

# **NEWSLETTER #49**

ניתן למצוא ניוזלטרים קודמים בעברית כאן.

October 7-20, 2021

א'-י"ד חשוון התשפ"ב



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Russell Berrie Galilee Diabetes SPHERE Launch on Tues. Nov. 16, 2021 17:00-19:30.

# **STUDENT UPDATES**

- As part of the Population Health course coordinated by Dr. Sivan Spitzer-Shohat, a Lifestyle Day organized by Dr. Jumanah Essa-Hadad and Dr. Lilach Malatskey took place on October 11, 2021. Activities for the first-year students included lectures, yoga, tabata, and a healthy eating workshop. Pictures can be seen <u>here</u>.
- This academic year opened smoothly, with frontal lectures the norm after last year's Covid-19 restrictions. We wish our students



(151 new medical students, a substantial increase from last year) success.

#### **SEMINARS**

- Faculty Seminar: SARM1 ring to rule them all (Prof. Yarden Opatowsky)
- Faculty Seminar: Structural studies of HCV E2 envelope glycoprotein that facilitates rational design of HCV vaccine (Nethanel Tzarum, HUJI)
- Upcoming Faculty Seminar: Molecular control of tissue mechanics and morphogenesis (Prof. Ronen Zaidel-Bar, TAU)
- Upcoming Faculty Seminar: Elucidating the molecular mechanism of myoblast fusion in vertebrates (Ori Avinoam, WIS)
- PhD Seminar: Haploinsufficiency of CHD8 leads to distinctive gastrointestinal deficits and gut brain axis abnormalities (Iptisa Chaterjee, Dr. Evan Elliott advisor)

#### **PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- Congratulations to Dr. Maya Wolf on her promotion to Clinical Senior Lecturer.
- Congratulations to Dr. Mohammad Adawi on his appointment as Clinical Senior Lecturer.

## **BIRTHS**

• Congratulations to Dr. Nomy Dickman on the birth of a granddaughter.



# VISIT OF PALACKY UNIVERSITY OLOMOUC

The BIU International School hosted a visit of delegates from the Palacky University from the Czech Republic, to the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine in Safed, on October 13, 2021.

The purpose of the visit was to explore options for academic collaboration and indeed, an MOU was signed with BIU.

Palacky participants included the Rector and President, Prof. Martin Procházka; Vice Dean for



Internationalization, Prof. Milan Raška; Manager of Palacký University-Israeli Partners Cooperation, Eva Kalousová.

The delegation visited the Galilee Medical Center and among others, met with the General Director, Dr. Masad Barhoum, as well as Prof. Tzipora C. Falik-Zaccai, Azrieli Vice Dean, Medical Research, who was instrumental in arranging the visit.

The visit to the Faculty included meetings with the Dean, Prof. Karl Skorecki, and various researchers.

# SPOKESPERSON'S OFFICE VISITS GMC

Representatives from the Bar-Ilan U. Spokesperson's Office visited Azrieli Faculty of Medicine affiliate, the Galilee Medical Center in Nahariya, on October 18, 2021. Among others, they met with Prof. Samer Srouji and Dr. Amiel Dror. The purpose of the visit was to become more personally acquainted with the researchers with whom the Faculty works so closely, and most especially, to learn more about the many initiatives, both in research and practice, taking place under Prof. Srouji's leadership.



## VISIT OF MAOR PINKO TO THE AZRIELI FACULTY IN SAFED

Maor Pinko, BIU Deputy Director General of Administration and Human Resources, visited the Safed campus on October 12, 2021 to meet with BIU staff working from the Safed campus. Group as well as individual meetings took place.



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# THE NEW STUDENT UNION



#### **NEW CAFETERIA**

We welcome Aliza and Aharon Peretz, the new management. They invite you to try out their menu which includes salads, bagel toast, burekas, and more.





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# WEBSITE: WHAT'S NEW? (MEDICINE.BIU.AC.IL/EN ) אתר הפקולטה

#### Publications (<u>https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/research-news</u>) 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** <u>not</u> **listed in a Newsletter, I apologize, and please do** <u>let me know</u>.

