



## TAU TIDBITS

July 2018

### A Message from our Chair

I am happy to report that Cyber Week, which took place at TAU in June, was a huge success with more than 8,000 people from all over the world in attendance. Attached below are many videos of the various events for you to peruse.

Also, we at CFTAU are very pleased that the Israel Security Agency, also known as Shin Bet, announced a partnership with Tel Aviv University's TAU Ventures to establish an early stage accelerator program called The Xcelerator. It promises to be a very exciting, important and intriguing program. You can learn more about this below.

Please watch for news about our upcoming events in the fall including our 3rd annual Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah evening on September 27th, hosted by David and Leanne Matlow. Paul Henderson, former Toronto Maple Leaf left winger, will be in attendance. We will also have a joint event with the Lone Soldier Center at the end of November.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the summer and are keeping cool on the hot and humid days.



**Nathan Disenhouse**  
Chair, Ontario & Western Canada

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### TAU News



## **Israel Security Agency, Tel Aviv University Venture Arm Announce First Accelerator Cohort**

In May, the Israel Security Agency, also known as Shin Bet, announced a partnership with Tel Aviv University's TAU Ventures to establish an early stage accelerator program called The Xcelerator. The first cohort of the program, which will last four months and focus on the domains of artificial intelligence, natural language processing technologies, data science, and robotics, was announced Monday July 2nd.

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## **Cyber Week 2018 Update**

**Cyber Week is an annual cybersecurity conference held at Tel Aviv University. This year Cyber Week ran from June 17th to June 21st.**

Over the past eight years, Cyber Week has become internationally acclaimed as one of the top cybersecurity events in the world.

This year Cyber Week offered a unique gathering of cybersecurity experts, industry leaders, startups, investors, academics, diplomats, and government officials. With more than 8,000 attendees from more than 60 countries, this conference offered a thought-provoking exchange of knowledge, methods, and ideas.

Cyber Week, was held jointly by the Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center (ICRC), The Yuval Ne'eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security, Tel Aviv University, the Israeli National Cyber Directorate under the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is a leading international conference in cybersecurity.

Click on the link below to watch live videos of presentations at the conference.

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## **The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History opens for trial-runs on July 2nd**

Construction is complete on the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Israel National Center for Biodiversity Studies, a key project that houses and preserves TAU's natural history collection of over five million specimens. The 8,000 square meter building includes laboratories and an auditorium and will be used by hundreds of researchers from Israel and abroad.

The museum forms the centerpiece of the largest and most comprehensive center in Israel for biodiversity research, education and conservation. Operating under the auspices of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, it will serve as an important resource for thousands of Israeli and international visitors and researchers each year.

The Steinhardt Museum will incorporate four existing units at Tel Aviv University: the Zoological Museum, the Biological Anthropology Museum, the National Herbarium and the public education program.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah - September 27, 2018



Join us for our 3rd annual evening in the sukkah hosted by David and Leanne Matlow. We are excited because Paul Henderson, former Toronto Maple Leaf left winger, will be in attendance. It promises to be a fun and enjoyable experience. Space is limited to 50 people so please watch for details and register early!

### CFTAU Montreal Gala - August 26, 2018

## Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University - 45th Anniversary Gala



HONOURING  
**Maxwell Smart**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Professor Dina Porat**

### HONOURARY CHAIRS

The Honourable Irwin Cotler • Father John E. Walsh • Professor Alan M. Dershowitz

### DINNER CHAIR

Shirley Stern

**Sunday, August 26, 2018 - Montreal Science Centre**

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It gives us great pleasure to announce that Tel Aviv University President, Professor Joseph Klafter, will bestow the degree of Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa, on this year's Honorary Gala Co-Chair, Professor Irwin Cotler. The ceremony will take place in Montreal, on 26 August, 2018, during CFTAU's 45th Anniversary Gala, honouring Maxwell Smart for his extraordinary life accomplishments. Funds raised at the Gala will support the Kantor Center's and the University's ongoing mission to fight the scourges of Antisemitism, Racism, and Genocide.

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**TAU/AFTAU Los Angeles Gala - December 12-13, 2018**



A postcard for a Tel Aviv University gala event. The top half features a photograph of a modern building with a curved, metallic facade. Overlaid on the image is the text "Be Part of the Next Big Idea" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller white font, is "Tel Aviv University invites you to a special two-day gala event". A yellow banner on the right side of the image contains the text "DECEMBER 12-13 Los Angeles". The bottom half of the postcard is a solid dark grey color. It contains the text "Honoring" in a small white font, followed by "Changemakers-Philanthropists-Stanley Cup Winners" in a slightly larger white font. Below this is the name "SUSAN AND HENRY SAMUELI" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath the name is the text "& their commitment to technology, education, health and Israel" in a smaller white font. At the bottom, the word "Hosts" is written in a small white font, followed by three columns of text: "Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel Chairman TAU Board of Governors", "Prof. Joseph Klafter President Tel Aviv University", and "Richard Sincere National Chairman American Friends of TAU".

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