Daniel Jusidman is a prominent Mexican businessman, who for years headed one of the world’s leading companies in the hardware industry. Mr. Jusidman is renowned for his philanthropic work, and over the past few years he has contributed generously to several education and health institutions in Israel.

Mr. Jusidman, whose parents emigrated from Russia to Mexico, formed a special bond with Israel in his youth. On May 15, 1948, just one day after David Ben Gurion declared the inception of the State of Israel, Mr. Jusidman celebrated his bar mitzvah. Being a member of Hashomer Hatzair youth movement further reinforced his devotion to Zionism.

In 1961 Mr. Jusidman arrived in Israel to study a master’s degree at the Israel Institute of Technology, but was called back to Mexico due to his father’s sudden death. At the age of 27, Mr. Jusidman took over his father’s hardware manufacturing workshop, turning it from a small business with 12 employees to a global business empire with 5000 employees.

Today, Truper Herramientas is the biggest hardware producer, exporter and importer in Latin America, and one of the biggest companies in the field worldwide. The company operates in dozens of countries across America, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

In 2007, 45 years after founding Truper Herramientas, Mr. Jusidman left one of his sons as head of the family business and retired, splitting his time between Mexico City, New York and Tel Aviv, and dedicating himself to a wide-range of philanthropic endeavors, which he carries out with characteristic modesty.

Over the past few years, and as part of his belief that Israel must be made stronger and serve as the center for Jews worldwide, Mr. Jusidman has pursued philanthropic endeavors in Israel to benefit disadvantaged sectors in society.

Through the Daniel Foundation, headed by his son Igal Jusidman, Mr. Jusidman has sponsored the new trauma and emergency medicine wing at Rabin Medical Center’s Beilinson Campus in Petah Tikva, as well as the construction of the regional Yad Sarah Center in Beersheba, and the construction of the crisis center in the Neve Michael Children’s Village in Pardes Hanna.

Mr. Jusidman advocates educational activities for periphery youth. Since 2011, he contributed to the establishment of the Educating for Excellence Association’s center in Lod, which offers a diverse educational and social program for students. The next school year will see the inauguration of the Jusidman Science Center for Youth at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Mr. Jusidman is involved in other projects, such as “Beeri” and “Tarbut Israel” in the Negev, and “Yuvalim” in the Druze villages; “Neurim” in the Druze villages; “Jusidman Science Center” at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and many others.

In recognition of his philanthropic endeavors on behalf of Israeli society and his generous contributions, which enable underprivileged and periphery youth to realize their full potential, Daniel Jusidman is hereby named an Honorary Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.