The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya pays tribute to

YEHUDA (YULI) OFER

A giant in the world of industry, Yuli Ofer is known as a visionary for his pioneering investments in Eastern and Central Europe.

Born in Romania, Yuli Ofer and his brother Sami Ofer followed their father into the trade industry, and the two brothers joined forces in 1957 to create the Ofer Brothers Group, a dynamic and diverse cluster of companies at the forefront of Israel's economy and one of the country's largest privately-held economic groups. The Ofer Brothers Group owns Israel's largest privately-owned shipping fleet and has become an important force in Israel's banking scene by acquiring a controlling interest in United Mizrachi Bank Ltd., Israel's fourth-largest commercial bank.

Having invested in shopping malls and prestigious residential projects in his native Romania and in Hungary, Yuli Ofer's passion for the real estate and hospitality industries led to the founding of Ofer Properties, with flagship projects that include the Merkazim centers, a range of shopping centers both in Israel and abroad, and several international land development projects. Ofer Properties is also part owner and developer of the Herzliya and Ashkelon marinas, which will place Israel on the map of the international yachting community through their docking services and shore facilities.

Today he is an active president and the main shareholder of CEE - Central European Estates B.V. – which is active in all the countries formerly under the Iron Curtain. Also known for his philanthropic work, Yuli Ofer's munificence supports hospitals, children at risk and families in need, and he has been a strong and loyal supporter of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya since its establishment.

In recognition of his contribution to the State of Israel, the Jewish People and to the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Yuli Ofer is hereby named an Honorary Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.