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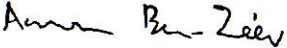
Chaim Schatzker

in acknowledgment of his distinctive contribution to the study and teaching of the
Holocaust, and his work in establishing and giving a firm basis to the scholarly
foundations of the University of Haifa.

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Prof. Yehuda Hayuth
President


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Chaim Schatzker

Born in Lvov, Poland, in 1928, he was two when his family moved to Vienna. He came to Israel in 1941. After staying in a Youth Aliyah facility, he completed high school in Jerusalem (1948), served in the Israel Defense Force, and upon his discharge began studying history — general history and Jewish history — and education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he gained his B.A. and M.A. degrees (1956).

From 1956-1962, he was a teacher and teacher supervisor at the Reali School in Haifa. He then went to the University of Hamburg, Germany, for advanced studies. With the setting up of the University Institute of Haifa in 1963 (forerunner of the University of Haifa), he was called upon to establish and coordinate the Department of Teacher Training (until 1970).

In 1969, he gained his doctorate from the Hebrew University. He next did post-doctorate studies at the Institute of Educational Policy and Philosophy at Columbia University. He returned to Israel to begin his academic career at the Hebrew University, where he taught from 1971-1984 and attained the rank of associate professor in 1982. In 1984, the University of Haifa appointed him a full professor of Jewish History.

Professor Emeritus (since 1997), Chaim Schatzker concentrated on research of the Holocaust and was a pioneer in studying the teaching of this era in schools. His areas of expertise include the history of the Jewish youth movement in Germany from the 19th century to the end of the Third Reich and also how German textbooks relate to Israel and to the Holocaust.

Professor Schatzker has published scores of articles and five books, among the latter are *Jewish Youth in Germany — Between Judaism and Germanness* (1997); *Jews, Judaism, and the State of Israel in German Textbooks* (1981, in German); and his most recent, *Jews and Israel in the Political Education of Germany* (2000, also in German).

Chaim Schatzker has served in various senior positions at the University: holder of the Strochlitz Chair in the Study and Teaching of the Holocaust (1988-1996), chairman of the Department of Jewish History (1989-1993), and head of the Institute of the History of the Bund, the Jewish Labor Movement, and Yiddish Culture (1991-1996). He has also been a member of the University Senate and served on several of its committees.

Professor Schatzker has been a Visiting Professor at the German Universities of Duesburg, Heidelberg, and Dresden and a member of the advisory scholarly committee of the Dachau memorial site and of the Villa Wansee memorial and teaching site in Berlin. Since 1998, he has been the University's ombudsman for students' complaints.

