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Strong Partnerships, New Programs

Hello from Hebrew University's Office of Academic Affairs!

This quarter, we're pleased to highlight two of our **successful Rothberg International School partnerships**, as well as three **unique short-term trips** that are coming up this year. We're also introducing you to a student who's just **returned to Israel for her second program** at HebrewU!

Please feel free to forward this email to students, academic departments, and administrators who might be interested in learning more about HebrewU, and thank you in advance.

Best,
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Partnership Spotlight: University of Toronto



Returning Student & Scholarship-Winner Shaina Oppenheimer

For many at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, HebrewU is an important part of the academic experience. **This year alone, 20% of students in the school's innovation-focused Munk One program spent the summer in Jerusalem.** Several other Munk School programs regularly send students and faculty to RIS, as well.

"This is happening across all different dimensions, and I think that's really been the win of the partnership," says Ron Levi, the Munk School's Director of Global Strategy.

Munk One Program Director Teresa Kramarz echoes his enthusiasm. "It dovetails so well with what we do during the academic year," she says. "It really shapes, profoundly, the rest of their [students'] undergraduate studies." Kramarz also notes the ease of working with HebrewU. "I think that's part of the magic of this partnership," she says. Both she and Levi hope the relationship will continue to grow.

"Our students have access to teachers of the highest order ... and our faculty are doing cutting-edge research," says Levi. "The partnership with HebrewU is truly remarkable."

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New Partnership: Concordia University

It was an exciting summer in Jerusalem for

For recent Fordham University graduate Shaina Oppenheimer, one semester at HebrewU wasn't enough. The journalism major studied at RIS and interned at The Jerusalem Post during her junior year. Now, she's returning for an [M.A. in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies](#).

"Living abroad, it's going to change the way you see the world," she says. "In my case it definitely did."

Shaina wants to be a correspondent in the Middle East – and says after her first experience in Israel, coming back was an easy decision. "I met so many people who were so invested in Jerusalem, and **I fell in love with the city,**" she says. **"I realized I could go to the place I want to be, and start reporting."**

A joint scholarship from RIS and Diversity Abroad will cover the cost of Shaina's tuition, and she hopes to supplement her studies by working as a freelance journalist. "I'm really looking forward to this being a very practical first step into my career," she says.

[Read about the Diversity Abroad Israel Scholarship](#)



Alumni Tour Celebrates Centennial

2018 marks both the 100-year anniversary of HebrewU's founding and the 70-year anniversary of the creation of Israel. To celebrate, we're bringing together **alumni from across North America for a unique 10-day study tour!** Planned for April 14-23, highlights of the trip will include visits to sites across Israel, events with current

11 students from Montreal's Concordia University – the inaugural class of a new collaboration. RIS worked with Csaba Nikoleyni, the director of Concordia's Azrieli Institute of Israel Studies, to **bring together political science and history in HebrewU's uniquely immersive environment.**

The program combines classroom studies – Nikoleyni taught "Israeli Politics and Government" and RIS faculty member David Mendelssohn taught "The Emergence of the Modern State of Israel" – with field trips throughout the region.

"We saw Israel through the many voices of different political stakeholders, and the educational growth that resulted was unbelievable," Nikoleyni says. He says students in the one-month program gained an understanding of Israeli politics that it usually takes three months to teach. And he says HebrewU supported him every step of the way.

"The infrastructure provided by Rothberg was top-notch; the security was impeccable ... They were on top of everything," he says. "I really couldn't wish for a better partner."

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and former HebrewU faculty, "Israel@70" seminars, and a celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

More details will be announced soon. If you're an alumnus interested in joining the tour, just [send us current contact information](#) – for yourself, or for your classmates – and we'll keep you up to date!



New Partnership: Taglit Birthright Trips

Starting this winter, new partnerships will combine the immersive HebrewU experience with the classic Birthright Israel trip. We're launching two unique study abroad opportunities: a **14-day multicultural program with Shorashim, and a 12-day technology and innovation program with Hillel International.**

Participants in the [People and Perspectives](#) program will visit Israeli, Arab, Ultra-Orthodox, Bedouin, and LGBTQ+ communities. Meanwhile, [Science and Technology](#) will cover three hot topics in tech – machine learning, big data, and bioengineering – through hands-on workshops and meetings with leaders in the "Start-Up Nation." Both programs feature field trips throughout Jerusalem and Israel, including the Old City, the Dead Sea, and more.

"The courses will offer students a behind-the-scenes look at Israel, giving them new perspective on the tensions and dynamism that keep it moving forward," says Eric Saranovitz, HebrewU's Director of Summer and Special Programs.

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Get details on both trips: [People and Perspectives](#) and [Science and Technology](#)

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