

## University of Haifa

The Senate of the University of Haifa, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution of the University and in accordance with the recommendations of the President and the Executive Committee

hereby confers upon

**Herta Amir**

the degree of

## Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

In recognition of her contribution to higher education arising from an acknowledgement of the importance of education in general, and higher education in particular, for building excellence in the future generation for the State of Israel and for humanity at large; on her contribution to strengthening culture and art around the world; on her longstanding support of the University of Haifa, which has enabled the University to excel and shatter academic boundaries; and on being a true friend of the State of Israel.

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Haifa, Israel



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## HERTA AMIR

Herta Amir is among the leaders of the Jewish community in Los Angeles, a friend and generous contributor to the University of Haifa.

Ms. Amir, who was born in Czechoslovakia, holds an undergraduate degree (from Queens College, New York), continued her postgraduate studies at Harvard University and holds a postgraduate degree (from the University of California) in Economics.

Herta Amir began her professional career as an Economist at the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research and then worked for more than a decade in the Economics Department of the prestigious Rand Corporation. Rand is a non-profit, nonpartisan institution that guides policy and decision-making through research and analysis.

In 1972 she joined her husband, Paul Amir, in the real estate business, Amir Development, which builds, operates and manages dozens of real estate ventures in several western states in the US.

Herta has always been committed to the values of contributing to the community and in collaboration with her husband, Paul, founded a philanthropic foundation, which has provided significant support to institutions in the U.S. and Israel. The couple have generously donated to the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, the Israel Museum, the Rambam Healthcare Campus, and others.

We count Herta and Paul among the longstanding and devoted friends of our University. Their generosity has assisted – and continues to assist – the University of Haifa in breaking through the boundaries of academic research in many fields. Their contributions over the years have been earmarked for the Rabin Buildings Complex, the Arts Center Building, the activity of the Israel National Security Studies Center, the establishment of a scholarship fund for outstanding doctoral students, and the return of scientists to Israel and the University.

The pinnacle of the warm relationship between Herta and Paul Amir and the University of Haifa, is their new donation for expansion of the Rabin Buildings Complex through the addition of research and teaching areas for the Faculty of Social Sciences, which is today called The Paul and Herta Amir Faculty of Social Sciences.

Over the years Herta has always emphasized the importance of an excellent education and the importance of research and higher education in the life of future generations and in the life and future of the State of Israel.

Alongside her philanthropic activities, Herta devotes a considerable amount of time and energy to her activities as a member of the National Board of Directors of AIPAC, the largest Jewish lobby for Israel operating in the United States.