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Dear Hebrew University,

The year is 2018, and we are incredibly proud and humbled to be the administrative team leading the Hebrew University of Jerusalem into its second century.

This year in many ways marked new beginnings. We successfully concluded intensive discussions with the Israeli Ministry of Finance regarding the University's development. We committed to focusing on the extensive development of research infrastructure, and increasing the number of faculty members, and boosting our investment in both our Israeli and international students. We launched a new billion-dollar campaign, which thanks to our Friends organizations around the world, will be paramount in laying the foundations for our next century.

As we forge into the next one hundred years we have our eyes set on salient trends in higher education, the attainment of which will determine our place in Israeli institutions of higher learning as well as emerging educational networks in the global higher education marketplace.

We are making internationalization a central priority, by increasing the number of international students at the Hebrew University, and growing the number of our students studying abroad. This will enrich student academics, experience, and career prospects, as well as campus life at our home institution. Another important pillar of our plans for the future is strengthening our partnership with industry, with an emphasis on Jerusalem.

We are at the precipice of a great change. This next century will be the century where countless diseases are cured, where we stop driving our cars, and where we embrace the Humanities central role in society. Our social scientists will be our guides for navigating these new realities.

We hope that when you read this, you are still learning in classrooms and collaborating with your peers. With the development of technology, we hope that you still continue to enjoy the great spirit of education through interaction, which we embrace at our University.

It is our hope that we will go forth from this momentous year to a bright future of outstanding scholarly and scientific achievement for the benefit of humanity worldwide.

Signed,

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