

The Jerusalem College of Technology held its 40th Anniversary Dinner on Thursday, 21st Elul 5769, 10th September 2009, at the Machon Lev Campus in Givat Mordechai, Jerusalem. Prof. Joseph Bodenheimer was honored on completing his tenure as President of JCT after 16 years.

Prof. Bodenheimer has been with the College since its founding 40 years ago, starting out as the Head of the Laboratories, then as an instructor, professor, Head of the Electro-Optics department, Rector and finally, President. For years he has labored tirelessly for the advancement of JCT. No other person symbolizes JCT, its philosophy and its goals as he; by his being a Talmid Chacham as well as a known physicist, Prof. Bodenheimer personifies "Torah im Derech Eretz", the educational basis of our institution.

Machon Lev Campus and its surroundings were upgraded and beautified for this festive occasion. Hundreds of friends, guests, alumni and workers took part in the festive dinner, at which eighteen Nedivei Lev awards were given to generous supporters who established the Prof. Joseph S. Bodenheimer Fund for Student Scholarships and Faculty Research.

Honorary Awards were also given to the founders of Machon Lev, who stood by Prof. Ze'ev Lev z"l and contributed to the establishment and development of JCT. Amongst them, Mr. Yaacov Kiel, At. Chana Chovav, Mr. Zvi Weinberger and Prof. Yehuda (Leo) Levi were there to personally receive their awards.

Six Honorary Awards were given to outstanding alumni whose work in the Army, Research and Technology contribute to the Israeli Society and bring honor to JCT. Alumnus Lieutenant Colonel Shmuel Ben Ezra thanked JCT on behalf of the honorees. Shmuel, who was lately awarded the Navy Commander's Prize for his creative thinking, said that JCT's alumni have an "additional value", well recognized everywhere. Shmuel praised JCT by paraphrasing Rabbi Akiva's words to his students in honor of his wife Rachel: "Mine and yours is Yours".

Guests of Honor were Minister of Science and Technology Prof. Daniel Hershkovitz, Minister of Interior Eli Yishai and the Mayor of Jerusalem Nir Barkat.

The President of Israel Mr. Shimon Peres sent his greetings through a video specially made for the occasion.

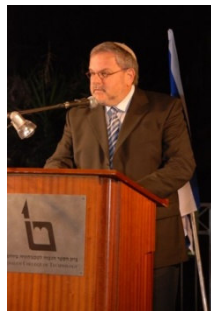
Rabbi Natan Bar Chaim, the Head of Beit Hamidrash for over 35 years addressed the audience with a meaningful Dvar Torah.

A short video of Prof. Bodenheimer on Campus was followed by his kind words of appreciation to all those care to come and honor him and JCT.

MC journalist Menachem Horowitz introduced the speakers led the evening with sharp remarks. Violinist Eyal Shiloah entertained the guests with a virtuoso performance of classical and Jewish music.



Harav Natan Bar Chaim



Menachem Horowitz



Minister Eli Yishai with Prof. Bodenheimer



Harav Bar Chaim and Minister Rabbi Prof. Daniel Hershkovitz



Mayor Nir Barkat



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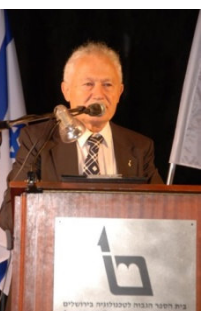
Eyal Shiloah



Chairman of the International Board of Governors, Andrew Neff and Prof. Bodenheimer



Prof. Bodenheimer with Nedivei Lev



Prof. Bodenheimer



Dr Aryeh Hecht and Mr. Uri Wurtzberger with Prof. Bodenheimer



View of Dinner Guests