very committed to Israel and BGU.

Coby was born in Israel and was raised in Jerusalem. He served in the Israeli Air Force and took part in the Six Day War in 1967. After the war, he moved to California to start his academic studies in electrical engineering and computer science at the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the

semiconductor industry in Silicon Valley and participated in the design and development of computer products in the early stages of this industry. As a result, he spent several years in Malaysia and traveled all over Asia and Europe.

Now semi-retired, Coby is involved in investments, enjoys traveling, golf, hiking, playing bridge, Israeli folk dancing, and spending time with his grandchildren. He serves on the AABGU board as a vice president and is a member of BGU's board of governors. He is chairman of the American Associates Village committee and serves on various other committees. He and Riki annually attend the University's Board of Governors Meeting.

### Marci Dollinger



A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Marci grew up in a family where giving back to community was a natural part of daily life. Today, living in the San Francisco Bay Area, Marci continues

to be extraordinarily committed to family, community, Israel, and to *tikkun olam*.

Marci sees her AABGU board service as a perfect intersection of her two passions: Israel and education. Professionally, she is a beloved, longtime Jewish day school teacher at Brandeis Marin. As a volunteer leader, her positive influence is felt throughout the Jewish community. She currently serves on the boards of Jewish Family and Children's Services, the Osher Marin JCC and Camp Newman. Her past board service includes leadership at Congregation Rodef Sholom, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Osher Marin JCC preschool.

Marci is an alumna of the Wexner Heritage Program, and her March 2015 completion of AABGU's Zin Fellows Leadership Program ignited her pioneering spirit and excitement about the future of the Negev.

Marci holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Brandeis University, and a Master's in Education from UCLA. Her husband, Marc Dollinger, Ph.D., is a professor of Jewish studies at San Francisco State University and also serves on many boards and committees in the Jewish community. They live in San Rafael, California, and have two daughters – Rivi (Rebecca) and Shayna – who share their lifelong commitment to *tikkun olam*.

### Rochelle Etingin



Born in Israel, Rochelle graduated high school in 1948 and immediately thereafter fought in Israel's War of Independence.

Following the war, she came to New York to study fashion

and graduated from Parsons School of Design. Rochelle and her husband, Maks, are strong supporters of Israel and she is a member of the AABGU Greater New York Region board.

In 2004, Rochelle and Maks established a chair in desert research at BGU. Their most recent gift was the naming of a building in the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer. Rochelle is very proud of the accomplishments of her children and grandchildren and has brought her extended family to Israel to visit BGU and other Israeli-based charities that are important to her. Her commitment to AABGU is now a family tradition: son-in-law Neil Davidowitz is a newly elected board member.

## Anthony (Tony) Felzen



Tony earned his B.A. from Brown University (urban studies) and his M.B.A. from Columbia University Graduate School of Business. He also earned his MSc in real estate investment/

development from New York University. He is a serial entrepreneur who primarily invests in real estate in the New York City metropolitan region and in South Florida. He is also co-owner of “Flex Mussels,” a popular seafood restaurant in Manhattan.

Propelled by his long-time love of documentary film, Tony co-produced and distributed *Unsettled*, an award-winning documentary about six young Israelis – soldiers, settlers and activists – during the August 2005 disengagement from Gaza. He also produced a documentary (currently in post-production) about rescue workers in post-earthquake Haiti.

Tony is active in several American organizations that work in Israel. He sits on the national board of Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF). He was president of FIDF’s Young Leadership New York Division from January 2010 to January 2013 and chaired the division through February 2014. Under his leadership, the division grew its contributions to over \$1 million annually and increased its commitments and scholarships to needy soldiers. Additionally, Tony served FIDF in a professional capacity, stepping in twice as interim director of the Young Leadership Division.

Tony also serves on the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) National Council, and is involved with the OR Movement, Innovation Africa, the Israel Free Loan Society, and several community-based initiatives in Tel Aviv. He joined the AABGU community in October 2011 as a participant in the first cohort

of the Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program. Tony is a native New Yorker and lives in Union Square.

## Barry Finestone



Barry comes from a staunchly Zionist background and has over 20 years of experience running Jewish organizations. He currently serves as executive director of the Lisa and John Pritzker Family Fund

in San Francisco. From 2010 to 2014, he was the executive director at the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco where he oversaw dramatic growth, building it into the second largest JCC in the country based on budget size, number of staff and more than 6,000 people walking through the doors each day.

Earlier in his career, he served as executive director of the two-campus Isaac M. Wise Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, transforming its information technology systems and earning the Harris K. and Alice F. Weston Award for outstanding leadership. Previously, he was the national associate director of Hadassah/Young Judaea, a national youth movement with camps, conventions and college study programs throughout the United States and Israel.

Barry completed AABGU’s Zin Fellows Leadership Program in March 2015, which deepened his understanding of the challenges and opportunities in the Negev. He is currently president of the board of the Jewish Community High School in San Francisco. He previously served on the board of the Mayerson JCC in Cincinnati, as president of the Rockwern Academy Jewish Day School, and on the endowment committee of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati and the Orthodox Jewish Home – The Aged.

Barry holds a bachelor's in community education from Jordanhill College in his native Glasgow, Scotland. He and his wife, Ellen, have three children: Gabrielle, Ethan and Mia.

### Steven (Steve) Finkelman



Steve currently chairs AABGU's Audit Committee. Along with his wife, Sandra, he previously served as co-chair of AABGU's Greater Texas Region. Steve is currently president of Texas

Hillel, which serves the University of Texas-Austin campus, and general chairman of State of Israel Bonds, Houston, where he formerly served as president of the Houston Prime Ministers' Club and as co-chair with Sandra of Houston New Leadership.

Steve's other community affiliations include serving on the national and Houston advisory councils of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the national board of directors of the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA). He sits on the boards of the Anti-Defamation League-Southwest Region, CMATH – Center for Medicine after the Holocaust, and the Houston Jewish Community Foundation.

A member of the fiscal oversight committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, he formerly served on the Federation board and as chair of its community relations committee. He served as the first treasurer and is currently an advisory board member of the Holocaust Museum Houston.

Steve is a certified public accountant and chief financial officer of Scope Imports, Inc., a family-owned business. He and Sandra are the very proud parents of three children.

### Stewart Flink



In early 2014, Stewart launched a new business, Urban Farm Organics, which uses hydroponics, advanced engineering and LED lighting technology to grow vegetables indoors.

It is otherwise known as vertical indoor farming, and the business is located in Chicago. The indoor farm uses 90 percent less water than outdoor farming, and can produce yields per acre that are 50 to 75 times that of traditional farms.

Prior to this venture, Stewart was principal of his own private investment firm, Next View Capital, which he ran from January 2009 through 2013. This followed decades of securities industry experience at Goldman Sachs, Bear Stearns and CIBC Oppenheimer, and with an earlier hedge fund of his own, Crestview Capital, established in September 2000. He is experienced in broad aspects of investments, including money management, hedge funds, venture capital, and operations.

Over six weeks in the summer of 2012, Stewart taught a customized investments class to BGU's English-language M.B.A. candidates in Beer-Sheva. He has presented before many groups, including universities, accounting firms and peer groups. Topics have included non-correlated portfolio construction, as well as protecting assets in declining markets. In addition, he has written articles on hedge funds, and written a chapter on hedge funds in *PIPEs: A Guide to Private Investments in Public Equity*, published by Bloomberg. He received an M.B.A. in finance from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management in 1983, and earned his B.A. in economics and psychology from Vanderbilt University in 1978. He is married with four children.

## Ruth Flinkman-Marandy



Ruth is president of Flinkman Management, Inc., a family-owned real estate management company in Santa Monica, California. In addition to being a national board member, she was

elected to BGU's board of governors in May 2012. Ruth has also been the campaign chair for AABGU's Southwest Region for several years.

In 2013, Ruth was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the University for her significant contributions to research, the advancement of knowledge and the future of Israel. She has been a strong supporter of the University's Nano in the Negev initiative for many years. A new multidisciplinary engineering laboratories building will be named for Ruth and her husband, Ben, and will house the Atom Chips and Quantum Physics Lab. Additionally, their most recent commitment will provide a professorial chair for Prof. Ron Folman.

A major supporter of higher education in Israel, Ruth also serves on the boards of American Technion Society and American Friends of The Hebrew University, as well

as on the boards of governors of those universities. She is a past president of American Friends of Magen David Adom of Israel and Hadassah. She also serves on the boards of the Beverly Hills Theatre Guild, Theatre40 and West Coast Jewish Theatre. She is a founder of the Los Angeles Music Center. Ruth resides in Century City, California, and has four children and three grandchildren.

## Deborah Fox



Deborah is an accomplished attorney, with specialized knowledge in U.S. tax law and mergers and acquisitions. Most recently, she was senior vice president, secretary and general counsel of QinetiQ

North America. She also served as chief ethics officer for the company.

Deborah and her husband, Maury, first visited BGU in November 2012 and fell in love. As new and enthusiastic supporters to AABGU, they have taken particular interest in the work of Dr. Paula Kabalo and the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism and in Dr. Aaron Fait's research in desert agriculture.



In 2006, Deborah and her family received the Duber Family of the Year Award at Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Maryland. In 2007, she was named Chief Legal Officer of the Year for the Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association.

Deborah received her B.A. from Bryn Mawr College (cum laude), her J.D. from The Columbia University School of Law and her master of laws in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. She and Maury have three grown sons.

### Lis Gaines



One of the original founding members of AABGU, Lis served as its 12th and first woman president. She has been a member of the board of directors since its inception, and

is a member of the University's board of governors. She has also served as chair of the Greater New York Region.

Lis came to the United States from Switzerland when she was 17 years-old with her family for the World's Fair. It was then that World War II broke out, and so they stayed. She attended college, and did graduate work in educational psychology. Lis married a doctor, who was in the Army. She had three children. After the Army, her husband volunteered to work against a polio outbreak in Alabama, and was the only doctor who contracted the disease. Luckily, he recovered and went on to become a surgeon. However, he passed away a few years later.

After her husband's passing, she decided to enter the costume jewelry business, where she worked as a merchandiser for a major company. Lis remarried a widower with

three children. They lived in Westchester and raised their six children. Her second husband passed away in 1992. All six of her children are married. She has 14 grandchildren and is a great-grandmother as well. Lis loves participating in the growth of Ben-Gurion University. She has worked tirelessly toward its development and success, and it has enriched her life in return.

### Stanley D. Ginsburg



Stanley is in the real estate investment business and is president of Diversified Investment Management, Inc. Active in many local organizations, his major focus is AABGU. He has served as

Mid-Atlantic Region and Philadelphia chapter co-chairs, and is currently an associate chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region. He and his wife, Arlene, are longtime members of the Ben-Gurion and Living Legacy Societies.

He has been deeply devoted to the building of the Overseas Student Program, going back over 20 years. In 2006, the program was named for Stanley and his business partner, Ira Ingerman, and their families. In addition to the scholarships he has provided for this program over the years, he supports its administrative costs. He also maintains a substantial scholarship fund for Israeli students at BGU.

Stanley was the recipient of an honorary doctorate from BGU in 2008, and along with the Ingermans, was honored by the Philadelphia chapter in 1986. He was the founder and continues to chair the very successful tribute ad journal, produced each year in conjunction with the Philadelphia chapter's annual tribute dinner.

Other organizations that benefit from his leadership and financial support include the World Presidents Organization, the World Affairs Council, the Foreign Policy Research Institute, the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, and Friends of the Israel Defense Forces, among others. He is a 1952 graduate of Penn State University.

### Dorian S. Goldman



Dorian Goldman is president of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation and is vice president of her family's BLDG group of companies: a major owner/operator of real estate in the

New York metropolitan region and in select areas around the country.

She is a member of the international advisory committee of the Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School at Ben-Gurion University, and serves on BGU's board of governors. Dorian currently sits on the board of directors of the National Breast Cancer Coalition, an advocacy group dedicated to the cure and eradication of breast cancer, and is a part of the Global Philanthropists Circle of Synergos Institute, an organization committed to developing effective solutions to global poverty by strengthening local community resources. In addition, she is a founding board member of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.

Dorian holds a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.F.A. from the Graduate School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania. She received an honorary doctorate from BGU in 2003. She and her husband, Marvin Israelow, reside in Westchester County, New York. They have three grown sons and one granddaughter.

### Lloyd M. Goldman



Lloyd is president of BLDG Management Company and its affiliated entities, which own and operate more than 400 properties – including some 14,000 residential units, half of which are in

the New York City area – and over 20 million square feet of commercial/industrial properties around the United States. His most notable project is a 50 percent ownership stake in the 99-year net lease of the World Trade Center that was acquired in July 2001, which is now undergoing rebuilding with Larry Silverstein.

Lloyd is a long-serving member of the AABGU board, beginning his first term as president in September 2012. He was elected as a member of BGU's board of governors in 2006 and in May 2012 was appointed a vice chair. He is a member of the international advisory review committee for BGU's Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School, named after his parents and gifted by the Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation, of which he is a trustee with his two sisters.

He is also a trustee of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System and of The Long Island Home. He is vice chairman of the Health System Foundation, and serves on the president's advisory council and the executive, compensation, governance, and development steering committees. In addition, he serves on the executive board of Lenox Hill Hospital and the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research. He is a member of M&T Bank's New York City Director's Advisory Council and Mortgage Investment Council.

Lloyd is a member of UJA-Federation's Real Estate & Allied Trades Division's executive committee and is immediate past chair of the

division. He is active in many other not-for-profit organizations, including Conservation International, the Educational Alliance, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the National Breast Cancer Coalition, School Foods, and more.

Lloyd is a graduate of Dickinson College. He is married to Victoria, an author and education consultant. They have two children.

