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A4BGU's Annual New York Benefit

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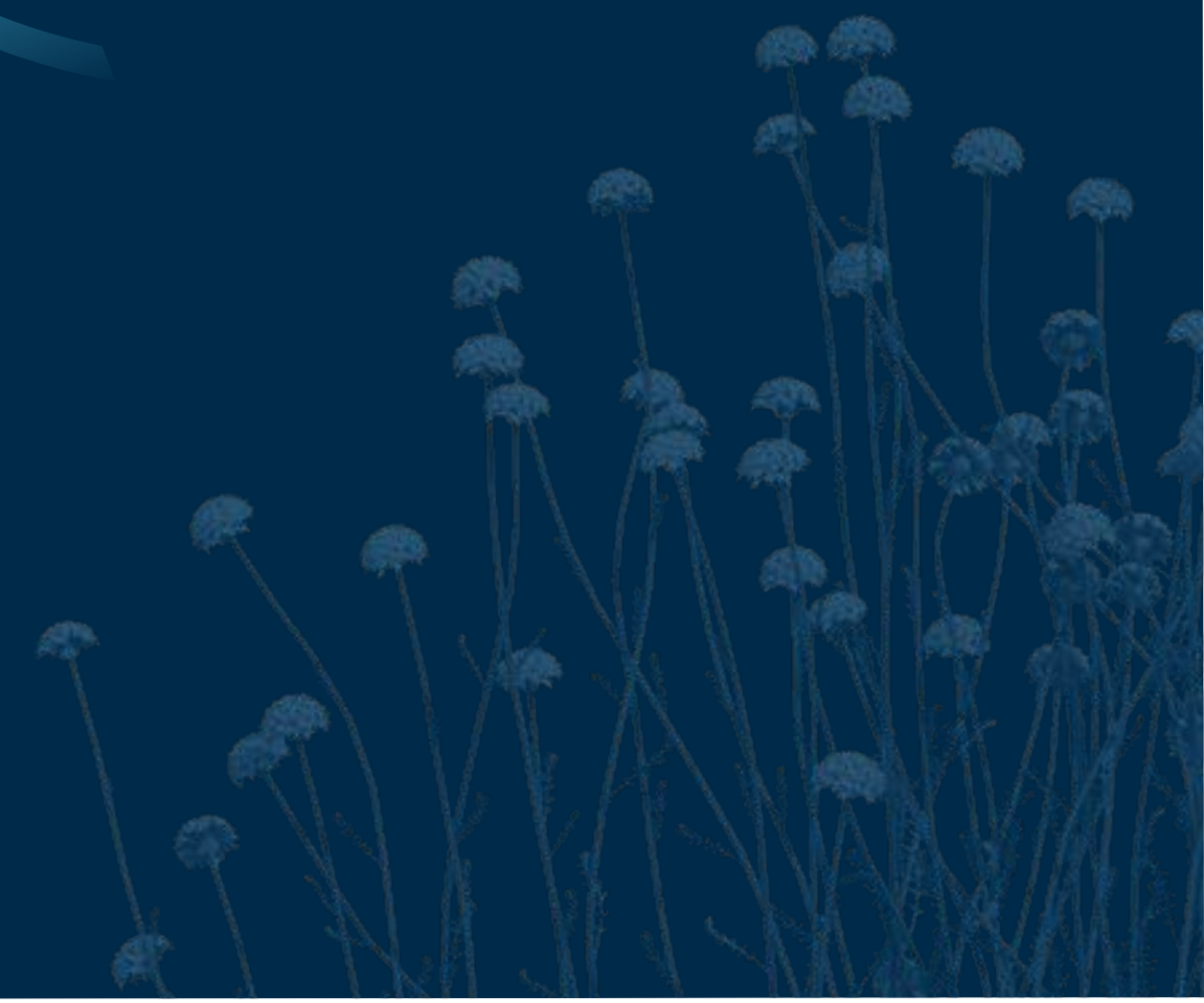
Gary, thank you for making the Remarkable possible!

For four years, Gary DeBode has thoughtfully led Americans for Ben-Gurion University and has been a steadfast ambassador for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and Israel's south. An alum of the Zin Fellows Leadership Program, Cohort III, Gary's passion and dedication over the years have profoundly impacted both organizations.

Gary and his family have also been avid supporters of Yazamut 360°, helping bring to life the groundbreaking entrepreneurship program that empowers individuals to thrive in a changing world. He has supported the vital work of university researchers and innovators, hosted global leaders, and provided life-changing internships and scholarships to deserving students. Recently, he has also championed the launch of a new dormitory project on BGU's Eilat campus.

