Establishing the Bat Galim Marine Hub for Science and Education

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Expand Marine Sciences Research & Educational Outreach
The University of Haifa is spearheading a unique research and educational initiative that will serve as a world-class maritime center for regional and national scientific and economic development.

Since the establishment of the Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences a decade ago, the University has played a key role in protecting the country’s precious maritime resources, shaping the nation’s security and environmental agenda, and trailblazing unique research initiatives with the scientific community in Israel and abroad.

Located along the Haifa shoreline, the new Bat Galim Marine Hub for Science and Education will house four new state-of-the-art laboratories in marine biology, marine geophysics, marine biotechnology and marine technology.

The facility will also serve as a major educational outreach center for marine sciences and sustainability for schools throughout Israel. The multi-tiered K-12 science program will include The Sea Art and Science Program, Young Marine Engineers Program, Young Marine Explorers Program, and a special needs program, developed in collaboration with the Department of Special Education.

“We believe that the best way to inspire and educate today’s youth is to introduce them to our leading scientists who are working with the latest, state-of-the-art technologies. We envision developing an educational outreach program that is fully integrated with our marine research agenda,” explains Prof. Dan Tchernov, Vice President for External Relations and Resource Development and Head of the Morris Kahn Research Station. “We aim to build an infrastructure and nurture a culture that will support the translation of innovative ideas into high-impact products and services and environmental awareness of Israel’s endangered marine environment.”

A gift of $26 million will enable the University to build and dedicate the Bat Galim Marine Hub for Science and Education in your name.