### Alexander (Alex) M. Goren



Alex was AABGU's president from September 2009 to September 2012. He is also a member of the executive committee on AABGU's New York regional board. In May 2012, he was elected chairman

of BGU's board of governors. He had been a governor since 1978. In May of 2015 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by BGU.

He is a partner in Goren Brothers, a money management and real estate company in Manhattan. For over 40 years Alex has had a distinguished business career in Italy, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, and the United States. From 1987 to 1994, he was vice chairman of the New York and Foreign Securities Corporation, an institutional brokerage house.

Alex is a past president of the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Foundation, which supports projects in education, culture, health, and social welfare. Through the foundation, Alex and his family have been major supporters of BGU since the early 1970s, when they funded the construction of the Cukier, Goldstein-Goren Building for Humanities and Social Sciences. In the ensuing years, the family made additional contributions, resulting in the naming of the Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought, the Goldstein-Goren International Center for Jewish Thought, a scholarship fund and, most recently, the

Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering, named in memory of Alex's parents.

He is also a long-serving board member of New York City Outward Bound, New York University's Faculty of Arts and Sciences and a member of the NYU Harold Acton Society. Alex received an M.B.A. from the Columbia Business School and a B.A. in economics from Harvard University. He is married to Professor Brooke W. Kroeger, an author and professor of journalism at NYU, who served for six years as chair of the Department of Journalism and director of its Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

### Jason D. Gottlieb



Jason is regional director for Emmi Solutions, a Chicago-based healthcare technology and communications firm. He serves on the boards of the Milwaukee Jewish Day School, Milwaukee College

Preparatory School and Camp Interlaken JCC. Past leadership roles include involvement with Jewish federations in Milwaukee and St. Louis; the Jewish Community Relations Council; Hillel, Young Professionals Division; and Ethiopian immigration and absorption.

During each visit to Israel, Jason ventured to the Negev; although, his immersion began in earnest as a member of the first cohort of the Zin Fellows Leadership Development Program. His inspiring experience enlightened him about the life of David Ben-Gurion, Ben-Gurion University and Negev development – past, current and future.

The Zin experience transformed his commitment to Israel, as the Negev represents the ultimate entrepreneurial, pioneering

adventure – one that profoundly impacts Israeli security and prosperity, and has the capacity to change the world.

An impassioned advocate of high-quality education, Jason is looking forward to balancing his volunteer work for schools in Milwaukee with his commitment to the continued advancement of BGU. Jason resides in Mequon, Wisconsin. He is married to Karen and they have three children: Talia, Josh and Levi.

### Elizabeth Grzebinski



Elizabeth Grzebinski is a hands-on, energetic and passionate supporter of Israel and BGU. She has served on the Greater Texas Region board since 2012, and this year became both the Kosher Extravaganza chair and the regional chair. She recently completed the Zin Fellows Leadership Program, where she gained great enthusiasm for the Negev and its future.

Elizabeth is originally from New Orleans; she graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in finance. She held various positions during her 10-year tenure at Dow Chemical, including serving as credit manager, sales manager and business analyst. Prior to her employment at Dow Chemical, she was a manager at the New Orleans Federal Reserve Bank.

These days, Elizabeth is a full-time volunteer, philanthropist and mother. In addition to her work with AABGU, she is involved with the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Hadassah, the Farnsworth Museum, and her children's schools. She is also committed to Medical Bridges, a Houston-based charity that ships surplus medical supplies to needy people around the world.

Elizabeth is a recent graduate of the Wexner Fellowship Program. In 2008, she was the recipient of the prestigious Young Leadership Award by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. She and her husband, David, have three children and reside in Bellaire, Texas.

### Ben Guefen



Ben, a retired businessman, first became involved with AABGU in 1997 with a \$100 gift. Today, he and his wife, Arline, are proud members of BGU's Negev and Living Legacy Societies.

Ben has served on the organization's national board since 2003, and was elected secretary in 2012. He was a recipient of AABGU's David Ben-Gurion Award in 2004, and remains an active member of the regional board of Greater Texas. In May 2011, he was elected to the University's board of governors.

Ben was born in Lithuania and raised in Mexico City. At age 20 he spent one year in the Jewish Agency's Institution of Youth Instructors (*Machon Le'Madrichei Chut's La'Haretz*) in Jerusalem. During that time, he founded two *kibbutzim*: Ein Hashlosha in the Negev and Talmei Yaffe in the south of Israel.

He then returned to Mexico, where he worked with the Zionist movement *Hanoar Hatzioni*; later he founded a chapter of the same movement in Havana, Cuba. In 1953, he returned to Israel and lived for two years in the *kibbutzim* Ein Hashlosha and Tel-Itzchaq.

In 1961, he signed a land agreement in Jerusalem as the chairman of the Tel Aviv Country Club. Ben spent the next three years traveling between Mexico City and Tel Aviv to build the country club in addition to a 218-room hotel. In the late '70s, he became vice president of the Jewish National Fund

(JNF) in San Diego, California, and joined the JNF Texas Region board in 1994.

Ben has also been a co-chair of the Houston Federation campaign, board member of the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, member of the Jewish Community Leadership Council, and a board member for The River Performing and Visual Arts Center.

### Jane Gural-Senders



Jane is the executive director of 230 Fifth Avenue New York MarketCenter™ and principal of Newmark Holdings, a family real estate company. She helped transform 230 Fifth Avenue

into one of the leading showroom buildings in the gift and home textile industries.

Jane is a valued member of and contributor to several charitable organizations. She is a past president of the JCC of the Greater Five Towns (Long Island, NY); a supporter of the Museum at Eldridge Street; a board member of The Flatiron of 23rd Street Partnership Business Improvement District; former board member of the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns; and a supporter of the Madison Square Park Conservancy, the Gift for Life, the Van Alen Institute, and the Chemotherapy Foundation and recently became a member of the real estate committee for Yeshiva University.

Jane and her husband, William, are staunch supporters of Israel, where two of their five children reside with their families. By year's end, Jane and her husband will be proud grandparents of 13 children. Along with her siblings, Jane was honored at a gala dinner by AABGU's Greater New York Region for their major support of BGU's Alzheimer's research spearheaded by Dr. Alon Monsonego.

### William E. (Bill) Handy Jr.



Bill strives to be a contributor to family and the community, modeled after the examples set by his parents, William and Mary Handy, and his in-laws, Henry and Anita Weiss z"l.

Bill feels privileged to be Los Angeles born, raised and educated. He was motivated to serve BGU because of the great progress being made there, especially in the field of nanotechnology. He is very proud of the support provided by his in-laws in this discipline.

Bill's Jewish life has been enriched by his experiences. Since 1978, he has been active at Steven S. Weiss Temple. He supports The Jewish Federation of North America's *Atidim* (Futures) program, enabling capable and talented young people from Israel's underprivileged communities to acquire higher education. He enjoys getting to know the top-notch young people this program produces. He and his wife, Rochelle, also join with family members to provide needed assistance directly to Israel's air force, such as building pilot debriefing facilities.



Since 1988, he has been involved with Weiss Family Properties LLC, a family business that owns and operates a portfolio of multi-family properties. Presently, he is the general manager and has enjoyed being part of the business's 400 percent acquisition growth over these years.

He enjoys the mental and physical challenges of Israeli Krav Maga, contact combat training used by the Israel Defense Forces. Bill and Rochelle have two children, Sarah and Alex. Alex and his wife, Devon, named their son Henry Robert, after Henry Weiss. Their daughter, Sarah, is married to Sarah Gibson.

### Arthur (Art) Hessel



Art is a founding member of Hessel, Aluise and Neun, P.C., from which he recently retired. Before becoming a practicing attorney, he worked both for a local urban development agency

in St. Louis, Missouri and for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. He has been active in professional organizations and is a director and past president of the National Leased Housing Association. Art has served as a member of the governing committee of the American Bar Association's forum committee on affordable housing and community development law. He received the forum committee's 2012 annual award for "outstanding service and commitment to affordable housing and community development."

Art has practiced law in the Washington, D.C. area since 1972. He has been a member of the board of managers and an officer of both Temple Sinai and Adas Israel Congregation in the Washington, D.C. area since 1972, and has served on the board of directors of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital.

He is currently president of the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington and vice president of the Foundation for Jewish Studies.

Art and his wife, Edie, currently serve as co-chairs of the Washington chapter of AABGU. A native of St. Louis, Art is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College, concentrating in history and Russian history. He has a law degree from Yale Law School, and was a HUD fellow at the Washington University School of Law. He also operates an online used book business, A. Richard Books and More, LLC.

### Sonya (Sonny) Hurst

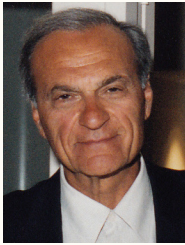


Sonny served as president of AABGU's Northwest Region for nine years. She and her husband, Steve, have been involved with BGU for decades, and together with Steve's brothers they have

funded a professorial chair at the University. Sonny's leadership activity in AABGU spans many years and major events, including leading the women's mission to BGU in 2005, organizing two regional symposia, hosting two national board meetings in the Northwest region, and attending multiple board of governors meetings at BGU. The Hurst name is inscribed several places at BGU, including the Negev Society Wall, the Founders Wall, the Professorial Chair Wall, and in the Living Legacy Society Garden.

The Hursts are active in their synagogue and are generous with the local Jewish federation. Prior to becoming regional president, Sonny was a business woman, founding a stationery store in Burlingame, California (Paper Caper). In addition to all of her communal activity, she spends a good deal of time with her children and grandchildren, her mother who recently relocated to the SF Bay Area, and traveling.

## Ira Ingerman



Ira, a successful businessman, is a certified public accountant. Together with his business partner, Stanley Ginsburg, he has funded a variety of ventures, including real estate development and

companies such as Marlton Technologies, whose principal activity is the custom design, production and sale of trade show, museum, and retail store exhibits and environments.

He and his wife, Eileen, have been generous donors, supporting AABGU for over 25 years. Through a major gift made in 2006, BGU's Overseas Student Program was named for the Ginsburg and Ingerman families. The Ingermans are members of the Ben-Gurion Society and have served on the Philadelphia chapter board for many years.

A highlight of a 2009 trip to Israel included 25 members of the Ingerman family sharing two memorable days at Ben-Gurion University, where they witnessed the dedication ceremony of the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program (OSP). In addition to OSP scholarships, the Ingermans maintain a substantial scholarship fund for Israeli students at BGU.

Among Ira's other philanthropic interests are the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, the Abramson Center for Jewish Life, Lankenau Hospital Foundation, Boca Raton regional hospitals, and the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, where he has made significant contributions.

In addition, he supports the Center for Emerging Visual Arts; the Wistar Institute; the Middle East Forum, where he serves as a member of its board of governors; and Temple Adath Israel, where he serves as a member of its board of trustees. He is also the president of the board of Mizner Tower in Boca Raton, FL.

## Marvin Israelow



Marvin has worked as an organizational development consultant, providing clients with a broad range of services that includes strategic planning, team development, leadership

counseling, and customized seminars in change management and career development. Prior to starting his own firm in 1983, Marvin was employed by the Exxon Corporation as an organizational development advisor.



His academic background includes a B.S. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School and a Thouron Fellowship at the London School of Economics. He earned a master's degree from Temple University and studied at MIT's Sloan School of Management, where he also taught and conducted research on the innovation process in organizations.

He currently serves on the executive council of the national board of governors of the American Jewish Committee. Past community leadership positions include cabinet member of UJA-Federation of New York's Commission on Jewish Identity and Renewal and board member of the Florence Heller Research Institute of the Jewish Community Centers of America.

Marvin lives with his wife, Dorian Goldman, in Chappaqua, New York, where he served as president and six-year trustee of the board of education. His love of the Negev began almost 50 years ago when he spent a summer on Kibbutz Lahav, not far from Beer-Sheva. While he fondly recalls the sleepy, dusty town with a Thursday morning camel market, he is truly inspired by the transformation of Beer-Sheva and the Negev, and the critical role that Ben-Gurion University plays in making the desert bloom.



## Max Javit



Max Javit is a passionate Zionist devoted to keeping Israel safe and secure, and is committed to supporting Israeli innovation, technology and global competitiveness. Together with his wife,

Rachel, they have prioritized higher academic learning and research among their strongest philanthropic values through their support of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Technion. They also support Hadassah Hospital and several social service organizations in Israel to provide shelters, soup kitchens and orphanages for disadvantaged populations.

Max graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in psychiatric social work. While at school, he met his Israeli-born wife at an Israel Independence Day party. Shortly after they were married, Max's reserve military status was activated and they spent two years in Germany assigned to a military hospital helping soldiers and their families. In 1957, they relocated to Connecticut.

Max began his career as a school social worker and later became a successful leader in the Connecticut real estate industry. Rachel and Max have attended AABGU events for more than 10 years and visited BGU for the first time in June 2011. They recently made a significant pledge that will qualify them for the Ben-Gurion Society upon completion. Max and Rachel are particularly committed to BGU's role in developing the Negev for the future of Israel.

The couple enjoys many pastimes, including traveling, tennis, bridge, book clubs, swimming, biking, and walking. They have been married for 57 years and reside in Boca Raton, Florida as well as West Hartford, CT.

## Billy Joel



Billy was elected to BGU's board of governors in May 2012. He and his wife, Sandra, are members of BGU's Negev Society and in 2008 they were recipients of AABGU's David Ben-Gurion Award.

Billy was active in the transportation, warehousing, consolidation, and leasing business for over 30 years. As chief executive officer and president of several large corporations that he formed in four states, he created a major network of consolidation facilities to handle wearing apparel for the major retail department stores. In 1999, he sold his interest and retired.

Retirement was short lived; he helped open the Home Federal Bank of Hollywood of which he became a director. Deciding to enter politics, Billy has been an Aventura City commissioner since 2005.

