The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya pays tribute to

NINA WEINER

A zealous advocate of education, Nina Weiner is dedicated to ensuring that young Israelis from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to higher education.

As the president and co-founder of the ISEF Foundation, she has helped forge a new generation of enlightened young leaders who are having a growing impact on Israeli society.

Born in Egypt to a Russian father and a third-generation Israeli mother of Sephardic origin, Nina Weiner studied psychology with Jean Piaget in Geneva and received a master's degree in vocational counseling from Columbia University. She began her career in Israel working with immigrant youngsters from North Africa and Asia, under the auspices of Youth Aliyah.

With the encouragement and support of Edmond Safra, Nina Weiner and his wife Lily Safra established the ISEF Foundation in 1977 to develop the intellectual potential of gifted Israelis from peripheral areas. ISEF has since provided over 15,000 scholarships to students at all of Israel's institutions of higher education, as well as at world-renowned institutions such as Harvard and Oxford universities. ISEF has had a particularly warm relationship with the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, making it possible for 40 young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to graduate from IDC Herzliya; 40 more currently are students. Furthermore, ISEF has instituted groundbreaking educational projects to bridge the educational and social gaps in Israeli society. These projects have won recognition and support from government ministries, municipalities and major international corporations such as Intel.

Nina Weiner's contribution to education has earned her numerous honors, including a special Presidents' Award that the leaders of six of Israel's universities presented to her in 1983 at an event then-President of Israel Haim Herzog hosted. The American Jewish Committee, Yeshiva University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar-Ilan University and the Knesset are among the organizations which have paid tribute to her.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to Israeli education and society, the future of the State of Israel and the Jewish People, and the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Nina Weiner is hereby named an

Honorary Fellow

of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

Prof. Amnon Rubinstein
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