



This year, once again, we mark Memorial Day with deep sorrow. Since October 7th, we have lost brave soldiers, beloved civilians, and some of our finest sons and daughters, who continue to fight and protect our homeland. Fifty-nine hostages still held in captivity remind us all that the struggle is not yet over, and our hearts ache for them and their families. At the Faculty of Medicine, where life and saving lives are at the heart of our mission, our sense of purpose takes on renewed meaning in these times. Out of pain and in honor of those who have fallen, we pledge to continue learning, healing, building, and dreaming. On Independence Day, we lift our heads high – believing in our capabilities, in the resilience of our people, and in the hope for a better future. May the memory of the fallen be blessed. May we soon witness the return of all the hostages. Wishing us all a Happy Independence Day.



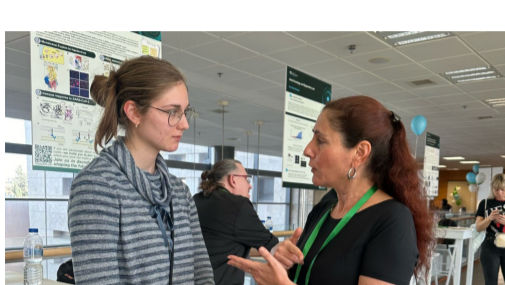
### What's New at the Faculty



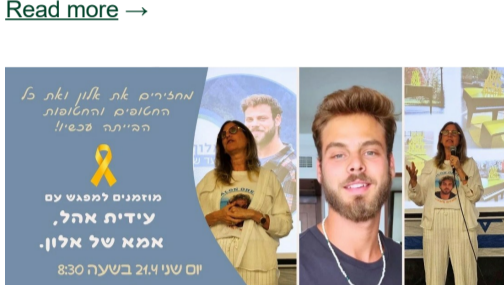
**Teddy Bear Hospital 2025**  
More than a thousand children, parents, teddy bears, and dolls visited our Teddy Bear Hospital last month! Medical students took a break from their studies and turned into the doctors of the next generation—with stethoscope in hand and a giant heart. A huge thank you to the Matat Foundation and Freddy Zinger for their support. [Read more](#) →



**Life-Saving Innovation: The Frontline of Oncological Medicine at Ziv**  
What's new in cancer treatment in 2025? And what's the connection between advanced surgery, cutting-edge imaging, and international collaborations? These topics and more were discussed at a fascinating conference led by Prof. Jamal Zidan, Head of the Oncology Division. [Read more](#) →



**BIU Graduate Degree Open House**  
A delegation of researchers and students represented the Faculty of Medicine and showcased its extensive research activity at a Graduate Open Day held on the Ramat Gan campus. The Faculty offers new graduate students an absorption grant of up to 15,000 NIS. We look forward to welcoming new graduate students in Safed! [Read more](#) →



**Lecture from the Family of the Kidnapped Alon Ohel**  
Students were invited to a meeting and lecture with Idit, the mother of Alon Ohel, who was kidnapped in Gaza. Idit shared with the Faculty about the Ohel family's unique journey to work for the return of their son and all the abductees, as well as their journey as a family to strengthen resilience and hope. [Read more](#) →



**Medical Innovation in the North: Launching the AIR Initiative**  
Tzafon Medical Center, affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine, has launched AIR – a groundbreaking initiative that brings together three core pillars under one roof: Academia, Innovation, Research – led by Prof. Avi Peretz, a faculty member and visionary leader. [Read more](#) →

### Conferences and Visits



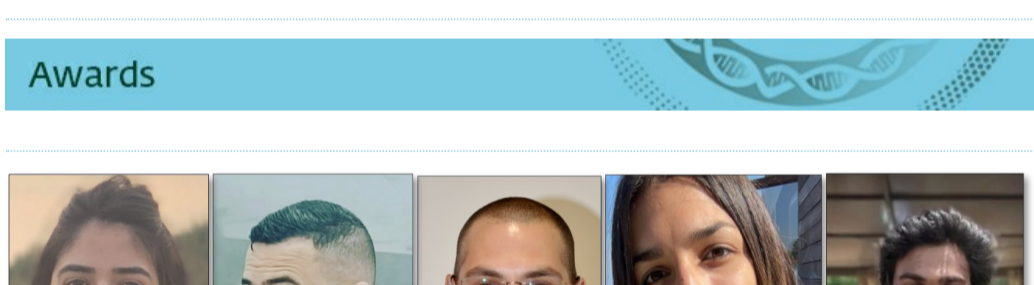
**Launch of Center for Cardiovascular Research and Metabolic Diseases**  
This month the Azrieli Faculty of Medicine inaugurated a new research center. [Read more](#) →

### From Doctoral Student to Doctor



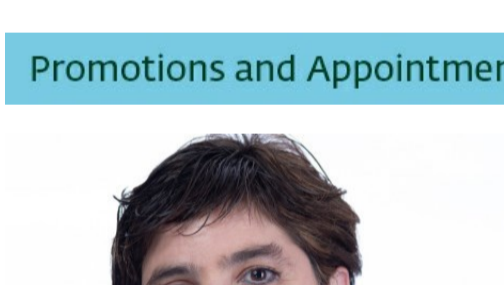
**Ram Harari - Final Stages of Doctorate in Lab of Prof. Evan Elliott**  
My academic journey began with a bachelor's degree in Life Sciences at Tel-Hai College, which I chose because of my extensive background in animal agriculture. During my undergraduate studies, I was introduced to the field of molecular biology, which fascinated me deeply, and I realized that I wanted to continue exploring it further. [Continue reading here.](#)