Billy is chairman of the Florida Friends of the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled and is a founder of the Jack Joel Center for Special Children, named after his brother, at the The Hagedorn Little Village School in Long Island, New York. He is founder and president of the Anchors Away Foundation, which supplies access dinghies for disabled children, giving them the opportunity to sail on their own. Billy also serves on the boards of the Aventura Hospital and Medical Center and the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center.

The Joels have been honored with awards by many local organizations, including the Torch of Liberty Award by the Anti-Defamation League; Couple of the Year at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center; and the Keter Shem Tov Award by the Aventura Chabad.

Billy is a royal notable for Alzheimer's and a founder at the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital at Douglas Gardens. Sandra and Billy have three children and eight grandchildren.

## Edward (Ed) M. Kaplan



After the active duty portion of U.S. Army service, Ed graduated from Long Island University with a B.S. in accounting. Then, while working as an auditor for an accounting firm, he went

to school at night and earned a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. In 1968, after passing the New York State CPA exams and then being admitted to the New York Bar, he formed his own accounting firm, followed by a law firm in 1975. In 1979, he decided to concentrate on the accounting firm and, together with wonderful partners, grew DDK & Company into a medium-size firm with 12 partners and nearly 100 employees.

Since his first visit to Israel in 1980, Ed has participated in several trips. His last trip included a visit to the BGU campuses after he and his wife, Marilyn, became founders. Ed has been active in community service and philanthropy throughout his business life. He was on the boards of his community JCC, JFS, federation, synagogue, and on the Accountants Division of UJA-Federation of New York. He has been president of the Staten Island Lodge of B'nai B'rith, president of the American Friends of the Academia Hebraica de Panama and an officer in most of the organizations in which he was a board member. He is the former president of the board of Bocaire Country Club, the residential golf community where he lives in Boca Raton, Florida.

Edward's philanthropic activities include ADL, UJA-Federation, Israel Bonds and HelpMeSee, a charity aimed at curing children's blindness in the developing world. Marilyn and Edward even made their wedding a fundraiser; gifts from that event started a scholarship at Ben-Gurion University. The couple often host events at Bocaire to promote BGU, the Boca Raton Regional Hospital and other fine causes.

In 2010 the Kaplans founded The 770 Society, a women's fundraising program to benefit Chabad Lubavitch organizations. They are members of Palm Beach Synagogue, the Chabad of Boca Raton and the Garment Center Synagogue in New York City. Ed's current business life includes wealth management and a law and accounting advisory practice, which includes inbound foreign investment, estate planning and complex litigation issues. He moved to Florida in 1999. Edward and Marilyn had both been widowed and together they have six children and 15 grandchildren, ranging in age from infancy to college.



## Leon S. Kaplan



Leon was elected to AABGU's board in September 2009. He is a retired judge of the Superior Court of California – County of Los Angeles. He is an ardent child advocate

who has founded programs to benefit underprivileged children.

Born in Santiago, Chile to Polish immigrants, Leon has always been a staunch Zionist. His love of Israel was molded by his participation in *Hashomer Ha' Tzair*. He emigrated to the U.S. at age 15 and completed his B.A. in psychology and his J.D. at UCLA in 1968.

Upon graduation he became a VISTA volunteer and later a Reginald Heber Smith Fellow at Neighborhood Legal Services and the Youth Law Center in San Francisco; there he founded and directed Neighborhood Alternatives to Arrest, Detention and Imprisonment of Juveniles, a community-based program that significantly reduced juvenile arrests.

Governor Brown appointed Judge Kaplan to the California Youth Authority Parole Board, where he presided over thousands of hearings between 1975 and 1981. Governor Brown appointed him to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1981 and he was subsequently elected to the Superior Court in 1986.

Leon is an advanced research candidate in the New Center for Psychoanalysis in Los Angeles and serves on the boards of the Children's Advocacy Institute at USD and the Los Angeles Child Development Center. He is a forceful catalyst for the establishment of an education center at BGU for parent education and child development training for parents of children-at-risk in Beer-Sheva and the Negev region.

Leon is also an outdoorsman, and has challenged his body and mind by such feats as walking the Tahoe-Yosemite Trail, rafting the Khalingahdaki and Zambezi Rivers in Zimbabwe, and white-water kayaking on the Rogue River in Oregon.

### Carol Kimmel



Carol and her late husband, Charles, became interested in AABGU through their friendship with Michael Sonnenfeldt. They visited BGU and were impressed with the University and what it represented for Israel and the Negev. After Charles' death, Carol took a hiatus in her philanthropic involvement yet continued to make gifts to AABGU. When she met with one of the AABGU staff, Carol's interest was rekindled. She agreed to serve on AABGU's New York regional board. Carol participated in AABGU's Balkans trip and was inspired by Toni Young to become more involved. Carol's son, Jason, has also demonstrated interest in the work of AABGU, Israel and the Negev.

Professionally, Carol has a degree in special education and a master's degree in speech pathology. She and Charles *z"l* facilitated and named the new building for Beth Ephraim of the Chabad House and for their nursery school in Maplewood, New Jersey. Carol winters in Naples, Florida where she is involved with the women's cultural association. She has been a very active participant in the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest New Jersey Women's Professional Division and in planning events. She is a lifetime Lion of Judah who enjoys the arts and does painting herself.

### Donna Weiss Lam



Donna is vice president of Weiss Investment Properties, a family owned property management company. She was born in Los Angeles and still makes her home there today. She received

her degree with honors in Spanish from UCLA, which included one year of study at the University of Madrid, focusing on Spanish literature and art. She did graduate work in early childhood education at Adelphi University of New York, and taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District's special program for disadvantaged children before working in the Parenting Center of the Stephen S. Wise Temple. She then turned her attention to real estate. She has been a licensed broker for over 30 years and brings a special expertise to the family business.

Donna has been involved for many years in the Los Angeles Jewish community and with many organizations that support Israel and Jews around the world. She and her husband, Cantor Nathan Lam of The Stephen S. Wise Temple, are activists on behalf of the State of Israel and supporters of institutions that include BGU, Asaf Harofeh Medical Center, the Israel Defense Force, and *Atidim*.

In addition to her business activities, Donna loves being involved with her family; her son Michael is now one of the Zin fellows and hopes to lead the way for the next generation. Her son and daughter and grandchildren live close by and spend as much time as possible together. Donna is proud to represent and carry on the tradition of her family's philanthropy as modeled by her parents, Anita and Henry (of blessed memory) Weiss.



### Maribeth Lerner



Maribeth, a Detroit native living for many years in Ambler, Pennsylvania, is serving as chief financial officer and corporate secretary of Bent Glass Design, Inc., a company founded in 1988

by her husband, Steven, an innovator within the glass bending industry. The company, located in Hatboro, Pennsylvania, is a leading supplier of custom bent glass to the architectural and specialty industries.

In support of AABGU, they have contributed to the Fund for Ethiopian Students, endowed an undergraduate scholarship, and Maribeth has contributed to the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion. They joined the Founders' Society in 2008.

They presently serve as one of the co-chair couples of Negev Forum, a committee of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter that welcomes younger members of the community to support BGU. They have been part of the Philadelphia chapter board for several years.

Maribeth serves on the associates committee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and was active in the Philadelphia branch of The Jewish Theological Seminary. The Lerner, members of Temple Adath Israel in suburban Philadelphia, also support the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

### Michele S. Levin



A graduate of the first cohort of AABGU's Zin Fellows Leadership Program, Michele is currently studying for her master's degree in organizational development and leadership at Saint

Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Robert, are officers of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter. They both served on the Philadelphia Annual Tribute committee for the last three years, and were co-chairs of the 2014 event and host of the patron party. They frequently open their home to AABGU for events and speakers.

A passionate supporter of Israel and Jewish education, Michele serves in a number of other philanthropic organizations. She is president of the board of directors of Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She is actively involved in the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (JFGP) as a board member and co-chair of the Israel and Overseas Allocation Committee, and she sits on the JFGP women's philanthropy board. She also represents JFGP in the Negev Funding Coalition, which is currently partnering with Ben-Gurion University for two of its projects. Michele is a board member of Har Zion Temple in Penn Valley, and is on the executive committee of the Jewish Learning Venture in Philadelphia. The Levins reside in Bala Cynwyd, outside Philadelphia, and have three children, ages 22, 20 and 17.

### Nat Levy



Nat has been involved with AABGU's Greater Texas Region since 2000. He is a founder, regional board member and recipient of AABGU's 2010 David Ben-Gurion

Leadership Award. He currently chairs AABGU's national planned giving advisory committee. Nat's leadership extends not only to Jewish organizational life, but also to local community organizations. He has chaired the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, served as vice president of Greater Houston's Jewish Federation, was an executive committee member of the American Jewish Committee, and is past chair of the Federation's community relations committee. He also previously served on the board of the American Heart Association and co-chaired the development committee of Houston's Healthcare for the Homeless Program.

Since 1979, Nat has practiced financial planning and wealth management in Houston. He and his son, Mike Levy, head up TLC Wealth Management, Inc., a family-owned boutique ensemble firm of financial professionals. He is also an arbitrator for FINRA and the American Arbitration Association, and a former executive member of Houston's Financial Planning Association.

A former attorney in Pretoria, South Africa, where he practiced law for 22 years, Nat was part of Nelson Mandela's defense team at the renowned Rivonia Trial, and was an executive committee member of the Pretoria Attorneys Association. He was also an active volunteer for educational, alumni, sporting, and charitable organizations (including South Africa's Jewish Board of Deputies) and was vice chair of the Carmel Schools Governing Body, Pretoria. Nat played a leadership role as an anti-apartheid activist in South Africa's Progressive Party.

Nat and his wife, Jill, have three children and eight grandchildren, all living in Houston.

### Jan Abby Liff



Jan is an advanced practice nurse and health educator in Nashville. Her interest in community health led her to BGU's Joyce and Irving Goldman Medical School, where her family

honored her by dedicating a lecture hall. Jan's commitment to the growth and development of BGU's nursing program and to the provision of transportation services to the citizens of the Negev for health services inspires the Liff family's support of a modern Israel. Jan is a founding member of the international council of the New Israel Fund. She enjoys traveling with AABGU to experience various aspects of world Jewry.

## Sheldon (Shelly) I. London



Shelly returned to the national board in 2011, after previously serving from 2000 to 2003. He and his wife, Margery, have been co-chairs of the D.C. chapter, and have been involved with AABGU

for more than 30 years. They are members of the Negev and Living Legacy Societies. Shelly has spoken on behalf of AABGU around the country and has played a key role in shaping the Washington/Baltimore Region and recruiting significant donors on behalf of the University.

Shelly was a partner at London & Satagaj in Washington D.C. and lobbied on behalf of national trade associations. His book, *How to Comply with Federal Employee Laws*, was used by many trade associations and in labor management courses of leading universities in the country.

A 1959 graduate of Dartmouth College, he earned additional degrees from the Amos Tuck School of Business and the University of Connecticut School of Law. After he retired from the practice of law in Washington, he became an active volunteer with AABGU, JNF, Beth El Synagogue of Montgomery County, and the Beer-Sheva Foundation.



In 1998, the Londons published Robert St. John's biography of David Ben-Gurion, *Builder of Israel*, which they donated to AABGU on the occasion of Israel's 50th anniversary.

## Ellen S. Marcus



Raised in Great Neck, New York, Ellen is retired from two careers. She received a B.A. in the biological sciences from Goucher College and an M.S. in human genetics from Sarah

Lawrence College. Among the first to earn a master's degree in genetic counseling and accreditation by the American Board of Genetic Counselors, Ellen practiced genetic counseling in Boston and Houston from 1973 to 1988. Specializing in prenatal diagnosis, she became the first genetic counselor in the country to open a private practice.

While marketing her practice, she was approached by several individuals and institutions to help them with their communications needs. After some time practicing both genetic counseling and marketing communications, Ellen ventured full-time into the latter field. She spent about 15 years as a marketing communications professional in the healthcare, financial and petroleum-exploration software industries.

Ellen became passionately devoted to BGU after her parents made a major bequest to the University, serving on BGU's board of governors since 2006. She was appointed a vice chair in 2012. She also serves as the Austin chapter chair of AABGU's Greater Texas Region.

Ellen's other passion is animal rescue; she volunteers weekly at the Austin Humane Society shelter. She also sits on several committees at Austin's Dell Jewish Community Association,

including the Israel Task Force, and volunteers for her synagogue, Temple Beth Shalom. Ellen enjoys studying Torah, Jewish history and other Jewish subjects, and is a graduate of the Melton Mini-School of Judaic Studies.

Ellen has been married to Harvey Malyn since 2006. They moved from Houston to Austin in 2007 to retire and live closer to Ellen's daughter. Ellen has a daughter from her first marriage, and Harvey has a son from his.

### Joanne Moore



For more than 15 years, Joanne has helped people in Africa and Haiti lead healthier, more productive, and more independent lives through her work in international development assistance.

She is a returned Peace Corps volunteer who served in Benin, West Africa and lived in Kampala, Uganda where she piloted a private sector program to prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission. Joanne completed the AABGU Zin Fellows Leadership Program, and is currently a national vice president.

Joanne serves on the boards of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the American Jewish World Service. She is an alumna of the Wexner Heritage Program. She is also a past co-chair of The Jewish Federations of North America's National Young Leadership Department and Cabinet, former co-chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington's NextGen Young Professionals Network, and is a member of the team that established the AJWS Global Circle, a young professionals program in Washington, D.C., where she lives. Joanne has a B.A. in African and Afro-American studies from Brandeis University and an M.S. in development studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

### Holly Nelson



Holly Nelson is a graduate of the second cohort of the Zin Fellows Leadership Program. She and her husband, Norm, are new members on AABGU's Philadelphia Chapter board. A deeply

committed community volunteer, Holly has focused extensive time and energy on the Jewish community, both locally and in Israel.

