

Hadassah Academic College

From the Inside Out

Winter 2018



Joseph and Caroline Gruss Pavilion

HAC dedicated a new main entrance to its downtown campus on October 15th, 2018 in the presence of faculty, students, and staff.

The main entrance is the College's gateway for 4,000 students each day, and a prominent architectural feature of Jerusalem's historic Hanevi'im Street.

The new entrance and pavilion were made possible through the generosity of the EGL, Beracha, and Audrey & Martin Gruss Foundations. The entrance is named in memory of the late Joseph and Caroline Gruss, parents of Dr. Evelyn Gruss Lipper and Martin Gruss.



HAC President Prof. Bertold Fridlender and Dr. Evelyn Gruss Lipper.

Israel Consulate hosts HAC

A full audience enjoyed a special evening in October 2018 at the official residence of the Israel Consul General in New York to learn more of HAC's advancement of diversity and inclusion in Israeli higher education. Guests were addressed by HAC President Prof. Bertold Fridlender and recent graduates Luna Shtay and Yehuda Michael.



Internship opportunities

In order to complete their degree and be licensed to practice as a medical laboratory specialist, students in the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences intern in clinical laboratories at medical centers, hospitals, and HMOs throughout Israel.

The internships are carried out during the summer break between the students' second and third years of study offering valuable, real-time clinical experience. Areas of specialty include microbiology, biochemistry, hematology, toxicology, serology, genetics, IVF, pathology, endocrinology and emergency medicine. Many of the internships lead to full-time employment offers.



Ms. Ghidaa Kabiya is 23 years of age and a third year student in Medical Laboratory Sciences. Ghidaa pursued an internship in the endocrinology laboratory at Haifa's Rambam Medical Center. She performed

tests for the hospital's various departments, for private individuals, outpatient clinics, routine hormone tests, and special tests in general endocrinology.

Ms. Sandy Hazzal is 25 years old from Kfar Saba. She pursued her clinical internship at the National Center for Poison Testing and Clinical Pharmacology at Haifa's Rambam Medical Center.



The laboratory staff includes specialists in analytical chemistry, toxicology, pharmacology and molecular biology. Tests are performed for hospitals, HMOs, institutions and private patients. The laboratory also participates in clinical and basic studies by cooperating with the research universities, pharmaceutical companies, and hospitals throughout the country.



Ms. Meytal Levinsky is 26 years of age from Hadera and a third year student of Medical Laboratory Sciences. As part of her studies Meytal completed an internship at the Institute of Fertility at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital. The Ichilov Medical Center offers comprehensive services and treatments for coping

with fertility problems including in-vitro fertilization (IVF); IVF laboratory services; male fertility; sperm banking; fertility preservation; and egg donation for in vitro fertilization.

Mr. Asaf Yeshayahou is 25 years of age and a third year student of Medical Laboratory Sciences. Last summer, Asaf was placed in an internship setting at a clinical biochemistry laboratory at Ichilov Hospital.



The laboratory provides an extensive range of testing services to all medical center departments and clinics, other hospitals, HMOs, the army, individuals, and research institutions. The internship helped Asaf to gain valuable experience to study and experiment with a wide variety of diagnostic tests.

Ms. Oswa Abu Hussein is 23 years of age from Baka El Garbiya in central Israel and a third year student in Medical Laboratory Sciences. As part of her clinical studies, Oswa was placed in a work internship at Hillel Yaffe Hospital's microbiological laboratory which works together with Israel's Infectious Diseases Prevention Unit. Oswa conducted experiments in diagnosing, isolating, and identifying a wide variety of pathogenic microorganisms from various clinical samples such as blood, wounds, body fluids, spinal fluid, drainage, etc., as well as their susceptibility to antibiotics by different methods, and serology tests for antibodies.



HAC again voted top college in Jerusalem

HAC was voted for the fifth year in a row as the number one college at which to study in Jerusalem in an independent national poll of over 10,000 students commissioned by the National Student Union.

