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The Executive Committee of the University of Haifa,
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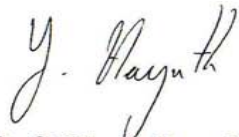
Honorary Fellow

on

Willi Z. Aptowitzer

in token of his long-time, devoted activity in the service of the community and his aid to social organizations and cultural institutions; and in gratitude for his involvement and commitment as a member of the Board of Governors of the University and as Chairman of its Control Committee.

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Prof. Yehuda Hayuth
President



Prof. Gad Gilbar
Rector

Willi Z. Aptowitz

Born in Austria (1918). He studied economics at the Academy for World Commerce in Vienna and maritime insurance in London. He immigrated in 1938 and eventually settled in Haifa. During the War of Independence, he participated in the conquest of Tira as commander of one of the Carmel regions and Bat-Galim and as Northern Transportation Officer. In 1990, he became Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for Reserve Duty. He holds the rank of Lt. Colonel (Res.).

In 1948, he founded the National Insurance Office Ltd., of which he still serves as chairman. In 1951, he was appointed a Lloyd's representative in Israel; since 1963, his company has been the general agents and representatives of Alliance Assurance Company, Ltd., of England. In 1976, he was elected a Lloyd's underwriter.

Mr. Aptowitz is active in professional organizations in Israel and abroad. Among others, he is a member of the Maritime Committee of the Association of Israeli Insurance Companies, a member of the International Loss Prevention Committee of IUMI, fine arts insurance consultant for the Haifa and Tel-Aviv Museums, and a member of the advisory council of the Treasury Ministry's Superintendent of Insurance.

Alongside his insurance business, Willi Aptowitz has devoted much effort to wide-ranging public activities. In 1976, he created the Aptowitz Foundation for Haifa, whose trustees include the President of the University and the Mayor of Haifa. He is among those who set up the Haifa Foundation and serves as chairman of its finance committee. He established and is past chair of "Gan Hayered," a playground for handicapped children in Haifa, and is a founder and past president of the "Carmel" Rotary Club. He chaired the Society of Friends of the Haifa Museum and the Control Committee of the Policeman's Association, on whose board he also served. Other public positions include chairman of the Control Committee of the Haifa Economic Corporation and a long-time director (1977-1996). He also chaired the Tenders Committee of this organization.

His activities embrace cultural institutions, as well. He is a member of the directorate of the Haifa Museum and of the Tel-Aviv Museum of Art. Accompanying these directorships are philanthropic acts, including awards of prizes and grants to Israeli artists. Some of these activities are carried out through the Sharett Fund of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Willi Aptowitz's activity on behalf of the University of Haifa began in the 1970s. He is a veteran member of the Board of Governors and served for eight years as chairman of the University's Control Committee (1988-1996). He established a fund for student scholarships here and for the establishment of a Chair in Insurance.

For his public service activities, he has been awarded the titles of Distinguished Citizen of Haifa (1989) and Honorary Fellow of the Tel-Aviv Museum of Art (1997).