Today, we recognize his years of tireless service and significant contributions on the University, Israel, and the world.

Gary, mazel tov on this remarkable achievement – *and todah rabah!*



ABOUT BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY

First Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion recognized that the Negev Desert holds the key to Israel's future. A world-renowned institution of research and higher learning, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) brings that vision to life — transforming the Negev region, Israel and the world. Through groundbreaking research, education, and innovation, BGU has become an international powerhouse in academia, scientific advancements and technology.

ABOUT AMERICANS FOR BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY

At A4BGU we do three things: raise awareness of BGU's unique role in nurturing the Negev community, while sharing the University's expertise locally and around the globe, we raise financial resources to advance BGU's remarkable work, and we run programs, like the Zin Fellows Leadership Program, which engages and immerses the next generation of leaders in support of Israel. Inspired by the vision of David Ben-Gurion, Americans for Ben-Gurion University (A4BGU) is Partners in the Remarkable with BGU in the promise of a better tomorrow, anchored in the belief that the world is simply better with Israel in it.

BEN-GURION ANNUAL FUND

The Ben-Gurion Annual Fund provides critical resources when and where its needed most. This includes support for scholarships, research, innovation and entrepreneurship, and programmatic offerings that build and strengthen the Negev community and beyond. In a post-October 7 reality, the Ben-Gurion Annual Fund is more important than ever. It enables both A4BGU and BGU to be nimble and to continue to respond to pressing and emerging needs whenever they may arise.

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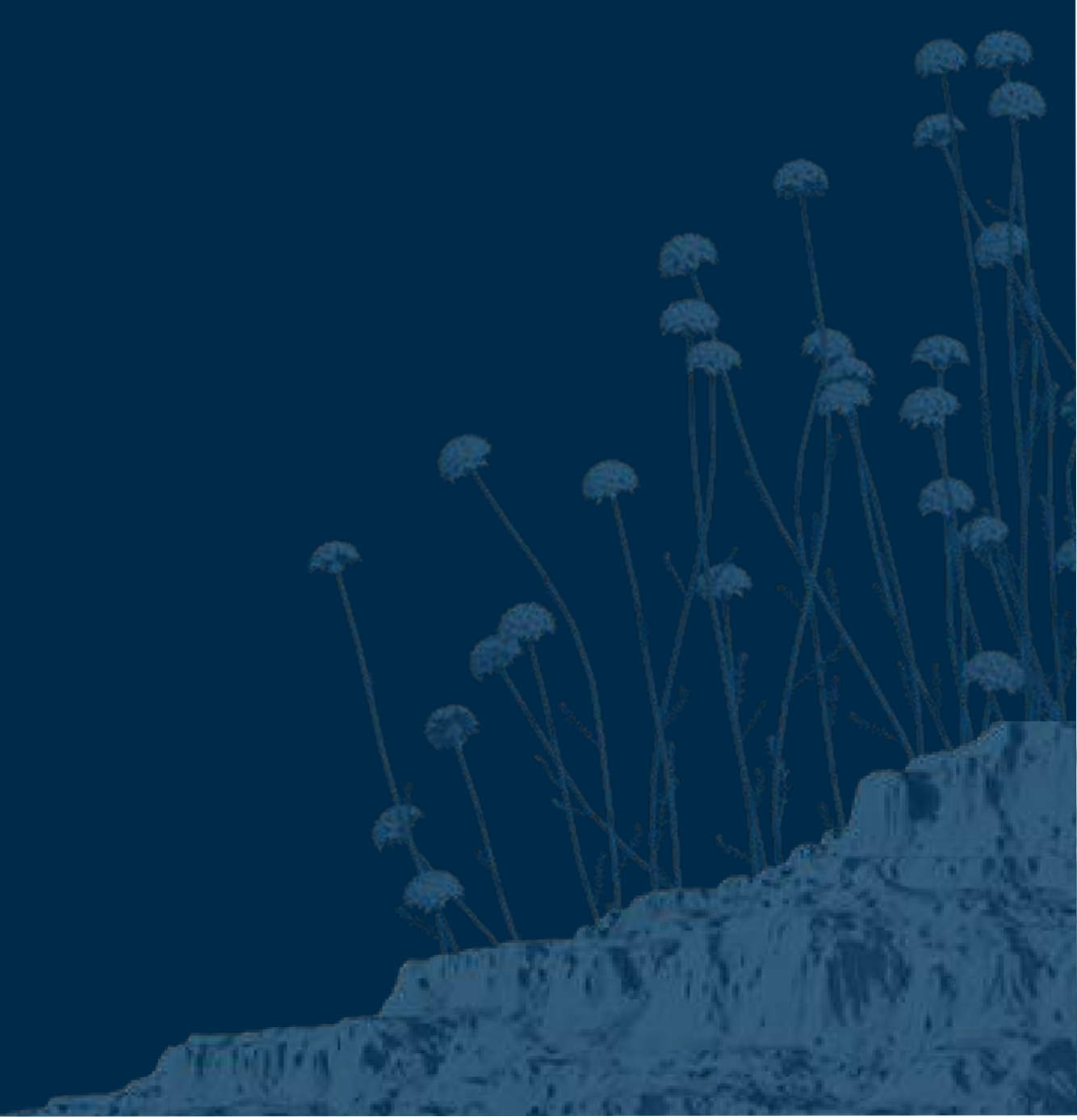
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Gary, we are inspired by your leadership and dedication to A4BGU!
Thank you for setting such a wonderful example. We are delighted to help celebrate you.