### Awards

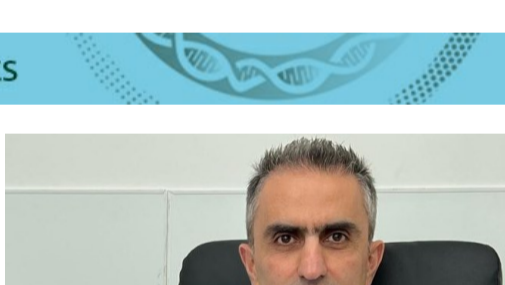


Congratulations to (right to left) Ramesh Saravanan (Dr. Moran Yadid), Manar Alkhatib (Prof. Meital Gal Tanamy), Ran Wainer Shlomo (Dr. Nir Qvrit), Ahmad Kadiya (Dr. Avraham Samson, Dr. Mirzeiz Falah), Tal Talya Avitan (Prof. Orly Avni) upon receipt of the Pierre Abecassis Scholarship, for their research in the field of hematology.

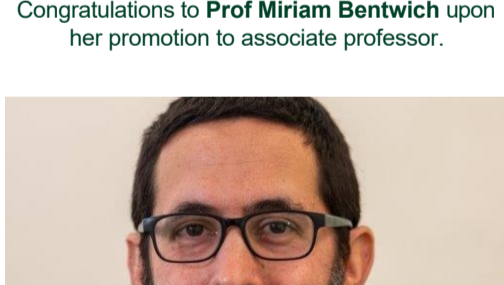
### Promotions and Appointments



Congratulations to **Prof. Miriam Bentwich** upon her promotion to associate professor.



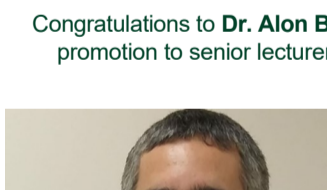
Congratulations to **Prof. Raed Salim** upon his promotion to clinical professor.



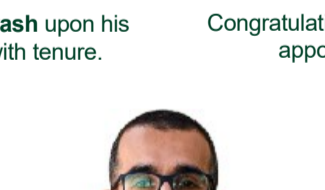
Congratulations to **Dr. Alon Barash** upon his promotion to senior lecturer with tenure.



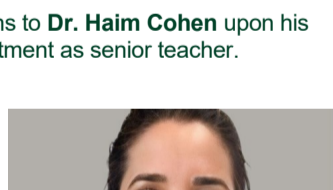
Congratulations to **Dr. Haim Cohen** upon his appointment as senior teacher.



Congratulations to **Dr. Omri Alroy** upon his appointment as clinical teacher.



Congratulations to **Dr. Adham Hijab** upon his appointment as clinical lecturer.



Congratulations to **Dr. Hadar Nevo** upon her appointment as clinical lecturer.

### Press Exposure

- ← [walla.co.il](https://www.walla.co.il): הצמחור של בנט: עוד כמה חזק ומה מוביל לאירוע לבבי? (פרופ' עידו בירת)
- ← [haaretz.co.il](https://www.haaretz.co.il): חמש שנים לקורונה: המגפה הבאה היא רק עניין של זמן. אך האם היציבור רוצה לשמור? (פרופ' מיטל גל תנעמי)
- ← [tiberias.news](https://www.tiberias.news): במקום הראשון: הפגייה של מרכז רפואי צפון (פוריה) מצטיינת שוב מבתי החולים הקטנים בארץ
- ← מבט נהריה וגליל המערבי: דר גסאן מועדי ממערך הרפואי לגליל זכה בפרס המרצה המצטיין של אוניברסיטת בר אילן
- ← ידיעות אחרונות: דוקטור הבובה חולה
- ← מיזם בפקולטה לרפואה בגליל של אוני' בר אילן - בית חולים לזרבים, להפיג פחד של ילדים מטיפול רפואי. אלכס יערי בת 9 קיבוץ ברעם - הלכה לבית החולים לטיפול עם הבובה של צ'לסי. חזרו הביתה לאחר שפנו בגלל המלחמה. איך זה לחזור הביתה.
- ← גל' צה"ל: גל'יה גלמן - סטודנטית לרפואה בפקולטה לרפואה לגליל של אוני' בר אילן. רוני פרץ-בת שבע, שירה פרץ: ירד בית חולים לזרבים
- ← שלושה שידועים: סטודנטית לרפואה על ב"ח לזרבים
- ← [ynet.co.il](https://www.ynet.co.il): השמנה גובה מחיר כבד מהלב. מה חשוב לדעת? (פרופ' עידו בירת)

### Upcoming Events

- 5.5.2025 - **Faculty Seminar (Medical Sciences)** - Prof. Erez Levanon (BIU): A-to-I RNA editing - immune protector and transcriptome diversifier
- 9.5.2025 - **BIU Open House** (Ramat Gan campus), more details [here](#)
- 12.5.2025 - **Faculty Seminar (Medical Sciences)** - Prof. Eli Arama (WIS): Egg MVBs elicit an LC3-associated phagocytosis (LAP)-like pathway to degrade paternal mitochondria after fertilization
- 19.5.2025 - **Faculty Seminar (Medical Sciences)** - Prof. Oren Schuldiner (Weizmann Institute): Cell adhesion molecules control distinct spatiotemporal aspects of neuronal remodeling
- 21.5.2025 - **Third Annual SPHERE Conference**. Details [here](#).
- 22.5.2025 - **Coffee & Career**
- 28.5.2025 - **Faculty Seminar (Health Sciences)** - Prof. Ora Paltiel (School of Public Health, HU)

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Get a glimpse of the recent Azrieli faculty and researcher academic publications, updated weekly, [here](#).