Holly has been an active volunteer at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (JFGP) for the last 15 years. She is currently president of Women's Philanthropy there, overseeing a \$6 million campaign. She is a past member of JFGP's board of trustees, and is a current member of the board of JFGP's Center for Israel and Overseas (she formerly served as the center's board chair).

She has been the chair of the marketing committee at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy, co-president of the Home and School Association at Perelman Jewish Day School, and has served in various capacities at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. A native of Chicago and the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Holly is an active supporter of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

Holly's link to BGU is family oriented; her cousin, Adam Lefstein, is a professor at the University and both she and her husband have family who live in Israel. Her knowledge of Israel comes from many visits and extensive reading. As a family, the Nelsons have spent time in Israel visiting relatives and sharing their *simchas*. Both of their children have studied at the Alexander Muss High School in Israel. Holly has participated in several missions for JFGP, visiting sites funded by the Jewish Federation and their partnership agencies, including organizations that serve

youth at risk, the elderly, the hungry, the Ethiopian community, and Philadelphia's partnership communities of Netivot and Sedot Negev. Through their Zin Cohort II donation, the Nelsons are funding graduate scholarships in Israel studies and projects at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

Holly and Norm reside in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. Their son, Danny, is a first-year student at Tufts University, and their daughter, Sarah, is in the 11th grade at Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy.

### Alan (Al) Newman



Alan Newman was born and raised in central Pennsylvania. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Penn State University, a master's from New York University and an

M.B.A. from Adelphi University. His career, mostly spent with Citigroup, centered on technology innovation, database marketing, sales management, and business formation. He received two U.S. patents for target marketing and retired in 2005 as an executive vice president in their credit card division.

Al's Jewish commitments include AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), where he is currently the chair for the Palm Beaches, as well as a member of its National Council and President's Cabinet. With the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, he has served on the board and focuses on the Ethiopian National Project. He also serves on the Jewish Community Relations Council and on the board of Alpert Jewish Family and Children Services of the Palm Beaches. He and his wife, Phylis, are members of Temple Beth Am in Jupiter, Florida, and Living Legacy Society members of Ben-Gurion University.

Phylis and Al raised two sons, Jonathan and Evan, in Huntington, New York. Phylis was a Jewish educator and continues volunteer service. When Al retired in 2007, they moved to West Palm Beach, Florida. Al is an avid golfer and enjoys traveling and reading.

### Marjorie (Margie) Kaiz Offer



A native of Illinois, Margie earned a degree in journalism from Northwestern University. Her career included public relations work for the Chicago Symphony and the

famed comedy theater Second City, as well as producing a television series for the local Chicago PBS station.

Margie later did medical research and co-authored two books with her late husband, Dr. Daniel Offer: *Regular Guys, 34 Years Beyond Adolescence*, a longitudinal study of young men that tested theories of normal adolescent functioning; and *Dialysis Without Fear: A Guide to Living Well on Dialysis for Patients and Their Families*, which was also co-authored by their daughter, Susan Offer Szafir.

Margie's volunteer leadership includes co-chairing a medical research campaign at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago, as well as serving on the boards of the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, the Alumnae of Northwestern University and the American Jewish Committee of Seattle, where she serves as fund raising chair.

BGU and the Negev hold a special place in Margie's heart. Daniel ז"ל fled Berlin for Palestine during the rise of Hitler, and in 1948 served in the Palmach unit that liberated Beer-Sheva. Daniel became a renowned psychiatrist and scholar who challenged prevailing beliefs that adolescence is

inherently a time of storm and stress. After raising their family in Chicago, they moved to Seattle, Washington in 2008. When Daniel passed away in May 2013, Margie established a memorial endowment fund that supports BGU's medical research for adolescents. Margie made her first visit to BGU in December 2013, and returned with her daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters in July 2014.

### Joel Reinstein



Joel, a new AABGU national vice president, practices law in the estate planning and probate fields in Boca Raton, Florida. Prior to moving to Boca Raton, Joel was president and campaign chairman of the Jewish Federation of Greater Fort Lauderdale. He is currently serving as a national board member of the Alexander Muss High School in Israel, and a board member of the Florida-Israel Institute. He is engaged in U.S. politics and recently served as a member of AIPAC's national council. Joel was introduced to BGU by a significant mentor in

his life: Harold Oshry ז"ל, a former chairman of BGU's board of governors. Joel spends much of his time in Israel when he is not traveling for work or his charitable endeavors.

### Gabriel Rubanenko



Gabriel is a board certified orthopedic surgeon, with a private practice in Los Angeles, California. He was born in Riga, Latvia (former Soviet Union).

He graduated from Technion School of Medicine and served as a medical officer in the Israel Defense Forces. Gabriel did general and orthopedic surgery training at Cedars-Sinai and USC, Los Angeles. He is the founder of "Agroinnovations," a Los Angeles-based greenhouse technology company that is focused on developing the most advanced soilless and substrateless method for growing plants. Gabriel has supported BGU's research in water and desert agriculture since 2004. He has a black belt in Judo and is a former wrestling and Judo champion. Gabriel is married to Diana and has three children: Adam, Roy and Vivi.



## Carol D. Saal



Carol served four terms as AABGU's 13th board president from 2005 to 2009. In May 2012, she was appointed a vice chair on BGU's board of governors, after serving as a governor for many years. She and her husband, Harry, have been actively involved with BGU for more than two decades and are members of its prestigious Ben-Gurion Society. Together, they have supported numerous projects, including the Harry and Carol Saal Auditorium in the Alon Building for Hi-Tech, student scholarships and, most recently, the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer. BGU recognized Carol with an honorary doctoral degree in 2008.

Carol has made volunteerism, leadership and philanthropy a serious career and has applied her entrepreneurial gifts to many Jewish causes, as well as to her local community. Among her other charitable endeavors, she was a founding member of the Center for Clinical Immunology at Stanford University Medical Center – an initiative designed to enable bench-to-bedside research in autoimmune diseases. She is an active fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation's Northern California regional chapter, and she was a parent-founder of the country's fifth Ronald McDonald House affiliated with the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto.

Carol is an honorary lifetime board member of The Oshman Family JCC, where she previously served as president and was the driving force in raising a significant amount of money to build the new center. Some of her other past contributions to the Palo Alto Jewish community include her tenure as chair of the Stanford Hillel capital campaign to build the Ziff Center for Jewish Life, founding Hatikvah, and her service at a Jewish

community residential facility that meets the needs of developmentally disabled adults.

She is a past board member, officer and Bay Area campaign chair of the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation and served for many years as a member of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. On the political front, Carol was a founding member of Committee for Better Schools, a grassroots movement whose charter was to help reshape the long-range strategy for Palo Alto public schools and prevent short-term school closures.

Carol helped Harry launch two high-tech companies, including Network General Corp., where she worked as a marketing manager until her retirement in 1992. She currently manages Saal Family Partners L.P., an investment partnership, and oversees the management of the Saal Family Philanthropic Fund.

She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College and attended the *Centro di Cultura per Stranieri* in Florence, Italy. Carol has two children and two grandchildren.

## Lite Sabin



Lite has been a long-time friend and supporter of AABGU. Since the fall of 2006, she has chaired the Greater New York Region board. Lite is also a former chair of the national board development committee. She and her husband, Arnold, a member of BGU's board of governors, have attended numerous Board of Governors Meetings and other events in Israel, as well as AABGU events in Florida. The Sabins are well respected within the New York Jewish community. They are very active in the Park Avenue Synagogue and support other charities. Lite is extremely dedicated to BGU and has been instrumental in promoting AABGU's mission.

## Jonathan Sack



Jonathan Sack is a passionate lover of all things Israel. The affair began in 1993, when he and his wife, Caroline, spent their honeymoon in Israel. Years later, they have made it a priority to instill in their

children a sense of connection to Israel's people and institutions. Cleverly, they have engaged in supporting charitable programs that link their passions and the passions of their children to fill the needs of various organizations.

When Jonathan's father, Buddy, of blessed memory, passed away, recreation centers were donated to the Israel Defense Forces in his honor. When his daughter, Elizabeth, fell in love with sailing, she donated her bat mitzvah gifts to *Etgirim* for the purchase of a specially equipped sailboat, currently used by Israel's paralympic sailing team. Likewise, their daughter, Charlotte, a budding baker, used her bat mitzvah gifts to build a kitchen at Neve Michael Children's Village to provide cooking therapy for troubled youth. Charlotte also participated in Yad Vashem's "Twinning Project" and dedicated her bat mitzvah to a Charlotte from Belgium who tragically perished in the Holocaust.

Daughters Rebecca and Beatrice will do the same when it is their turn to give, and in the process become emotionally linked to Israel. When the Sack family annually travels to Israel, they frequent the places they support.

An employment lawyer in an active practice in New York City, Jonathan prides himself on fighting for the rights of employees, be it in cases involving discrimination, whistleblowing or breach of contract. He is a vice president of Sutton Place Synagogue in New York, and his older daughters serve on UJA's Teen Philanthropic Leadership Council.

After a trip to the Negev several years ago, the Sack family fell in love with the unique beauty of the area, along with its people and their pioneering spirit. It was this natural progression of philanthropy and passion for Israel that led Jonathan to the second cohort of the Zin Fellows Leadership Program and ultimately to join AABGU's national board.

Connecting the Sack generations to Israel by supporting its thriving institutions is a guiding mandate for Jonathan and Caroline, who see this leadership appointment as yet another reason to love Israel.

## Max P. Schechner



Since 1979, Max and his wife, Marjorie, have warmly supported BGU, sparked by the enthusiasm of Marjorie's father, George Shrut z"l. They have visited the campus many times since

their first trip in 1981, and are continually inspired by the world-class faculty, diverse student body and innovative programs. Together with Marjorie's brother, Howard, they established a scholarship program at BGU. The ongoing scholarships allow students to explore opportunities that they would not have been able to pursue otherwise.



As part of their continued commitment to Israel, they have also established an endowed fund at their synagogue, providing financial assistance to young adults who wish to travel to Israel. Max has had the privilege of serving as president of Temple Reyim in Newton, Massachusetts and still serves on its board of directors. A successful attorney who has practiced law for over 40 years, Max is a partner in Busa and Schechner in Boston. He is deeply proud of his children. His son Jonathan, formerly an attorney, switched gears and finds more joy in being a schoolteacher. He is married to Nancy, who is also a teacher. They have one son, Jordan. Max's other son, Ranen, practices law in Boston; he is married to Elissa, a former attorney and now a schoolteacher. They are the parents of Avishai and Micah. Max's children have visited BGU and are proud of the University's accomplishments and its promise for the future of Israel and the world.



## Ernest (Ernie) Scheller, Jr.



Ernie is a prominent community activist and business leader in the Delaware Valley. He and his wife, Roberta, have been connected with Jewish and other charitable

organizations for over 50 years. Ernie has been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Region for more than 20 years, having served first as Philadelphia chapter associate chair, then Philadelphia chapter chair and presently as an associate chair of the Mid-Atlantic Region. The Schellers are members of the Ben-Gurion Society.

In support of BGU, Ernie established the Ernest Scheller, Jr. Chair in Innovative Management, the Roberta and Ernest Scheller, Jr. Family Surface Analysis Laboratory, and the Roberta and Ernest Scheller, Jr. Family Foundation Atrium at the entrance to the Diane and Guilford Glazer Building for the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management. He was elected to the University's board in 2010. Each year, the Schellers make a major gift for scholarships for the Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program, or other AABGU projects. The couple was honored by the Philadelphia chapter at its 2004 tribute gala.

Ernie's entire business life was spent building Silberline Manufacturing Co., Inc., the family business, in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. After earning a B.S. in industrial management from Georgia Institute of Technology and serving as an officer in the United States Air Force, he affiliated with this company, holding the position of assistant to the president in 1953 and subsequently becoming president, chairman and later chairman emeritus.

Ernie has also held positions with the American Foundation for Aging Research and the Keystone Chapter of Young Presidents Organization. He was a member of the Georgia Tech College of Business Advisory Board, is the recipient of Georgia Tech's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, and in May 2013, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from Georgia Tech.

## Jaynie Schultz



The name Jaynie Schultz, along with the greater Schultz family, is synonymous with active and generous support of Jewish causes in Dallas, Texas and beyond. She and her family have been

passionately involved members of the Jewish community for decades, with Israel and Jewish education being Jaynie's top priorities.

Jaynie has enjoyed traveling to Israel throughout her life and is a recent alumna of the Zin Fellows Leadership Program. She joined the board of AABGU's Greater Texas Region this past spring.

Jaynie owns a company called Retreat Central, where she books affordable retreats for groups by working with camps and other properties across the country. Before forming Retreat Central, she and her mother started Garrett Creek Ranch, a Texas conference center, and she served as its founding director of sales and marketing. Jaynie is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's in government, and The University of Texas at Arlington with a master's in urban studies.

Her leadership in the Jewish community is broad, including roles with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Foundation for Jewish Camp, Moishe House, iCenter, and the Center for Jewish Education (Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas). Additionally, she generously

supports *Merchavim*, Planned Parenthood, local Jewish day schools, and many other Jewish and non-Jewish causes.

Jaynie made *aliyah* in 1992 and returned to the United States in 1993 with her husband and child. Her husband, Ron Romaner, made *aliyah* in 1984 and owned a well-known Jerusalem restaurant for expatriates. Jaynie and Ron now have four children and reside in Dallas.

## Joel Shalowitz



Joel Shalowitz recently completed the second cohort of AABGU's Zin Fellows Leadership Program.

A committed leader in the Baltimore Jewish community and elsewhere, Joel applies

his entrepreneurial spirit and energies toward his interests in startups, leadership, team building, community causes, and his enthusiasm for mountain climbing and the active outdoors.

Joel currently serves as chief executive officer of Ogenix, an early stage medical device company focusing on wound healing, and as managing partner of Eastern Floatation Systems, the manufacturer of ProFloat® concrete floating dock systems. He received his M.B.A. from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia and his undergraduate degree in business administration from Bucknell University.