The 2018/19 academic year opened with a 7% increase in the number of students enrolled in first year undergraduate studies, again placing HAC among Israel's fastest growing institutions of higher learning.

4,000 students are now enrolled for study at the College, representing a doubling of the student body over the past five years.

HAC's continued growth is directly linked to students' recognition that an HAC education opens doors to rewarding employment.

New academic programs

HAC has opened a new bachelor's degree program in Social Work (BSW), and a master's degree track in Management of Service Organizations. The BSW curriculum places special emphasis on Jerusalem's multicultural society from the aspects of culture, nationality, religion, and social and communal structure. Enrolment is open to both the College's regular and ultra-Orthodox "Haredi" students.

The new MA degree in management is designed for those who aspire to senior management positions and focuses on strengthening students' managerial skills. Learning is based on case studies and includes sessions with successful managers from both the public and private sectors.

Prof. Ariela Gordon Shaag in Norway

Prof. Ariela Gordon-Shaag, Chair of the College's Department of Optometry & Vision Sciences was a recent guest lecturer at the University of South Eastern Norway.

Prof. Gordon-Shaag lectured on her area of research (Keratoconus) plus gave workshops on the challenges of cultural diversity in higher education.

2019 Venice Biennale



HAC faculty member Ms. Aya Ben Ron of the Department of Photographic Communications will represent Israel at the International Venice Biennale art exhibit to be held from May 11th to November 24th, 2019.

Aya Ben Ron is a multidisciplinary artist with a postgraduate degree from London's Goldsmith College. Her work ranges from site specific projects and installations to moving-image, documentary and film, and includes collaborations with medical institutions and hospitals in Israel and around the world.

HAC's Model UN



HAC's extracurricular Model UN provides students with tools and experience in the fields of diplomacy, decision making, conflict resolution, strategy and public speaking. Students meet weekly during the course of the academic year to learn debating skills and to compete against other Israeli colleges and universities.

This year's group of 18 students is led by students Tal Ben David from the Dept. of Politics & Communication, and Hanan Abas from the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences.

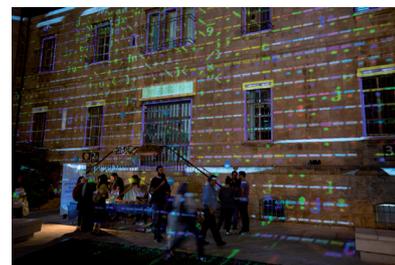
The first inter-university/college debate will take place in December at Ben Gurion University.



Azrieli Gallery pre-opening exhibit

On October 28th, 2018, HAC's new Azrieli Gallery hosted its first event as part of Jerusalem's annual "Manofim" art festival.

The exhibit featured renowned Jerusalem video artist Shlomit Yaakov in a multi-channel spectacle of lights, colors, shapes, and sounds. Two large projections were screened on the College's exterior walls highlighting the history and personalities of Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'im – The Prophets Street. Participants enjoyed music and refreshments provided by the College's Student Association.



Russell Fleischman Memorial Lecture Hall

A new lecture hall for 80 students was dedicated in April 2018 in memory of the late Russell Fleischman by his wife Patricia Fleischman of Naples, Florida. In addition to offering state-of-the-art learning technologies, the Fleischman Hall provides students with a panoramic view of Jerusalem.

Rashbaum classroom dedicated

Gil Rashbaum of Naples, Florida dedicated a new classroom at HAC in April 2018 in the presence of close family and HAC senior staff. The classroom commemorates the late Lois Ann (Lanny) Katz Rashbaum z"l, and is a tribute to her love of education and humanity.



Student Dialogue Seminar Room

A new room dedicated to encourage interaction between the College's diverse students was officially opened in October 2018 in the presence of Nancy Berman of Beverly Hills, CA, longtime friend of HAC. A gift of the Philip and Muriel Berman Foundation, the seminar room will be open from morning to night for both study and homework.