THE SUMMIT ROCK ADVISORS TEAM



Gary,
Thanks for all that you do for BGU
and the world at large.
Love you!

PAULA GOTTESMAN

Gary,

Your enthusiasm and generosity on behalf of BGU has been infectious and impressive. Your willingness to learn on the job has been a lesson for us all. With gratitude and love.

CAROL AND HARRY SAAL



Thank you Gary for your
leadership and caring.
With love and admiration.

MICHAEL FIELD AND DOUG HAMILTON

BEER-SHEVA

Gary - Thank you so much for your dedication, wisdom, and guidance. You have made a significant impact and are deeply appreciated by all. You'll be missed!

ALISON AND DAVID WAGONFELD

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Yasher koach Gary for your years of service to A4BGU. Your leadership has been pivotal in strengthening Ben-Gurion University of the Negev during COVID and enhancing its resilience in the post 10/7 world.

PAT KALMANS AND MICHAEL OZER

Gary – you're DeMan!
Many thanks!!

SANDRA AND STEVE FINKELMAN

BEER-SHEVA

Gary,
Thank you for your thoughtful
leadership, listening with an open
heart and bringing out the best in
everyone you touch.

LISA DOUGLASS PEARLMUTTER

BEER-SHEVA





Thank you Gary for your strong leadership and wisdom during this tumultuous time in Israel. You have been at the forefront of guiding Ben Gurion University of the Negev as a beacon for the university and for the entire Negev.

Your accomplishments will resonate long into the future.

**BATSHEVA RIFKIN AND
HOWARD HOCHSTER**

BEER-SHEVA

A big Mazel Tov to Gary DeBode from the Hocksteins and the entire Delaware Chapter of A4BGU!

**DR. CAROLYN GLAZER-HOCKSTEIN
AND DR. NEIL HOCKSTEIN**

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We would like to celebrate and thank Gary DeBode and his family for the great work that has been accomplished during Gary's term, especially during this last difficult year. Your dedication is deeply meaningful to us, to BGU, and most importantly to Israel and the Jewish People. Am Yisrael Chai!

SUE AND LEW WINARSKY

Well done, Gary!

You have been an excellent Board Chair, and we recognize the passion, wisdom, time, and energy you have devoted to A4BGU during your term.

You are an inspiring role model
and mensch!

With much appreciation, admiration,
and respect.

ROBIN AND BRAD STEIN

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Am Yisrael Chai

ANONYMOUS

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We join the A4BGU community
in honoring Gary DeBode for his
outstanding service to A4BGU,
and for all that he does for Israel
and the Jewish people.

ABBIE & MOSHE GREENBERG

SDE BOKER





Gary, Thank you for the warm welcome and support you've provided us newbies. Yasher koach on your contributions, service and leadership as board president.

DAPHNE MINKOFF AND NOAH TRATT

Gary, thank you for your
dedication and wonderful
leadership to
Ben-Gurion University.

JOEL REINSTEIN

SDE BOKER



Well done, Gary, for all you do
for A4BGU. We are so grateful
for your leadership,
partnership, and friendship.

ADAM EISENBERG AND TEAM IBEX

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Mazel Tov to Gary and to BGU
for all their great work.

PEARL BECK AND DAVID FISHER

SDE BOKER

Thanks to fellow Zin, Gary DeBode, for such a wonderful job of leading A4BGU. You've made a real difference.



THE KUPFER FAMILY

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The Zeitlin family would like to extend a warm congratulations to Gary DeBode and hopes for the future success of Ben-Gurion University as it helps to heal the Negev community.