He is a Wexner Heritage Leadership Program alumnus, and serves as a board member or advisor for a variety of organizations. He also has put to use the filmmaking experience gained from filming his mountain climbing to produce several videos depicting the vitality of Jewish Baltimore for the Baltimore Jewish Leaders Assembly and *Acharai*: The Shoshanna S. Cardin Leadership Development Institute.



Outside of the Baltimore Jewish community, Joel has combined his philanthropic activities and passion for the active outdoors. In 2006, he collaborated in founding Climb for Hope, an organization that leads mountain climbing expeditions around the world to raise money and awareness for breast cancer treatment and research at Johns Hopkins University. Similarly, Joel has been active as a coach and participant in a variety of marathon-type endurance events as part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program.

Through Climb for Hope, Joel became more deeply connected in the climbing community. In 2007, he was invited to join the Shared Summits Team as base camp manager and field producer on the three-month expedition to climb K2 in the remote Karakoram mountain range on the border of Pakistan and China. The expedition was subsequently featured as "K2, the Savage Mountain" in a sports Emmy-nominated television show on NBC and Hulu, and as the subject matter for a Darden Business School digital leadership case study.

In addition, through Climb for Hope and Shared Summits, Joel created a pilot program with Educators Connecting Research to the K-12 Classroom in which content and footage from the expeditions, and input from scientists at Johns Hopkins, were used to support the creation of an interdisciplinary STEM curriculum taught to middle school students in math, science, health studies, and geography classes.

### Jacob Shochat



Jacob, a successful entrepreneur, is a dedicated friend of the State of Israel. He started and developed Dynamic Imaging, a highly successful producer of digital technology,

headquartered in New Jersey. It was later acquired by General Electric. Jacob then immediately became involved with several Israeli technology startup companies.

Jacob is a member of the board of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter, where he served on its Health Sciences and Academic Affairs Committee. He is a member of BGU's Ben-Gurion and Living Legacy Societies, and was elected to BGU's board of governors in 2010. He was the guest of honor at the Philadelphia chapter's annual community tribute event in 2009.

Among the projects he has funded at BGU, are the Victoria Itin Scholarship Fund, the Department of Clinical Biochemistry and the Brain Imaging Research Center. His generous contribution to the BGU-Negev Emergency Fund helped make possible the purchase of a much needed MRI for the Brain Imaging Research Center, which was dedicated at the 2012 Board of Governors Meeting.

## Murray H. Shusterman



Murray is senior counsel of Fox Rothschild LLP and a former deputy city solicitor of Philadelphia. He was counsel for the Commission on Human Relations and for the City Council. He also

served as vice president for the Philadelphia City Board of Health.

For many years, Murray was an adjunct professor at Temple University School of Law, teaching corporate and real estate law. He is a longtime member of the board of governors of BGU, as well as AABGU's board, and has served as Philadelphia chapter chair. He is currently Mid-Atlantic Region associate chair. He and his late wife, Judith, visited Israel and BGU numerous times and established a Career Development Chair in Microbiology, a wing of the medical school library and a cancer research wing in support of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

He is a member of the Living Legacy and Ben-Gurion Societies. In 1999, he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree by BGU at a Philadelphia Chapter Tribute Gala, and Judith was honored posthumously by AABGU in 2005. Murray also received honorary doctoral degrees from Temple University and Gratz College.

Murray has served as president of law alumni of Temple University; secretary, board of visitors, University of Pennsylvania Center for Judaic Studies; and held leadership positions in the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia; and International B'nai B'rith; among other leadership posts in the community.

## Frederick (Fred) Siegmund



Fred obtained his B.A. from Brooklyn College, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa with honors in political science. He earned his LLB from Yale Law School. After receiving his degree, Fred

fulfilled his service obligation with the United States Army in France as feature editor of the military paper. He defended court-martials on a volunteer basis and taught evening business law classes to the soldiers and their dependents. He rose to the position of sergeant.

After separating from the Army in Europe, Fred attended the Hague Academy of International Law and continued to explore Europe until he returned to the States and apprenticed with the Wall Street law firm of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett. He went on to receive his Master of Law degree during evening studies at the NYU Law School. He served as legislative counsel to the State Assembly's Committee on Public Health in Albany. Fred opened his own offices in 1963 and has been engaged in private practice since that time, concentrating in the area of trusts/estates and related litigation. Fred served on the executive committee of the American Israel Cultural Foundation.

During a trip to Israel with the Foundation in 1971, he met Moshe Prywes, the first president of the University of the Negev (later renamed Ben-Gurion University after the death of David Ben-Gurion) and the two hit it off. Prof. Prywes asked Fred to create the legal entity for an American support group to assist the fledgling university. It was a rare opportunity and Fred unhesitatingly accepted. He has proudly been a friend and supporter ever since and has served in various board roles since AABGU's inception.

He is also a member of the University's board of governors. He devotes over half of his professional time to AABGU and BGU matters. In 1996, Fred received an honorary doctorate from the University. After serving as a history teacher, Fred's wife Joanne went on to get her law degree and was a prosecuting attorney in the Manhattan district attorney's office until her recent retirement. Both Fred and Joanne have served as trustees of their synagogue, B'nai Jeshurun of Manhattan. Fred and Joanne live in Manhattan and summer at their cottage in Connecticut. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

### Jessica Sillins



Jessica is chief executive officer of BTP Real Estate, LLC, a real estate and investment management firm. She first became involved with AABGU through the Hotel and

Management Intern Program 13 years ago. This program brings student interns each year from BGU's Department of Hotel and Tourism Management to work in New York City hotels for three and a half months. Jessica arranges their placements and works with them and their host hotels on the daily logistics of the program. Through this program, Jessica has been personally involved in and enriched by the lives of more than 130 students.

In 2006, Jessica became co-chair of AABGU's Greater New York Region with Lite Sabin, a role she assumed for five years. She joined the national board in 2007, and is now a vice president. As a board member of The Robert Sillins Family Foundation, Jessica plays an integral role in her family's support for special projects at BGU, favoring those that would not happen without funding.

Some examples include: providing a scholarship for the first Ethiopian woman Ph.D. student at BGU; scholarships for Bedouin women; programs at the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion; sponsorship of the Israeli-Jordanian Academic Emergency Medical Collaboration and of the desertification conference at Sede Boqer; and more. Her family's foundation is a member of the Negev Society.

### Ernest (Ernie) Simon



Ernie Simon first visited Ben-Gurion University in the mid-1970s. He visited friends who were studying in undergraduate and graduate programs. Everything was on a smaller scale, but the

energy, excellence and BGU's purposeful partnership with the development of the Negev was (and is) so appealing. His initial enthusiasm for BGU has grown to include his brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Linda Simon, their children and grandchildren, and Ernie's wife, Judith, and their children. The Simon family feels enriched by their relationship with the students, faculty and staff of BGU, and are proud of BGU's achievements, growth and vision.

### Harriet Soffa



Harriet and her late husband, Albert, of blessed memory, a highly respected businessman and philanthropist, were among the earliest leaders of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter dating back to the

mid-1980s, when they were honored by the chapter at its annual gala. Harriet has served in many leadership roles, including Mid-Atlantic Region chair. She is currently an associate chair of the region.

She serves on BGU's board of governors and is a member of the Negev and Living Legacy Societies. Among the projects at BGU that she supports are the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion, the Brain Imaging Research Center, a research project in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer.

Harriet is a graduate of Temple University, with a degree in music education. Through her lifelong dedication to Jewish education, the State of Israel and all humanitarian concerns, Harriet has served on many boards, including Inglis House, Jewish Chaplaincy Service and the Jewish Publications Society of America.

### Kathleen Spitzer



Kathleen Spitzer's longtime family involvement with BGU has inspired a unique perspective and an enduring commitment. Initially, her interest was sparked by the dedication of her late

parents-in-law, Jack and Charlotte Spitzer ז"ל, who established the Charlotte B. and Jack J. Spitzer Department of Social Work and the Spitzer-Salant Building for the Department of Social Work on the Marcus Family Campus. They were also instrumental in founding the Seattle–Beer-Sheva sister city relationship that still exists today.

Over the years, Kathleen has continued the family legacy that honors Jack and Charlotte's vision and also reflects her own commitment to higher education in Israel. She believes that knowledge and understanding are essential to achieving peace, and admires all that BGU has done to break down barriers and provide opportunities for Bedouins and other minority students.

Life with her husband, Rob, and their children – Samara, Harry and Phil – has been rooted in Jewish values, culture and a love for Israel. In addition to serving on the AABGU Northwest Region board for many years, Kathleen is past president of the Women's Endowment Foundation of the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Seattle, past president of Congregation Beth Shalom, and has also been involved with the Jewish Day School in Seattle and the Stanley Ann Dunham Scholarship Foundation. Her daughter, Samara, is a proud alumna of BGU's Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program.

Professionally, Kathleen is the principal and owner of two companies: Viviane Skin Care and Don't Call Me Ma'am Skin Care. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University, and is an accomplished cellist who performs "Kol Nidre" each year at Seattle's Congregation Beth Shalom.

Her husband, Rob, an attorney, has also held leadership roles in the community, including president of the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Seattle.



## Robin Toubin Stein



Robin Toubin Stein is an insightful, intelligent leader who serves a multitude of organizations at the heart of the Jewish community in Houston, Texas. She recently completed the Zin Fellows

Leadership Program, and her passion for BGU and the Negev prompted her to immediately join both the Greater Texas regional board and the AABGU national board.

Robin enthusiastically serves on the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's planning and allocations committee, on the Houston Jewish Community Foundation's board of trustees, as mentor to the HJCF grants committee, as chair of the Federation's Bureau of Jewish Education Camp, and on the Israel scholarship committee.

In the past, she has served on the Federation's executive committee, as chair of many divisions of the Women's Campaign, on the board of Congregation Beth Yeshurun, as president of a local Hadassah group, in many leadership roles within the United Jewish Communities Young Leadership Cabinet, and in her children's Jewish day schools. Robin is also a graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program. Additionally, she has served on the executive committee of Camp for All, a barrier-free camp for children and adults with chronic conditions and special needs.

As if her volunteer service to this broad range of organizations wasn't enough, Robin and her husband, Brad, lend their generous philanthropic support to many more organizations, including Israel Bonds, Emery Weiner School, The University of Texas at Austin, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Family Service, and the Seven Acres Jewish Geriatric Home.

Robin is originally from Beaumont, Texas and received her undergraduate and law degrees from The University of Texas at Austin. The Steins have two children and reside in Bellaire.

## Ilana Subar



A dedicated leader in the Baltimore Jewish community, Ilana Subar recently completed the AABGU Zin Fellows Leadership Program. A committed supporter of Israel, Ilana has studied

abroad at The Hebrew University during her years as an undergraduate, and has participated in many missions and leadership trips to Israel.

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Ilana graduated with distinction from McGill University in Montreal, Canada and received her J.D. with honors from the University of Maryland School of Law.

She is a partner at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, one of Baltimore's largest law firms with offices throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Recently named "Business Litigation Attorney of the Year in Maryland" by both *Global Law Experts* and *Corporate International Magazine*, as well as one of Maryland's "Leading Women" by *The Daily Record*, Ilana has acquired extensive litigation experience over the past 18 years as a trial and appellate advocate.

Ilana has represented companies of varying sizes, as well as individuals in state and federal courts in a number of complex commercial matters involving breach of contract, fraud and other business torts, intellectual property, insurance, real estate, bankruptcy, and employment.

When she is not in the courtroom, Ilana co-chairs The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore's Re-Engagement Committee (to re-engage former participants in Young Leadership Council's two-year leadership program). She is also a former chair and campaign chair of Impact, the young adult division of The Associated, and a former longtime board member of the Baltimore Jewish Council.

Since 2008, she has served as vice president and board member of MammoJam, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting breast cancer awareness, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment programs for uninsured and low-income women through live music and artistic performances.

### Alton (Al) I. Sutnick



Active with AABGU for more than 30 years, Al currently serves as a national vice president. He is a longtime member and officer of the Philadelphia chapter board. As co-founder of

the chapter's successful Health Sciences and Academic Affiliations Committee, he is responsible for establishing formal productive affiliations for Ben-Gurion University with Drexel University and with the Fox Chase Cancer Center. He consults on many educational and research programs at BGU. With his beloved, late wife, Dr. Mona Sutnick, he received AABGU's Negev Award.

Al has a long and impressive record of local, national and international medical and academic achievements. After serving on the Temple University faculty, Al joined the Institute for Cancer Research and the University of Pennsylvania faculty in 1965. He developed the clinical research unit and later was

appointed to leadership positions at both the Institute and the relocated American Oncologic Hospital, on the team to create the Fox Chase Cancer Center. He developed the cancer control program at Fox Chase, and was asked to consult for the National Cancer Institute to develop the national cancer control program.

Among his research accomplishments is the identification of Australia Antigen as the coat of the hepatitis B virus, which led to the prevention of transfusion hepatitis, the hepatitis B vaccine, and the Nobel Prize for his colleague, Baruch Blumberg. Al published the first description of hepatitis C. He did the first studies of pulmonary surfactant in adult human lung disease. With Daniel Miller, he developed a risk-based system of cancer screening. Al's early studies of hypertension led to serving on the national committee to create the National High Blood Pressure Education Program, which would be emulated by other nations and the World Health Organization, and led to the current level control of hypertension.



Al is the author of over 300 scholarly publications and has been listed by the Institute for Scientific Information among the world's most frequently cited scientists. He was the recipient of the American Medical Association's Schwartz Award (Beaumont Award) for excellence in medical science. In 1975, he was recruited to the Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University College of Medicine) as dean. His deanship was marked by unprecedented growth in academic and research programs.

