UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

Hereby bestows the title of

Honorary Fellow

upon

Adv. Alex Samuel

in recognition of his longstanding public activity on behalf of the community, his assistance to cultural and science institutions, and especially in token of his involvement and dedication to the University of Haifa and his great contribution to the shaping of its image as a member of various committees and courts and as a member of the University’s Executive Committee.

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Prof. Yehuda Hayuth
President

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Rector
Alex Samuel

Born (1937) in Izmir, Turkey, into a family whose roots were in Saragossa, Spain, before the expulsion of the Jews. When he was 11, he immigrated with his parents to Israel and settled in Jerusalem. There he completed his high school studies at the Alliance School. After serving in the Israel Defense Forces (1955-1958) in a special combat unit that took part in the Sinai War, he studied law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, from which he received the M. Juris. degree (1962).

In 1962, Mr. Samuel began his apprenticeship in the law firm of Yaacov Salomon, Lipschütz, and Co., one of the country’s oldest firms. He became a lawyer with the company and today is the firm’s managing partner. Adv. Samuel has dealt with most areas of law, but especially with civil-commercial law, such as companies, partnerships, banks, securities, and labor law. In addition, he lectured on business law in the Faculty of Industrial Engineering and Management at the Technion for seven years. At the request of the mayor of Haifa, he served on two committees: one, which he headed, investigated the theft from the Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art in Haifa; the other examined ways of memorializing victims of terror in Haifa.

Along with his legal work, Alex Samuel has been active in public affairs on behalf of the community. He is among the founders of the Friends of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra and served on its board for 18 years, first as a member and then as chairman of the public management committee. He is also among those who set up the technology incubator Ofek L’Oleh (lit., a horizon for the immigrant) in the Jezreel Valley (1992), which has assisted immigrants, especially those from the former Soviet Union, to realize scientific ideas for projects in the technological realm and to apply them. He has served as chairman of its public management committee for 12 years. He is also a member of the Fund for Haifa and is one of the members of the association of friends of the Daniel and Mathilda Recanati Science and Technology Museum in Haifa.

Adv. Samuel has for years worked for the good of the University of Haifa. In 1988, he was elected a member of its Board of Governors. He was a member of the Control Committee, and since 1995 has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the University. He has also fulfilled special tasks as a member of the academic discipline court and as a member of the students’ disciplinary court, contributing from his vast professional experience to advancing the interests of the University.

Alex Samuel is married to the former Naomi Mirsky, and they have three children – Assaf, Nadav, and Meirav.