- Sunanda Biswas Mukherjee, Alessandaro Gorohovski, Eliad Levy, Sumit Mukherjee, Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern: Seasonal UV exposure and vitamin D: Association with the dynamics of COVID-19 transmission in Europe (FEBS Open Bio .)
- Offer Amir: Myocarditis after BNT162b2 mRNA Vaccine against Covid-19 in Israel (N Engl J Med . )
- Ayelet Barr, Sophia Eilat-Tsanani: Prescribing Analgesics for Low Back Pain: Is There a Gender Difference (J Womens Health (Larchmt) .)
- Moran Titelbaum, Boris Brant, Daniel Baumel, Alina Burstein-Willensky, Shira Perez, Yiftah Barsheshet, Orly Avni: Ezh2 harnesses the intranuclear actin cytoskeleton to remodel chromatin in differentiating Th cells (iScience .)
- Michael Edelstein: Migration and outbreaks of vaccine-preventable disease in Europe: a systematic review Lancet Infect Dis .)
- Tamar Leshem, Shani Gilron, Maya Azrad, Avi Peretz: Characterization of reduced susceptibility to chlorhexidine among Gram-negative bacteria (Microbes Infect .)
- Wisam Sbeit, Tawfik Khoury: Fatty Pancreas Represents a Risk Factor for Acute Pancreatitis: A Pilot Study (Pancreas . )
- Danna Krupik: Caregiver Willingness to Vaccinate Their Children against COVID-19 after Adult Vaccine Approval (Int J Environ Res Public Health.)
- Trishna Saha, Naamah Bloch, Baruh Polis, Abraham O Samson: Towards a Consensus on Alzheimer's Disease Comorbidity? (J Clin Med . )
- Offer Amir: Contemporary Pillars of Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection Fraction Medical Therapy (J Clin Med . )
- Keren Agay-Shay: Low and High Ambient Temperatures during Pregnancy and Birth Weight among 624,940 Singleton Term Births in Israel (2010-2014): An Investigation of Potential Windows of Susceptibility (Environ Health Perspect .)
- Adi Eshel, Omry Koren: Bloodstream infections' origins following fecal microbiota transplantation: a strain-level analysis (Blood Adv . )
- Khalaf Kridin, Erez Onn: Risk of COVID-19 and its complications in patients with atopic dermatitis undergoing dupilumab treatment-a population-based cohort study (Immunol Res . )
- Daniel Glikman, Eric S Shinwell: Vaccinating children and adolescents against severe acute respiratory syndrome corona virus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), updated data from Israel (Acta Paediatr .)



- Adi Eshel, Omry Koren: Modifications in the Intestinal Functionality, Morphology and Microbiome Following Intra-Amniotic Administration (Gallus gallus) of Grape (Vitis vinifera) Stilbenes (Resveratrol and Pterostilbene) (Nutrients .)
- Sumit Mukherjee, Milana Frenkel-Morgenstern: Evolutionary impact of chimeric RNAs on generating phenotypic plasticity in human cells (Trends Genet .)
- Moshe Dessau: Structural basis for UFM1 transfer from UBA5 to UFC1 (Nat Commun. )
- Samuel Tobias, Shady Jahshan, Yuval Grober, Jean F Soustiel: Skull base hemangiopericytomas (Acta Neurol Belg .)

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

חדשות הפקולטה

- Dr. Limor Meoded Danon Receives Shimon Peres Prize
- <u>Batsheva de Rothschild Symposium "Mathematics of the Skeleton: Post-</u> <u>Genome analysis for bone biology"</u>
- First Day of School! For Real!





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

חשיפה במדיה

- jpost.com: If the chickenpox vaccine lasts 20 years, why not the COVID-19 shot? (Prof. Meital <u>Gal-Tanamy</u>)
- jpost.com: Excessive temperatures during pregnancy may cause low birth weight study (Dr. Keren Agay-Shay)

Gallery (<u>https://medicine.biu.ac.il/en/gallery</u>) גלריית תמונות

• Lifestyle Day at Population Health Course (October 2021) (see write-up above)

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