Al has been a strong advocate for women and minorities in medicine and was invited to deliver the keynote address at the dedication of the permanent home of the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York. In 1989, he was appointed vice president and chief operating officer of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. He developed the first large-scale assessment of clinical skills for foreign-trained physicians in the U.S. He collaborated with colleagues in Europe, South America and the Middle East to introduce the clinical skills assessment adapted to each nation's language and culture.

Having visited 82 countries, Al's professional activities have extended to 51 countries throughout Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. He has been honored with many awards and medals in the U.S. and eight other countries. He has served on many state, national and international boards and commissions for research development, education and health management, and in editorial positions with five professional journals.

## Charles (Charlie) Temel



Charlie is designated both as an institutional consultant and a private wealth advisor at UBS Financial Services, Inc. He has worked in the financial services industry for over 30 years, advising and managing client portfolios through five recessions and four bear markets. He is a passionate student of the markets because he feels that he owes his clients an independent opinion, objective analysis and intellectual rigor. "We owe our clients our best thinking." Charlie's goal is to help his clients grow, preserve and enjoy their wealth. This includes using a holistic approach to constructing a long-term financial life plan. His expertise is in developing and executing investment strategies, including asset allocation and manager selection for foundations and wealthy families. He also has extensive experience working with entrepreneurs and corporate executives, and executing wealth management strategies, including stock option management and Rule 10b (5)-1 plans.

Charlie has been recognized by his colleagues and the financial press. Recently, he was named by the *Financial Times* as one of the "Top 400 Financial Advisers in the United States" for 2014. As part of the Halbfinger Group, he was named in *Research Magazine's* "Top Financial Advisor Teams in the U.S.," ranking 10th in 2007 and 7th in 2008. He is a certified investment management analyst (CIMA®) and a member of the Investment Management Consultants Association.

Charlie's commitment to his community has included involvement in many nonprofit organizations over the years. He graduated from Cornell University with a B.A. in economics, and as an active alum he currently chairs the Cornell University Library Advisory

Council and is a member of the Cornell University Council. He is a vice president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. He serves on AABGU's executive committee and chairs its investment committee.

Charlie lives in New York with his wife, Judy, and their three children: Erica, Laura and Dan. He is fluent in Spanish and German. Judy is the author of *The Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds* – fifth edition.

### Ira J. Wagner

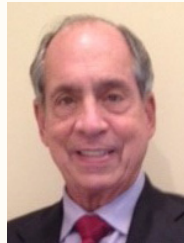


Ira is the former president of European Capital Financial Services, a subsidiary of American Capital, Ltd. He was at American Capital from 1997 through 2015.

Ira has been a supporter of BGU for the past six years. His support includes diabetes research, the Lillian and Larry Goodman Open Apartments Program, and the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism.

A supporter of access to higher education in Israel and the U.S., Ira supports the Mechina Preparatory Program at The Hebrew University, the Springboard Program at the Technion and the Presidential Scholars Program at Tel Aviv University. These programs help support financially disadvantaged students and recently discharged soldiers prepare for further higher education. He also serves on the boards of Central Scholarship, a Baltimore organization that provides loans and scholarships to financially disadvantaged students for higher education; Southern Vermont College, primarily serving first-generation students from modest backgrounds; Friends of the Daniel Centers for Progressive Judaism in Tel Aviv and Jaffa; and the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts.

### Martin (Marty) Weinberg



Marty hails from Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Miami University of Ohio in 1963 and from Northwestern Law School in 1966. He was a trust and estates attorney in Louisville

his entire career. He became a seasonal resident of Frenchman's Creek Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida in 2000, after reviewing every golf community in southeast Florida to find what he considered the best of the best! He rated golf courses for *Golf Week Magazine* for 10 years.

He is president of the board of directors of the Edgar and Elizabeth Zantker Foundation, which has made it possible for students to attend BGU through its support for over 19 years. Marty collects contemporary art and studio glass. He is an avid duplicate bridge player and golfer, a tennis player, and gym rat. He has one daughter, Amy, residing in Highland Park, Illinois with her husband, Dan, and Marty's two grandchildren: Louis and Chloe.



## Aileen Whitman



In addition to serving on AABGU's board, Aileen is on BGU's board of governors. She is deeply involved and very visible on the local level, serving as an associate chair of AABGU's Philadelphia

chapter. Among the projects she supports at BGU is the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion. She established the Gerson Epstein Wing and funded a career development chair at the Faculty of Health Sciences in memory of her first husband. She is a member of the Ben-Gurion and Living Legacy Societies.

Aileen has been involved with AABGU for more than 25 years and was the guest of honor at a Philadelphia chapter annual community gala. Her children are deeply involved in the local region. Her son, Charles, and his wife, Roslyn Epstein, were the founders of the sub-committee that attracts younger community members to support BGU, and her daughter, Barbara Epstein Sivan, is a leader of the Health

Sciences and Academic Affiliations Committee. Her children in their own right are major donors to AABGU.

Aileen was an active partner with her late husband, Jules, when he served as AABGU's national president. She is a member of the board of the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia and is a member of the Central Committee of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

## Wayne Woodman



Wayne was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He is married and has four children and two step-children. He lives a bicoastal life, spending most of his time in Allentown,

Pennsylvania with his wife, Lisa Scheller, and some of his time in Los Angeles attending to his youngest children, as well as managing part of his business. Wayne and Lisa are members of BGU's Negev Society and are founding benefactors and chairs of AABGU's Zin Fellows Leadership Program.



Together with the Scheller family, their most recent matching gift provides fellowships for students in the Israel Studies International Program.

Wayne has spent his professional life in the investment management business, starting as a municipal bond trader and progressing through the ranks as a distressed debt analyst and trader, ultimately founding Tower Asset Management in 1990. Tower was a pioneering firm in offering wealth management services to higher net worth families. In the process of building this business, he was recognized five times by *Worth Magazine* as one of the top wealth advisers in the United States. Tower was sold in 1999 to Pacific Life and Wayne helped transition the firm after the sale.

Wayne is currently associated with The Investment House LLC in Los Angeles, which supports him in his efforts to manage approximately \$200 million of assets for a small number of families around the country. Wayne also served five terms on the advisory board of the Charles Schwab institutional brokerage, as well as a term on the Los Angeles business council. He served two terms as chairman of the Lehigh County (PA) Republican Committee, and is a former board member of the Allentown JCC. He recently joined the board of Keystone Community Hope, an organization whose mission is voter contact and education on issues affecting their communities across the commonwealth.

Wayne attended The Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University where he earned a bachelor's degree with a specialty in finance. He is an avid road cyclist and enjoys long distance endurance cycling with Lisa. Together, Wayne and Lisa have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and ridden their bikes over the top of the Continental Divide.

## Toni Young



Toni was elected first vice president of AABGU this fall. She is an author and community leader. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Jewish Federation of

Delaware after holding many leadership positions. She spearheaded the establishment of Delaware's Partnership 2000 relationship with the Negev city of Arad and its surrounding Tamar region. A former vice chair of UJC, the predecessor of JFNA, Toni also served as chair of Global Operations: Israel & Overseas Coordinating Council and of Partnership 2000, later called Israel Initiatives. Today, Toni serves on the boards of *Sheatufim*, American Friends of NATAL, American Jewish Historical Society, Delaware Historical Society, and of JCPA, as well as on the planning committee of JFNA's Negev coalition.

Toni is the author of *Becoming American, Remaining Jewish and The Grand Experience*. She is a contributing author to *Seventy-Five Years at the JCC*, editor and contributing author of *Delaware and the Jews*, and editor of *Letters to Leah*. Toni earned a master's degree in Spanish at Harvard University and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Goucher College. Toni and her late husband, Stuart (of blessed memory), are members of BGU's Negev Society, having endowed an undergraduate scholarship in perpetuity, contributed to the American Associates Village at Sede Boqer, and most recently funded the new Amos Oz Initiative for Literature and Culture in Arad. Their daughter, Ann, lives in Jerusalem with her husband and son.

## Mona Zeehandelaar



Mona has been a dynamic leader of AABGU's Philadelphia chapter for many years in partnership with her late husband, David, who passed away in 2010 while serving with

Mona as Philadelphia chapter co-chair. Prior to that position, they were co-chairs of the Negev Forum Committee, where Mona was successful in engaging many new friends, helping to build the core of donors in their 40s and 50s.

She served as a member of the Philadelphia chapter board for several years before accepting the position of chapter vice chair and later chair. Among the projects the Zeehandelaars have supported are the Center for Women's Health Studies and Promotion, student scholarships and the Fund for Ethiopian Students. Mona is a member of the Founders Society. In November 2010, the Philadelphia chapter honored David's memory by establishing the David Zeehandelaar Overseas Student Program Memorial Fund, which will perpetuate David's passion for his alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev through participation of a Penn student in BGU's OSP program.

Mona graduated from the Wharton School at Penn with a B.S. in economics with a major in accounting and went on to hold several high-level positions in the Philadelphia business community. She has been a senior corporate officer with extensive experience in investor relations and corporate communications roles with CIGNA, Safeguard Scientifics, Radian, and Towers Perrin, and was a director on the national board of the National Investor Relations Institute.

From 2011 until June 2014, she was assistant vice president of Presidential Advisory Councils and Philanthropy at Drexel University. She retired in June to spend more time with her new husband, Kenneth Harris, her family and to travel. She has been a longtime leader of Main Line Reform Temple of Wynnewood and is a past vice president. Mona is currently on the board of trustees and co-chair of the synagogue's endowment campaign.

## Michael Zeiger



Michael Zeiger, one of AABGU's founders, is delighted to be rejoining the board. In the past, he served as board secretary for many years. He is also a longtime member of the

Greater New York regional board. Michael has supported the entrepreneurial lecture series at the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, as well as student scholarships.

Michael was born in Ukraine and for two terrifying years lived in hiding from the Nazis along with his parents and brother. They survived by living in a four-foot-deep hole under the barn of Righteous Gentile Anton Suchinski. Once the Soviet army liberated the town, Michael and his family spent two years in a displaced persons camp in Germany. He then moved to the United States where he attended New York University and served in the U.S. Navy.

It was in the Navy where Michael learned about wine from his admiral. He began importing wine and spirits with his family, and together they named their company Admiral Imports, which is now a major importer and distributor across the country.

In 2014, the inspiring survival story of Michael's family was made into a children's book. *The Secret of the Village Fool* by Rebecca Upjohn tells the tale of Anton Suchinski, the man dismissed as the village fool who saved the Zeigers from the Nazis.

Michael's leadership roles include serving as a board member of UJA Metro West in New Jersey, and for many years as president of Mt. Freedom Jewish Center. He was honored by the American Society for Yad Vashem in 2014, and by the Rabbinical College of America in 2003. His hobbies include sports, music, traveling, and of course, wine. Michael and his wife, Rochelle, are the proud parents of three children and grandparents of nine.

### Robert (Rob) Zipkin



Rob is the founder and scientific director of Med Chem 101. He brings over 30 years of successful biochemistry, medicinal chemistry and pharmacology research experience to the company. He is a proven leader and innovator in the life sciences, directing and managing numerous fruitful projects and collaborations. He is a proponent of the use of natural products or their derivatives as leaders in drug discovery.

Prior to the founding of Med Chem 101, Rob was the scientific founder of BIOMOL Research Laboratories, where he was president and scientific director. Under his leadership, the company evolved and grew to become BIOMOL International, a multinational developer of biochemical research tools and reagents. In addition to developing tools for use in life science research, BIOMOL carried out several drug discovery programs, including the

development of anti-inflammatory, analgesic and anticancer agents. BIOMOL was propelled into the international limelight when it announced its findings that a natural ingredient found in red wine, resveratrol, might be useful as a new class of lifespan extension agents. This discovery later became the basis for the founding of Sirtris Pharmaceuticals.

Rob and his wife, Marla, are serving as AABGU Philadelphia chapter chairs, following a three-year term as chapter vice chairs. They have been part of the chapter's board of directors for several years, and have been chapter associate chairs. Rob also serves as co-chair of the chapter's very productive Health Sciences and Academic Affiliations Committee. He and Marla co-chaired the Philadelphia chapter's tribute brunch in 2012. They visited BGU several times during numerous trips to Israel.

Rob served as president, chairman of the board and, later, co-president of Beth T'fillah of Overbrook Park in Pennsylvania. When this synagogue merged with Adath Israel of Merion Station, he joined that board of directors and its executive committee and president's council.

He is a member of the American Chemical Society; Phi Lambda Upsilon (honorary chemical society); American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics; Philadelphia Organic Chemistry Club; International Cannabinoid Research Society; Society for Biomolecular Sciences; Inflammation Research Association; American Association for the Advancement of Science; and Drexel University Judaic Studies Advisory Board.

Rob has received several awards, including the Drexel University Distinguished Alumnus Entrepreneur Award, and is the author or co-author of 37 published articles and the owner of three U.S. patents.

## Roy J. Zuckerberg



Roy is currently a senior director of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. after stepping down as vice chairman of the firm. In 2001, he created a private investment company and in 2004 founded Samson

Capital Advisors where he serves as chairman. He also serves on the board of directors of Mack-Cali Realty Corporation.

Roy is the immediate past chairman of the board of governors of Ben-Gurion University, serving from May 2004 to May 2012. He has also been a member of the national board of AABGU for over a decade.

In 2007, Roy's generosity made it possible for the new state-of-the-art Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research building to be dedicated at BGU's Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research. He was also instrumental in establishing the Zuckerberg Institute's scientific advisory board, on which he serves as honorary chair. Through groundbreaking research, this institute is focused on solving one of the most critical problems of our time: water scarcity. In 2009, he received an honorary doctoral degree from BGU for his contributions as a generous philanthropist, visionary leader, an enthusiastic Zionist, and a concerned and influential member of the American Jewish community.

