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Birkat Hallanot/ The Blessing of Flowering Fruit Trees in the Spring Season

BIU INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VISITS AZRIELI FACULTY

On Thursday March 11, 2021, the Bar-Ilan University International School visited the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine in Safed. Leading the visit were Prof. Moshe Lewenstein, BIU Deputy President; Prof. Rachel Dekel, Academic Head of the Int'l School; and Mr. Ofer Dahan, the Director of the Int'l School. The delegation met with the Dean, Prof. Karl Skorecki; the Administrative Head, Mr. Noam Reshelbach; and international students. They also visited labs, experienced the unique anatomage table, and held work meetings related to international cooperation efforts.



“RUACH HAGALIL” VISITS AZRIELI FACULTY

On March 4, 2021, “Ruach Hagalil” visited the Azrieli Faculty. The delegation, headed by Noa Eyal, set out to explore cooperation and collaboration possibilities with the Faculty, placing emphasis on the Galilee Medical Center research institute in Nahariya. Ruach Hagalil aims to promote health in the Western Galilee, to create a comprehensive support system for its residents, from prevention to treatment at the Kupat Holim and hospitalization level.



Launched in the year 2015 by Raya Straus, the Ruach Hagalil project includes residents of the Western Galilee from all religions, municipal leaders, industrialists, and social entrepreneurs, who work together to improve the quality of life in the region.

INTERNATIONAL KIDNEY DAY

On March 11, 2021, International Kidney Day, Prof. Karl Skorecki, Dean of the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine and a nephrologist himself, presented in a podcast about the causes of kidney disease and revealed several less known facts to the public. This and other podcasts can be accessed via the BIU Bardaat application, [here](#). More details in Hebrew, [here](#).



PROF. CHAIM PUTTERMAN SPEAKS TO AFBIU

On February 28, 2021, Prof. Chaim Putterman, Associate Dean for Research, spoke via Zoom to an American delegation of supporters. Dr. Nina Hanan of AFBIU eastern region, wrote, “Your presentation to the VIP group ... was as educational as it was exciting. Clearly, the people who gathered in Barbara’s virtual living room, were absorbed and interested in learning more about your work and about the Azrieli of today and tomorrow.... Many thanks again for a wonderful presentation and discussion.” Prof. Putterman spoke for approximately half an hour then fielded questions. Special thanks extended to Ms. Naty Glikin of BIU Global Resources as well as to Dr. Hanan for organizing the event.



SEMINARS

- Special Seminar: The mitochondrion as a key regulator of the immune system and the gut microbiome (Dr. Tal Yardeni, hosted by Prof. Tzipora Falik-Zaccai)
- Special Seminar How Beliefs Shape Daily Experiences: From Cognition to Well-Being (Dr. Liron Rozenkrantz, hosted by Dr. Hava Gil-Henn)
- Special Seminar: Toxoplasma gondii: A Model Apicomplexan for Studying Host-Pathogen Interactions (Dr. Alex Rosenberg, hosted by Dr. Avi Peretz)
- Upcoming Special Seminar: Glial mechanisms regulating axon regeneration: looking beyond the neurons (Dr. Oshri Avraham, hosted by Dr. Evan Elliot)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Everything You Wanted to Know About Post-Doc but Had No One to Ask (Hebrew)

March 18, 2021 09:30-13:00, click [here](#).

- First of four webinars in honor of Faculty's 10th anniversary (in Hebrew, first webinar by Prof. Daniel Glikman, Have Antibiotics Become Passe?)

March 24, 2021 17:00-18:00, click [here](#).

- Online Medical Education Workshop for Clinical Instructors (in Hebrew, by Prof. Peter Gilbey)

For more details in English click [here](#).

- Certificates of Appreciation Ceremonies for Clinical Teachers (Nazareth hospitals and Kupot Holim, Galilee Medical Center, Ziv Medical Center, Baruch Padeh Medical Center, Azrieli Faculty of Medicine).