VIOLET ZEITLIN

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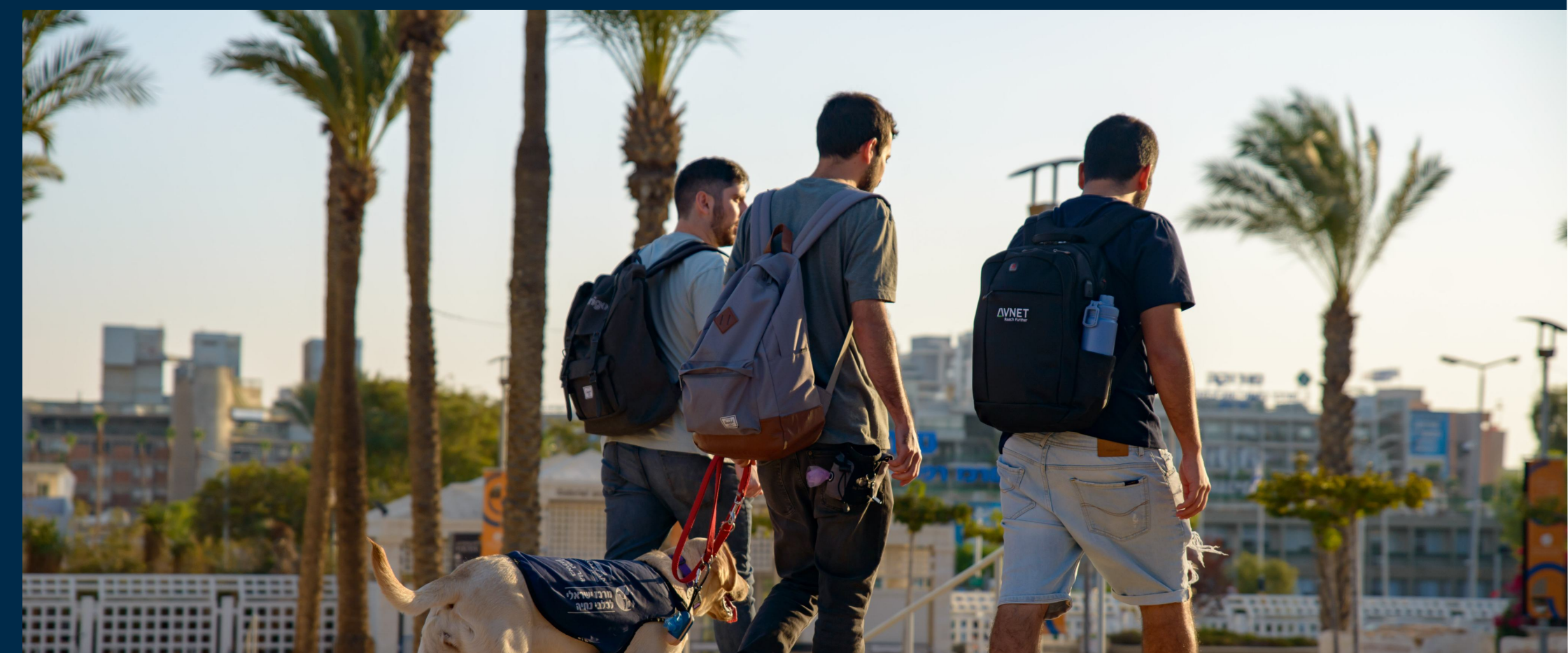
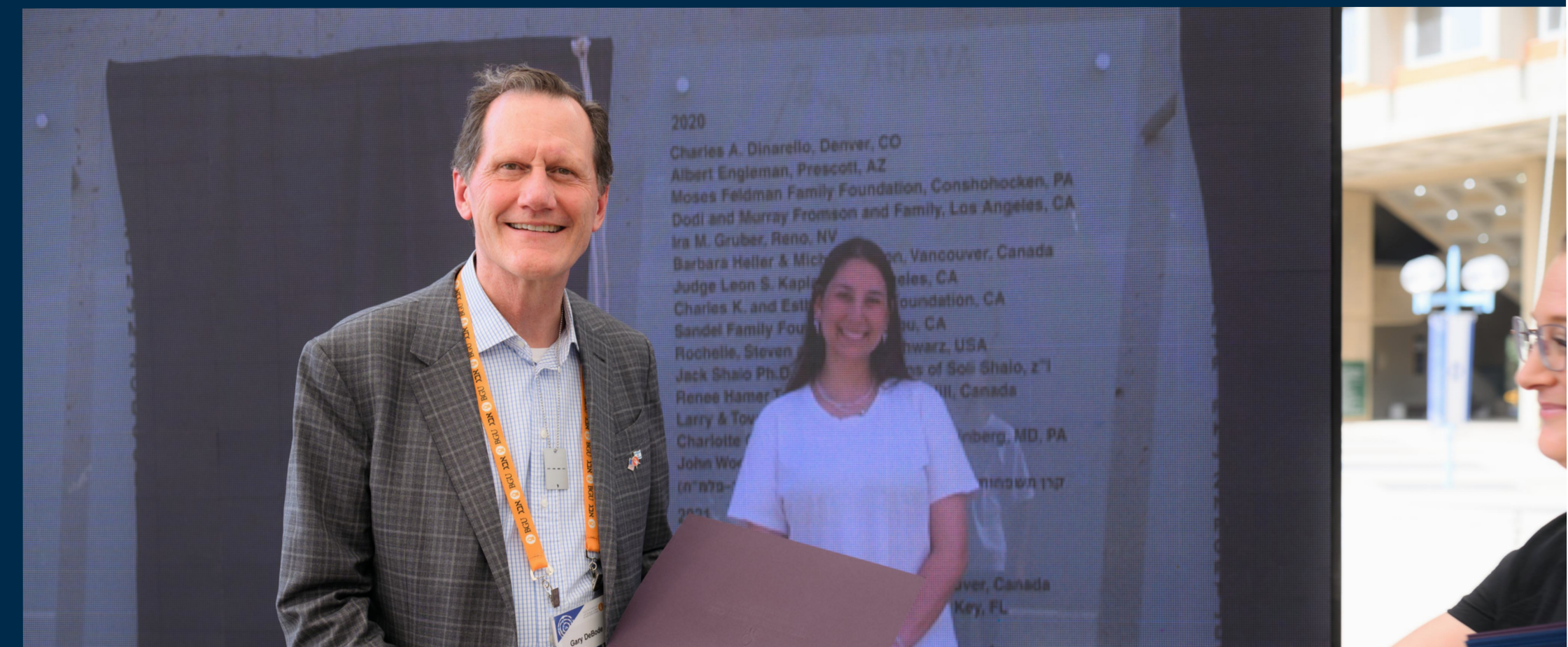
Thrilled and proud to be here
supporting Americans for
Ben-Gurion University! Yasher
Koach to Gary DeBode!