Roy's other charitable endeavors include being the former chairman of the board of trustees and a current member of the executive committee of the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc. In 1997, under his leadership as chairman of Long Island Jewish (LIJ), a groundbreaking agreement was signed to merge LIJ with the North Shore Health System. This resulted in the formation of the third largest nonprofit secular healthcare system in the United States.

Roy served as a trustee of the American Red Cross in Greater New York. It was his tireless advocacy and leadership that led to the acceptance of Israel's Magen David Adom by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. He was recognized by the American Red Cross, Greater New York Chapter with a Lifetime Achievement Award for these efforts.

Roy chaired the investment committee of the University of Massachusetts Foundation from 2000 to 2009 and supports the Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership Chair. The University of Massachusetts has honored him with their Distinguished Alumni Award, a doctor of humane letters and the President's Medal. Roy received a B.S. from Lowell Technological Institute (now U. Mass) in 1958.

He is a trustee of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties. He is also a past chairman of the Securities Industry Association. Roy resides in both New York City and Palm Beach.



# BY-LAWS AND STAFF DIRECTORY

## BY-LAWS

### AMENDED AND RESTATED BY-LAWS OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATES, BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, INC.

*Amended September 16, 2014*

#### Article I - Officers; Books; Seal

##### SECTION 1 - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the City and County of New York, State of New York. The Corporation may establish and maintain offices at any other place or places, within or without the State of New York, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine, including such branches or local chapters as the Board of Directors may from time to time approve.

##### SECTION 2 - BOOKS

There shall be kept at the principal or any other designated office of the Corporation, books or records of membership and correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation, including a minute book, which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these By-Laws and all amendments thereto, and all minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

##### SECTION 3 - CORPORATE SEAL

The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form bearing the name of the Corporation and words and figures “Incorporated - New York – 1973.”

## Article II - Type and Purposes of Corporation

The Corporation is a Charitable corporation organized under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law of New York, and shall have no “members” within the meaning of the statute. The purposes of the Corporation, as provided in the Articles of Incorporation, are:

1. To promote, encourage, aid and advance higher and secondary education, research and training in all branches of knowledge in Israel and elsewhere.
2. To aid in the maintenance and development of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (hereinafter for convenience sometimes called the “University”) in the State of Israel, and for such purpose to create and foster a University Movement in America.
3. To raise, receive and maintain a fund or funds and to allocate and apply the principal and income hereof to the development and advancement of higher and secondary education, research and training in all branches of knowledge in Israel and elsewhere, including the development, advancement and maintenance of the University.
4. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to administer funds, to invest and reinvest the same in such manner and through such organization and instrumentalities as the Board of Directors of the Corporation may from time to time determine.
5. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to assist its beneficiaries in negotiating or making purchases of equipment, supplies and literary material in the United States and elsewhere.
6. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to assist and otherwise render services to officials, faculty and students of its beneficiaries while in the United States on official business of such beneficiaries but only within the scope of such official business.
7. In furtherance of the corporate purposes to facilitate the making of contracts between its beneficiaries and institutions of learning and otherwise in the United States.
8. To stimulate the interest of students, research workers and members of the teaching and learned professions in its beneficiaries.
9. To disseminate information concerning its beneficiaries and their activities.
10. To have representation on the Board of Governors of the University and to make nominations thereto, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the University.
11. To assist in the formation of subsidiaries and local chapters to further the general purposes of this Corporation.
12. To provide scholarships, fellowships and grants to Israeli students, teachers and members of the learned professions to pursue their studies, research or teaching in the United States or elsewhere and to provide the same to American students, teachers and members of the learned professions to pursue their studies, research or teaching in Israel or elsewhere.
13. To promote the exchange of teachers, students, research workers, and administrators between its beneficiaries and educational and research institutions in the United States and elsewhere.
14. To do all things permitted by law which may be necessary or proper for the fulfillment of the Corporation’s purposes.

## Article III - Board of Directors

### SECTION 1 - NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTORS

The elected Board of Directors shall consist of:

1. **Officers of the Corporation.** Each of the elected Officers of the Board shall serve as a Director during the period of his or her term of office. No one shall be elected as an Officer unless he or she is a Director at the time of Election or has served as a Director within the past two years.
2. **Directors-at-large.** Not less than forty-five (45) nor more than ninety (90) persons, each of whom shall be at least twenty-one years of age shall be elected to serve terms of three (3) years.
3. **Past Presidents.** All past presidents of the Corporation who have completed their normal terms of office.
4. **Honorary Directors.** Up to ten (10) honorary directors may be elected as non-voting members the Board.
5. All past chairs of Ben-Gurion University's Board of Governors who are U.S. citizens and who have completed their term of office.

### SECTION 2 - TERM

1. The Directors-at-large shall be divided into three classes whose "staggered" terms of office shall be for three years and until their successors have been elected and qualified. New directors shall be elected by majority vote of the Board of Directors at its annual meeting.
2. No Director-at-large may serve more than three (3) consecutive full three (3) year terms. The term of a Director-at-large shall be suspended for the period during which (s)he serves as an officer and shall resume upon completion of such service.
3. Officers, except President, may serve as an officer no more than six (6) successive one-year terms. Thereafter, they are not eligible for re-election for the same officer position for at least one year. The President is elected to serve one (1) two (2) year term and may be elected to serve two (2) additional one (1) year terms.
4. Honorary Directors shall serve for three years and shall not be term-limited.

### SECTION 3 - NEW DIRECTORSHIPS AND VACANCIES

New directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors and vacancies among directors for any reason may be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office.

#### **SECTION 4 - DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE AND PAST PRESIDENTS**

1. To comply with these By-laws and with the Board Member Participation Policy as it may from time to time exist.
2. To participate in as many Board of Directors Meetings or other functions of the Corporation as possible.
3. To remain informed of the activities of BGU and of the Corporation.
4. To contribute and/or solicit financial and other support to the Corporation for the physical, intellectual and programmatic growth and development of BGU.
5. To disseminate information about BGU and its programs to potential donors as well as to the general public.
6. To participate in regional activities to the extent possible.
7. To be available to take on leadership or other participatory roles in activities of the Corporation.
8. To develop a personal relationship with the University.
9. To facilitate meaningful connections between BGU and corporations, foundations and other academic institutions.

#### **SECTION 5 - QUALIFICATIONS OF HONORARY DIRECTORS**

An Honorary Director shall be an individual whose name and reputation are widely recognized and respected and who would bring honor, recognition and credit to AABGU and the University.

#### **SECTION 6 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Directors shall carry out the aims and the purposes of this Corporation as defined in Article II, and to this end, shall have responsibility for the affairs, property and assets of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall determine the policies of the Corporation and shall adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of business and for carrying out its powers and duties as are consistent with the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall have specific responsibility for employing or discharging the Chief Professional Officer.

#### **SECTION 7 - PLACE OF MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors may hold its meetings at such place or places within or without the State of New York as the President with the advice of the Board may from time to time determine.

## **SECTION 8 - ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS**

A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in May or June each year for the election of the President, whose formal term of office shall commence at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held during the following September for the election of Directors and all other officers of the Corporation.

## **SECTION 9 - SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, or by one-third (1/3) of the Directors in office.

## **SECTION 10 - NOTICE/WAIVER OF NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

**Subsection 10.1 Notice:** Notice of the time, place and purpose of each annual and regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director by mailing or e-mailing, by telephoning or telegraphing, or by personally delivering the same at least ten days before the meeting addressed to him at his residence or usual place of business, or by personally delivering same. Notice of a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director by mail or e-mail, telephone or telegraph, or by courier or personal delivery such that the Board Members will receive such notice at least one calendar day prior to the meeting. Notice of any adjourned meeting need not be given, other than by announcement at the meeting at which such adjournment shall be taken.

**Subsection 10.2 Waiver of Notice:** Notice of a meeting may be waived by a director who submits a Waiver of Notice whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him. Such waiver of notice may be written or electronic. If written, the waiver must be executed by the director signing such waiver or causing his or her signature to be affixed to such waiver by any reasonable means, including but not limited to facsimile signature. If electronic, the transmission of the consent must be sent by electronic mail and set forth, or be submitted with, information from which it can reasonably be determined that the transmission was authorized by the director.

## **SECTION 11 - RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS**

Any director may resign at any time. A director may be removed for cause by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the remaining directors present and voting at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 12 - QUORUM AND MANNER OF ACTING**

A quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) directors plus one additional director for each five (5) directors (or fraction thereof) in excess of fifteen (15) who hold office. Except where otherwise required by law, the vote of a majority of the directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

## Article IV - Committees and their Powers

### SECTION 1 - COMMITTEE ROSTER

There shall be the following standing committees of the Board of Directors:

1. Executive Committee
2. Board Development Committee
3. Audit Committee
4. Investment Committee
5. Budget and Finance Committee
6. Donor Development Committee
7. Governance Committee
8. Compensation Committee
9. Grants Committee
10. Real Estate Committee

In addition, the President or Board of Directors may create or discontinue ad hoc committees of the Board as they deem appropriate. Each committee shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to it by the President or the Board of Directors.

### SECTION 2 - APPOINTMENTS

Except as otherwise specified in this Article IV, the President shall appoint committee chairs, with the advice of the Executive Committee, from among the members of the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors in September or as soon thereafter when the Board convenes. The President shall appoint committee members in consultation with the committee chairs. Non-members of the Board may also serve on committees in an advisory capacity as non-voting members. The minimum number of members for each standing committee shall be three, except as otherwise specified in this Article IV. The members of the committees shall serve at the pleasure of the President or the Board of Directors.

The President and the Chief Professional Officer shall be ex officio members of all committees, and the President may also appoint any officer to be an ex officio member of any committee. Except as otherwise specified in this Article IV, ex officio members of committees shall be non-voting members of the committees on which they serve.

### SECTION 3 - MEETINGS

A simple majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business that may properly come before such committee. At all committee meetings, questions shall be decided by a majority of voting committee members present.

Each Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors. Committees shall report their proceedings to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors and shall be subject to their jurisdiction.

## SECTION 4 - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**1. Membership** - The Executive Committee shall be comprised of not less than fifteen nor more than twenty-five Directors. The President shall serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee, which shall consist of:

- a. all elected officers of the Corporation
- b. the immediate Past President
- c. Chairman of the Investment Committee
- d. Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee
- e. Chairman of the Audit Committee
- f. Chairman of the Donor Development Committee
- g. Chairman of the Governance Committee
- h. Chairman of the Board Development Committee
- i. and members designated by the President and approved by the Board

The President may invite other Directors and non-Directors to participate in a meeting of the Executive Committee in an advisory, non-voting capacity. The Executive Committee may convene in executive session upon the request of any voting member of the committee, provided that the general topic and any formal action taken at the meeting is reported in the minutes in a way intended to minimize harm to the Corporation or any individual. The Executive Committee may appoint or authorize the President to appoint subcommittees of the Executive Committee, which subcommittees shall have such powers as the Executive Committee may designate.

**2. Meetings** - The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times in each calendar year at such time and place as shall be designated by its Chairman. All members of the Executive Committee are expected to participate in not less than two (2) meetings of the Executive Committee per year and to be actively involved with the activities of the Corporation. Matters shall be decided by a majority of voting committee members present, except that no matter shall be decided without the affirmative vote of at least six (6) voting members of the committee.

**3. Powers and Duties** - The Executive Committee shall be responsible for managing the property and business affairs of the Corporation during the period between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall possess the same powers granted to the Board of Directors, except that, in accordance with Section 712 of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, neither the Executive Committee nor any other committee shall have authority as to the following matters:

- a. The filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors or in any committee.
- b. The fixing of compensation of the Directors for serving on the Board or on any committee.
- c. The amendment or repeal of the By-Laws or the adoption of new By-Laws.
- d. The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board, which by its terms shall not be so amendable or repealable.

**4. Minutes** - Minutes of the Executive Committee shall be provided to the Board within thirty (30) days after each meeting.

## SECTION 5 - BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Board Development Committee shall be comprised of not less than nine nor more than eleven persons, two of whom shall be the President and immediate past President and two of whom may be non-Board members. In order to maintain continuity of members of the Board Development Committee, the Committee shall be divided into three classes whose staggered terms of office shall be for three years and until their successors have been appointed.

The Board Development Committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors of persons to be nominated as Directors-at-large, Honorary Directors and officers of the Corporation, and shall also make recommendations to the Board of persons for the Board to recommend to the University as candidates for its International Board of Governors. A member of the Committee shall neither participate in deliberations nor vote relating to his or her own re-nomination to the Board or the re-nomination of such member's spouse or immediate family member. The Board Development Committee's responsibilities shall include participating with the President and other officers in the recruiting of prospective Board members, the retention of Board members, and with the support of the officers and staff, the training of Board members.

## SECTION 6 - AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of three or more Independent Directors who are not employees of the Corporation, who do not have any relationship which in the opinion of the Board would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a member of the Committee, who have a familiarity with basic financial statements and accounting practices and principles, and who meet such other qualifications as established from time to time by the Audit Committee and as set forth in any Audit Committee Charter. The Chairman of the Committee shall have accounting or related financial management expertise. Neither the Treasurer nor Assistant Treasurer(s) may serve on the Audit Committee; however, they may serve as consultants to the Committee.

The primary goals of the Audit Committee are (i) to oversee the Corporation's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors in compliance with applicable law, (ii) to report the results of its activities to the Board of Directors and Chief Professional Officer; and (iii) to ensure that all applicable accounting and auditing reporting practices are proper and accurately reflect the condition of the Corporation.

To facilitate these goals, the Committee shall have direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of the independent auditors employed by the Corporation for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or related work, and such independent auditors shall report directly to the Committee. The Committee shall meet with the Corporation's independent auditors prior to their annual engagement to review the intended scope of the audit and to evaluate the independence of the auditors. Subsequent to completion of the audit, the committee shall meet with the independent auditors to review findings including the adequacy of controls.

