



## TAU TIDBITS

December 2018

### A Message from our Chair and Executive Director

It's been a busy year for Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University and its Board of Directors. We presented our inaugural golf tournament, we hosted Ambassador Ron Prozor, and we focused fundraising efforts on scholarships for students at Tel Aviv University. To date, through all of our efforts, we have raised more than \$300,000 to help deserving students attend Tel Aviv University. Thank you for your generous donations and support over the past year.

We are proud to announce that The Right Honourable Stephen Harper has accepted the position of Honorary National President of CFTAU and we are delighted that The Honourable Jerry Gray is our new National President. Please read the full announcements below.

We are planning an eventful 2019 some highlights of which include a visit from Tel Aviv University Professor Dan Peer from the Department of Cell Research and Immunology who is an expert in the burgeoning field of cannabis and cancer, The Second Annual CFTAU Golf Classic and the Access Mission for Global Visionaries. As Stewart Litvak, a 2018 participant eloquently stated "Beyond all the beautiful science and technology we can be so proud of, the most important thing that I feel when I am here in Israel is the peace that comes over my soul."

For information about any of these upcoming events, please contact Stephen Adler at [stephen@cftau.ca](mailto:stephen@cftau.ca).

Finally, we wish you all a safe, happy holiday season and a healthy, peaceful 2019.



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



**Stephen Adler**  
Executive Director, Ontario & Western Canada

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## UPCOMING GLOBAL EVENTS



### **2019 Board of Governors** Be Part of the Next Big Idea

TAU has planned an exceptional program for the BOG 2019. We encourage you to check out the website as it provides a lot of information including the program, how to register, hotel information and more.

### **Wednesday, May 15 – Sunday, May 19, with an optional exclusive tour on Monday, May 20**

The Eurovision Song Contest has already snapped up almost all hotel accommodation in Tel Aviv for the week of the BOG. We are urging you to make your hotel reservations now. TAU has a block of rooms reserved at the Hilton hotel and rooms at several other hotels with the same rate as last year and they are all filling up fast.

To reserve your room at the Hilton or other hotels please contact Nili Golan, Ezoory Amex Travel Ltd. We recommend you to book immediately in order to ensure a room is available to you.

For more information email to [info@cftau.ca](mailto:info@cftau.ca) or call 416.787.9930 x101

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University is pleased to announce its Inaugural  
Honorary National President The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, P.C.**



For nearly ten years, The Right Honourable Stephen Harper led Canada through the world's most complex geopolitical, economic and security challenges as the country's 22nd Prime Minister. During his tenure in world's top forums such as the G-7 and G-20, NATO, and the United Nations, Mr. Harper was known for a firm and assertive leadership style defined by principled diplomacy, disciplined economic policy, a strong stance on international peace and security, and passionate defence of freedom and human dignity.

Today, Mr. Harper is Chairman and CEO of Harper & Associates, a global business consulting firm and Chairman of the International Democrat Union, the global alliance of conservative political parties. He is also a Chairman of the Friends of Israel Initiative, an association of former high-office holders from around the world steadfastly defending Israel's right to self-determination, security and democracy.

In 2014 Prime Minister Harper received a Doctor Philosophia Honoris Causa from Tel Aviv University where Stephen Harper Chairs in Global Finance and in Translational Neuroscience were created in his honour.

The Honourable Jerry S. Grafstein, Q.C.  
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Judge Barbara Seal, C.M.  
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**Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University is pleased to announce its  
new National President The Honourable Jerry S. Grafstein Q.C.**



Mr. Grafstein graduated from University of Western Ontario in 1955 and from the University of Toronto School in 1958 with a Juris Doctor from the Governing Council of the University of Toronto. He was admitted to the Bar of Ontario in 1960.

Mr. Grafstein lectured in Commercial Law and later instructed in the Bar Admissions Course at Osgoode Law School and served as Chairman of the Media and Communications Law subsection of the Canadian Ontario Bar Associations. In January 1984 he was appointed to the Senate by then Prime Minister Pi Trudeau where he served until his retirement in 2010.