**SHARON COHAN (ZIN FELLOW COHORT 7)
AND BRENT BERSIN**

A big thank you to Gary for his
unwavering dedication to
Ben-Gurion University!

**FROM HIS CANADIAN FRIENDS
NAOMI AND MITCHELL OELBAUM**

EILAT





Gary, thanks for your leadership of
A4BGU and Ben-Gurion University's
Way Forward campaign!

**ELLEN S. MARCUS AND
HARVEY MALYN**



Todah Rabah Gary, for all you do for
A4BGU. We are so grateful for your
leadership and partnership.
Kol ha kavod,

MARCI AND MARC DOLLINGER

Congratulations Gary and Thank You
for your leadership!

HELENE AND DAVE GALLAGHER

Congratulations Gary! Your
leadership and hard work are
truly an inspiration!

CHRISTINE AND ANDY GOTTESMAN

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We support BGU's
remarkable work.

SUSAN AND PETER LERNER





A heartfelt mazal tov to Gary DeBode
for all he does for so many!

BARI MATTES



Ben-Gurion University is at the frontlines
of Israel's growth and also its challenges.
May our support prove to be a significant
positive impetus in these difficult times
and in the future.

GAIL VICTOR



Dear Gary, "The greatest leaders mobilize others by coalescing people around a shared vision." Your vision of a flourishing Israel has inspired so many. Congratulations on a well-deserved honor.

CLAIRE WINICK AND FAMILY



BGU serves as a beacon of hope and promise for the future at this very difficult time. We are proud to be associated with this great university.

SHERRIE SAVETT

ON BEHALF OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND
DELAWARE CHAPTERS OF A4BGU



We are so grateful to Gary DeBode for the most important ingredient for an impactful organization—Great Leadership! Gary’s warmth and humanity and his love of Ben-Gurion University, Israel and the Jewish people have been a beacon of light in another challenging moment for the Jewish diaspora. A4BGU and our University have been the beneficiary of his great service, his vision and his passion. Thank you, Gary!

CONNIE AND SAM KATZ



Congratulations Gary! So proud of all the work you’ve done.

LORI FINKEL AND ANDREW COGAN



EILAT

"It is in the Negev that the
creativity & pioneering vigor
of Israel shall be tested."

DAVID BEN-GURION