The Audit Committee shall prepare, and submit to the Board for approval, an Audit Committee Charter which may include: (i) criteria for independence; (ii) additional qualifications for membership on the Audit Committee; and (iii) additional duties and obligations of the Audit Committee.

The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors from time to time and shall submit an annual report to the Board.

#### **SECTION 7 - INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Investment Committee. This Committee shall meet at least four times a year and shall (1) review the Corporation's portfolio and actively and continuously consider various alternatives and (2) annually examine and make recommendations on the Corporation's investment policy to the Board. The Committee may from time to time seek professional investment advice and/or delegate responsibility for decisions on the portfolio to such professional advisors within guidelines specified by the Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have authority to carry out the investment policies adopted by the Board. The Committee shall report to the Board of Directors and the Executive Vice President from time to time and shall submit an annual report to the Board, which shall include the AABGU Basic Investment Strategy.

#### **SECTION 8 - BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Budget and Finance Committee shall be comprised only of members of the Board of Directors, including the Treasurer who shall be its Chairman. The Committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing the annual budget of the Corporation and presenting it for approval to the Board of Directors not later than the September annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The Committee shall examine as often as necessary, and at least twice a year, the cash, securities, and insurance policies of the Corporation, shall consider any questions of financial policy which may be referred to it, or may do so on its own initiative, and shall report on all such matters to the Board of Directors. The Committee shall have the responsibility for selecting the method of handling general funds, administering trust funds and adopting the accounting systems therefore, as well as securing fidelity bonds for the Treasurer and employees handling funds.

#### **SECTION 9 - DONOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Donor Development Committee (DDC) shall work with the professional team in development, periodic updating, and implementation of a national plan for resource development. The plan will be updated and presented, not less than annually, to the Board of Directors for its consideration. DDC members should be drawn from all AABGU regions. The DDC chair may establish subcommittees to focus on specific aspects of the national plan such as major gifts, legacy gifts, annual giving, recognition, real property, etc. Subcommittee chairs should be members of the National Board.

Committee members will:

- Assist in identifying, nurturing and rating major gifts prospects
- Host prospects and steward donors; attend cultivation events, as needed
- Team with professional staff in conducting solicitations, when requested
- Be an AABGU advocate in their home region; work closely with the Regional Director and Regional leadership
- Participate in training sessions to enhance their development skills and knowledge
- Be current in payment of personal and family commitments to AABGU
- The chair will convene meetings of the DDC as needed and will report on committee progress at each meeting of the AABGU Board.

#### **SECTION 10 - GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The Governance Committee shall periodically review and recommend to the Board changes to the Bylaws of the Corporation and shall consider all requests and recommendations for Bylaws amendments proposed by Board members and staff. The Committee shall review and recommend to the Board Policies proposed by Board committees, Board members and members of the senior staff. The Committee will receive, review and recommend to the Board proposed changes to current policies. The committee will periodically review all Board policies for currency, applicability and compliance.

#### **SECTION 11 - COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

The Compensation Committee shall be responsible for making compensation recommendations for all top executives, including the Executive Vice President. It shall prescribe policy standards with respect to performance, establish criteria for supplemental benefits and perquisites, all relative to market competitiveness. The recommendations shall be made available to the Executive Committee for approval.

#### **SECTION 12 - GRANTS COMMITTEE**

1. Membership – the duly elected officers of the Corporation shall be the members of the Grants Committee.
2. Meeting – the Grants Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet as necessary to carry out the responsibilities enumerated in Article XII on Grants Administration.
3. The powers and duties of the Grants Committee shall be those enumerated in Article XII on Grants Administration.
4. Minutes of the meetings of the Grants Committee shall be provided to the Board not later than its next meeting.

## **SECTION 13 - REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

The Real Estate Committee, by a majority vote of its members, is authorized to approve the purchase, sale, mortgaging, lease exchange, or other disposal of real estate; provided that if such property would constitute substantially all of the assets of the corporation, then a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board shall be required (or if there are 21 or more directors then in office the vote of a majority of the entire Board shall be sufficient). The committee should promptly report any actions taken to the Board, at or prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

## **Article V – Action by Telephone, Video or Without a Meeting**

### **SECTION 1 - ACTION BY CONFERENCE TELEPHONE OR VIDEO PARTICIPATION**

Members of the Board or a Committee who are not physically present at a meeting may participate by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment or by electronic video screen communication, so long as all participants in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and each person can participate in all matters before the meeting, including, without limitation, the ability to propose, object to and vote upon actions to be taken by the Board or Committee.

### **SECTION 2 - ACTION WITHOUT A MEETING**

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any Committee may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or committee consent to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. Such consent may be written or electronic, which consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings.

## **Article VI - Officers**

### **SECTION 1 - NUMBER AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS**

The executive officers of the Corporation shall be the President, one or more Vice Presidents (one of whom may be elected as the First Vice President), a Treasurer and a Secretary (and if the Board of Directors so determines, also one or more Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers), all of whom shall be chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors. Any person may hold more than one office of the Corporation, except that no one person shall be the President and Secretary thereof.

### **SECTION 2 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS; FILLING OF VACANCIES**

The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by a majority vote of the directors present at the meetings. The Board Development Committee shall recommend a slate of officers for consideration as provided for in Article III, Section 7 of these By-Laws, and shall notify the Board of Directors at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Board meeting at which the officers are to be elected.

### **SECTION 3 - VACANCIES**

A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the remaining portion of the term. When a vacancy in an office occurs, the Board Development Committee shall submit to the Board the name of a nominee to fill the vacancy and a majority of the Directors shall elect a new officer to complete the remainder of the term. The term of an officer so elected shall begin immediately upon his/her election and shall conclude at the next Annual Meeting.

### **SECTION 4 - TERM OF OFFICE; REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

Except as provided in Article III, Section 2 (3), the term of office of each of the aforesaid officers shall be for one year, commencing at the annual meeting provided for in Article III, Section 8 and shall continue until the officer's successor shall have been duly elected; provided, however, that the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the whole Board may at any time with or without cause remove any officer of the Corporation.

### **SECTION 5 - OTHER OFFICERS AND AGENTS**

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers and agents as it may deem advisable, including honorary officers, who shall hold their respective offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 6 - PRESIDENT**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, the President shall have general charge of the affairs of the Corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. He shall keep the Executive Committee informed of significant matters relating to the operation and activities of the Corporation, shall consult with and have the advice and counsel of the Executive Committee. He shall, when required by the Board of Directors, make a full written report in respect to any designated matter in connection with the Corporation or its affairs, and he shall execute and acknowledge on behalf of the Corporation all contracts, documents, checks, bonds, or other instruments authorized by the Board of Directors, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be delegated by the Board of Directors or these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the Corporation, and, in general, he shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President and such other duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors.

The President shall serve ex-officio as a member of all Board Committees. The President, ex officio, shall serve as an officer of the Corporation with the title "Past President" during the next year following the completion of his term of office.

## **SECTION 7 - VICE PRESIDENT**

Each Vice President shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the President, the First Vice President shall be vested with all the powers and perform all of the duties of the President. In the absence or disability of the President and the First Vice President, the remaining Vice Presidents in the order of their election, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, shall be vested with all of the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

## **SECTION 8 - TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall receive the moneys of the Corporation and deposit the same in such bank, trust companies or other depositories as may be approved by the Board of Directors or Finance Committee. He shall have custody of all securities, valuable papers and documents of the Corporation, except as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors. He shall keep or cause to be kept a book or books setting forth a true record of all receipts and disbursements, and shall, when and as required by the President or the Board of Directors, render a statement of the financial condition of the Corporation and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer, and have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors so requires, the Treasurer shall give a bond in such form, with such surety and in such amount as the Board of Directors may direct.

## **SECTION 9 - ASSISTANT TREASURERS**

The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint one or more Assistant Treasurers. Each Assistant Treasurer shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurers in the order of their election, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the Treasurer. If the Board of Directors so requires, any one or more or all of the Assistant Treasurers shall give a bond or bonds in such form, with such surety and in such amount as the Board may direct.

## **SECTION 10 - SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee; and shall give or cause to be given all required notices of meetings of the Board Directors and the Executive Committee; shall record all meetings of the directors in a book to be kept for that purpose; and, in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and have such other powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. He or she shall have custody of the seal of the Corporation and shall affix same to any instrument when duly authorized to do so and shall attest the same.

## SECTION 11 - ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries. Each Assistant Secretary shall have such powers and duties as may from time to time be delegated by the Board of Directors. In the absence or disability of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretaries in the order of their election, unless the Board of Directors otherwise determines, shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the Secretary.

## SECTION 12 - COMPENSATION

No director or officer shall receive compensation from the Corporation for his services to the Corporation; provided, however, that any paid employee of the Corporation may be given a title such as "Executive Director" or "Executive Vice President." Any director or officer who renders professional services to the Corporation may receive compensation for the reasonable value of such services.

### Article VII - Chief Professional Officer (CPO)

The Board of Directors of the Corporation may employ a Chief Professional Officer (CPO). This employee may be given the title of Executive Director, Executive Vice President or any other title that the Board deems appropriate. The CPO shall be responsible for providing and maintaining direction for the Corporation's national fundraising and development, implementing the policy decisions made by the Board of Directors, supervising and managing the operations and functioning of the Corporation on a day-to-day basis. With respect to the hiring and firing of Regional Directors or Regional office heads, the CPO shall consult with and have the advice of the President and Regional Board of Directors involved. The CPO shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

The CPO shall report to the President and shall be responsible and accountable to the Board of Directors.

The CPO shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the regular and special committees of the Corporation.

### Article VIII - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.

### Article IX - Amendments

The By-laws may be amended, modified or repealed by a majority vote of the Directors at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors, provided written notice embodying such proposed action has been given in the notice of meeting calling the meeting at which such proposed action is to be acted upon, and further provided (1) the action is approved at the meeting by a majority of the directors then in office or (2) the action is approved at the meeting by a majority of the directors who are present at the meeting provided written approval of the action is also

secured from a sufficient number of additional directors to constitute a majority of the directors who are in office at the time of the meeting.

## Article X - Indemnification of Officers and Directors

To the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of New York:

- a. The Corporation shall indemnify any person (and his heirs, executors or administrators) who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (brought in the right of the corporation or otherwise), whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, and whether formal or informal, including appeals, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, for and against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person or such heirs, executors, or administrators in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, including appeals.
- b. The Corporation shall pay expenses as incurred in defending any action, suit or proceeding described in subsection (a) of this Article in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding, including appeals.
- c. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person described in subsection (a) of this Article against any liability asserted against him, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this Article or otherwise.
- d. The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to all actions, claims, suits, or proceedings made or commenced after the adoption hereof, whether arising from acts or omissions to act occurring before or after its adoption. The provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be a contract between the Corporation and each director, officer, employee, or agent who serves in such capacity at any time while this Article and the relevant provisions of the laws of the State of New York and other applicable law, if any, are in effect, and any repeal or modification thereof shall not affect any rights or obligations then existing with respect to any state of facts or any action, suit or proceeding thereafter brought or threatened based in whole or in part on any such state of facts. If any provision of this Article shall be found to be invalid or limited in application by reason of any law or regulation, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof. The rights of indemnification provided in this article shall neither be exclusive of, nor be deemed in limitation of, any rights to which any such officer, director, employee, or agent may otherwise be entitled or permitted by contract, the Certificate of Incorporation, vote of directors, or otherwise, or as a matter of law, both as to actions in his official capacity and actions in any other capacity while holding such office, it being the policy of the Corporation that indemnification of the specified individuals shall be made to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- e. For purposes of this Article, references to “other enterprises” shall include employee benefit plans; references to “fines” shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan; and references to “serving at the request of the corporation” shall include any service as a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer, employee, or agent with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries.

## Article XI - Gender Reference

As used herein, when appropriate, words imputing the masculine gender also include the feminine gender.

## Article XII - Grants Administration

### SECTION 1 - PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS

The Corporation shall have the power to make grants and contributions and to render other financial assistance for the purposes expressed in the Corporation’s Articles of Incorporation.

### SECTION 2 - EXCLUSIVE POWER IN THE GRANTS COMMITTEE.

The Grants Committee shall have exclusive control over grants, contributions and other financial assistance given by the Corporation. The Grants Committee shall review all requests for funds and shall require that such requests specify the use to which the funds will be put. If the Grants Committee approves a grant, payment to the approved grantee shall be authorized as stated in Section 7 of this Article XII.

### SECTION 3 - REFUSAL; WITHDRAWAL

The Grants Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right to refuse to make any grants or contributions, or to render other financial assistance, for any or all of the purposes for which the funds are requested. In addition, the Grants Committee, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall have the right to withdraw its approval of any grant at any time and use the funds for other charitable, scientific or education purposes.

### SECTION 4 - GRANTS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Grants Committee may make grants to any organization organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes within the meaning of 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such an organization may be either a domestic or a foreign organization. If the Grants Committee approves a grant to another organization for a specific project or purpose, the Corporation may solicit funds for the grant. However, contributions received by the Corporation from such solicitations are regarded as for the use of the Corporation and not for the grantee organization.

#### **SECTION 5 - ACCOUNTING REQUIRED**

The Grants Committee shall require that all grantees furnish a periodic accounting to show that the funds were expended for the purposes that were approved by the Grants Committee.

#### **SECTION 6 - RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Corporation retains complete control and discretion over the use of all contributions it receives. Contributions received by the Corporation from the solicitations for specific grants shall be regarded as for the use of the Corporation and not for the organization for which the funds were solicited.

#### **SECTION 7 - PAYMENTS FOR APPROVED GRANTS**

Payment for grants approved by the Grants Committee shall be authorized by the President (or in his absence, the First Vice President), the Treasurer (or in his absence the Assistant Treasurer), and at least one Vice President.

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