Publications (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/research-news>) פרסומי מחקר

Reminder that publications by Azrieli faculty are generally posted in chronological order based on publication date, per PubMed listings. **If you have published an article recently that appears on PubMed but that was not listed in a Newsletter, please do let me know.**

- Khalaf Kridin, Jennifer E Hundt: Melanoma is associated with an increased risk of bullous pemphigoid: a large population-based longitudinal study (Arch Dermatol Res .)
- Tal Shachar: Effect of Socioeconomic and Ethnic Characteristics on COVID-19 Infection: the Case of the Ultra-Orthodox and the Arab Communities in Israel (J Racial Ethn Health Disparities .)
- Ibrahim Abu Shakra, Maxim Bez, Samer Ganam, Rola Francis, Amir Muati, Amitai Bickel, Fahed Merei, Khatib Kamal, Eli Kakiashvili: The volume of general surgery emergency cases in a government hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic and two other periods: a comparative, retrospective study (BMC Surg .)
- Maya Frank Wolf, Raneen Abu Shqara, Karina Naskovica, Inna Amdur Zilberfarb, Inshirah Sgayer, Daniel Glikman, Hagai Rechnitzer, Vered Fleisher Sheffer, Jacob Bornstein: Vertical Transmission of Extended-Spectrum, Beta-Lactamase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae during Preterm Delivery: A Prospective Study (Microorganisms .)
- Daria Baer, Maya Azrad, Nora Saleh, Avi Peretz: Detection of Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacterales in Simulated Blood Culture in 15 Minutes (Life (Basel) .)
- David Karasik: Opportunities and Challenges in Functional Genomics Research in Osteoporosis: Report From a Workshop...of the Royal Osteoporosis Society on October 5th 2020 (Front Endocrinol (Lausanne) .)
- Oron Berkowitz, Majdi Halabi, Alexander Goldberg, Inna Rosenfeld, Adi Sharabi-Nov, Zippi Regev-Avraham, Zeev Israeli: Routine fixed-dose heparin vs. ACT-guided heparin administration for elective PCI and its influence on patient in-hospital outcome: a retrospective study (Coron Artery Dis .)
- Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern: Specific Susceptibility to COVID-19 in Adults with Down Syndrome (Neuromolecular Med .)
- Eric S Shinwell, Polina Gurevitz, Igor Portnov: Current evidence for prenatal and postnatal corticosteroids in preterm infants (Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed .)
- Tawfik Khoury: Platform introducing individually tailored variability in nerve stimulations and dietary regimen to prevent weight regain following weight loss in patients with obesity (Obes Res Clin Pract .)
- Khalaf Kridin: Estimating the Odds of Ulcerative Colitis-Associated Pyoderma Gangrenosum: A Population-Based Case-Control Study (Dermatology .)
- Naseba Naseraldeen, Regina Michelis, Masad Barhoum, Judith Chezar, Adi Litmanovich, Galia Stemer, Ety Shaoul, Andrei Braester: The Role of Alpha 2 Macroglobulin in IgG-Aggregation and Chronic Activation of the Complement System in Patients With Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (Front Immunol .)



- Khalaf Kridin: A History of Asthma Increases the Risk of Bullous Pemphigoid: Insights from a Large Population-Based Study (Dermatology .)
- Shai Bel: Guidelines for the use and interpretation of assays for monitoring autophagy (4th edition) (Autophagy .)
- Asaf Zigron, Amiel A Dror, Tali Shani, Tharwat Haj Khalil, Netanel Eisenbach, Doaa Rayan, Amani Daoud, Fares Kablan, Eyal Sela, Samer Srouji: COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance Among Dental Professionals Based on Employment Status During the Pandemic (Front Med (Lausanne) .)

Faculty News (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/faculty-news>) חדשות הפקולטה

[Dr. Keren Agay-Shay: Health and Economic Costs of Air Pollution](#)



Faculty Exposure (<https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/media>) חשיפה במדיה באנגלית

[Israel365news.com: Israeli Researchers Examine Effects Of Age And Economic Situation On Functioning And Getting Vaccinated During Pandemic](#) (Dr. Asaf Zigron, Prof. Samer Srouji, Dr. Amiel Dror, Dr. Eyal Sela)

[JewishPress.com: Bar Ilan U Researchers Found Delayed Surgical Intervention Improved Outcome of Syrian Civil War High-Impact Wounded](#) (Prof. Samer Srouji)

[JPost.com: Gas consumption drops, reflecting hit to tourism, travel industry](#) (Prof. Michael Edelstein)

[Times of Israel: COVID-stricken African nation brings in Israelis to prepare its vaccine strategy](#) (Prof. Michael Edelstein)

[Times of Israel: Aspirin may protect against COVID-19, Israeli research finds](#) (Dr. Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern)

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