Mr. Grafstein's illustrious career encompassed numerous accomplishments such as spearheading the 2 "Canada Loves New York Weekend", the Rolling Stones concert in 2003, and the Tsunami Relief Canada: Asia telethon in 2004. He was named an Honourary Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Honourary Chief of New York City by the Canada-US Interparliamentary Group and one of Canada's top 100 Public Intellectuals. He is married to Carole Grafstein, lives in Toronto and currently serves on a number of communications media boards.

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**ALL-ACCESS MISSION**



## We went to Israel on an all-access trip for emerging Vancouver business leaders

[Click here](#) to read what emerging business leaders have to say about the All-Access Mission attended in May 2018. These participants were handpicked for a week of private tours at Tel University's most innovative classrooms alongside industry exposure to places like Facebook Aviv's office to get an inside look at Israel's highly coveted start-up ecosystem.

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## TAU NEWS





## New "map" of inner ear could help solve hearing loss

**Understanding the expression of and controlling the genes involved in hearing milestone discoveries, TAU researchers say**

Epigenetics is the expression and control of genes. The epigenetics involved in the inner ear critical part of the mystery of hearing. A team led by **Prof. Karen B. Avraham**, Vice Dean of [Sackler Faculty of Medicine](#) at Tel Aviv University, has now created the first map of "methylation" one of the body's main epigenetic signals — that reflects the functioning of the inner ear in its entirety.

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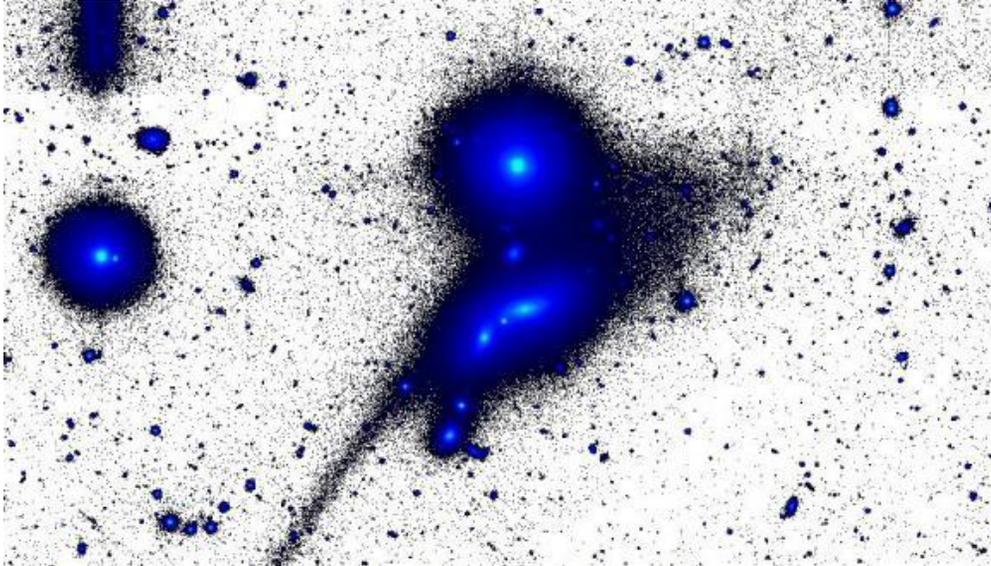


## Are modern protests effective in challenging power?

**A new book by TAU researcher examines the tactics and "theater" of social movements**

"The Design of Protest", a new book by Prof. Tali Hatuka, addresses the crucial role of place influencing both the dialogue between institutions and participants and the dynamics among participants themselves.

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## **Astronomers discover giant relic of disrupted "tadpole" gal**

**Discovery illuminates how and why galaxies disappear, say TAU researchers**

"We have found a giant, exceptional relic of a disrupted galaxy," says **Dr. Noah Brosch** of T Florence and George Wise Observatory at Tel Aviv University's [School of Physics and Astro](#) who led the research for the study.

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