

NEWSLETTER



For Scientific Research and Development



THE YEAR 2023

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear colleagues and friends,

During the upcoming holiday season, please accept our warmest wishes for good health, peace, friendship, and fulfillment at work. Israel is currently facing challenging times, we offer our heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with those injured, hoping for their full recovery, and for the safe and speedy return of the kidnapped individuals.

Thank you to all who have reached out with words of solidarity and support. These words give us strength.

As we look back on the past year, GIF is proud to count you among our partners in this journey. Here are a few highlights from 2023.

Warm greetings,
Eric Zimmerman

NEXUS GRANTS

In January 2023, 11 Nexus research projects started their grant program. The GIF Nexus grants generously support joint research projects between German and Israeli scientists for up to 4 years, with a budget of up to EUR 800,000 per grant, as well as one-year projects for early career scientists. The research projects are in the fields of life sciences and social sciences. These new grants will contribute to the ongoing fruitful scientific cooperation between the two countries.



GIF YOUNG SCIENTISTS' MEETINGS (GYSM)

The Young Scientists' Meetings held in 2023 served as a dynamic platform for emerging talents. Participants engaged in lively discussions, exchanged ideas, and formed connections that are vital for future collaborations. These meetings showcased the dedication and passion of both the established and next generation of scientists, all committed to advancing their science. The 2023 meetings covered various topics:

- Digital Humanities organized by Freie Universität Berlin and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Hazard and Risks organized by Helmholtz-Centre Potsdam (GFZ) and Ben Gurion University
- AkadeMIX 2023 organized by Junge Akademie Berlin and the Young Academy Jerusalem
- Connecting Individuals and Communities in Medieval and Early Modern Ashkenaz organized by Trier University, Bar-Ilan University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Bodily Autonomy and Politics of Identities – Meeting Societal and Individual Challenges organized by Technical University Braunschweig, MSH Medical School Hamburg and Bar-Ilan University
- STEVE- Workshop on Security Testing & Verification organized by Ruhr University Bochum and Ben Gurion University



QUANTUM FUTURE ACADEMY

The Quantum Future Academy 2023 was a joint German-Israeli initiative hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Israeli Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) for students from the STEM field. Thirty students from both countries met in Israel and Germany for one week each. Lab tours, industry sessions, and hands-on workshops provided a window to the different modalities of quantum computers, quantum sensing and quantum communication.



BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK



As part of the Berlin Science Week, an expert panel comprised of four renowned scientists: Prof. Nili Cohen, Prof. Menahem Ben Sasson, Prof. Christoph Marksches and Prof. Gudrun Kraemer came together to discuss the topic of: Power and Piety: Religion, Politics and the University.

Each panelist contributed their personal expertise and experience as to how to cope with the current crises. This was a joint event, organized together with the Embassy of Israel in Berlin and the Berlin Brandenburg Academy of Sciences – who hosted us in a beautiful historic space.



FAREWELL TO MINA HORESH



After 30 years of outstanding service to the Israeli and German scientific community it is time to express our gratitude and bid farewell to our dear friend and colleague, Mina Horesh.

Mina's dedication, diligence and remarkable contributions have been instrumental in shaping and fostering the growth and achievements of the foundation over the years.

We wish her all the best!

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To stay informed about the latest news, call for proposals, and upcoming events, please visit our website www.gif.org.il and follow us on social media.

Your engagement is invaluable as we continue to shape the future of scientific research and development.

With best wishes,

The GIF Team

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