The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya pays tribute to

DVORA SCHOCKEN

A prominent figure in the Israeli art world, Dvora Schocken has initiated and curated numerous projects to promote fine art in Israel and enable the public to appreciate it. The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya sculpture garden and art collection are a magnificent example of this, as are the sculpture garden at the Prime Minister’s Office and art exhibitions in development towns.

Dvora Schocken inherited her love of art from her parents, Leah and Menachem-Raphael Cohen, third-generation Israelis from Safed. She spent her youth in Jerusalem, where she attended the Gymnasia Behaviah and met her husband Gideon Schocken, who served in the Jewish Brigade, fighting the Germans, and went on to serve as a general in the Israel Defense Forces, heading the manpower division. A professional photographer, Dvora Schocken began her career in the studio of renowned Israeli photographer Alfred Bernheim.

During the many years she spent as a gallery owner, Dvora Schocken encouraged and nurtured some of Israel’s prominent artists. She was a member of the staff that established the Janco-Dada Museum in Ein Hod, serving as the first chairperson of its friends association. She later assented to the request of Eli Landau, then mayor of Herzliya, to join Yoav Dagon at the Herzliya Museum of Art, where she also served as the chairperson of the friends association.

IDC Herzliya benefited from Dvora Schocken’s exceptional taste and relations with accomplished artists, many of whom contributed to the campus’ collection. As a result, students and faculty enjoy the world’s largest collection of the sculptures of Bernard Reder, as well as the work of Israel’s preeminent artists: Zvi Lachman, Ofra Zimbalista, Yaacov Dorchin, Dina Recanati, Amnon (Zigi) Ben Haim, Zadok Ben David, Gila Stein and Zvika Zelikovitch, among others.

In recognition of her outstanding contribution to Israeli art and to the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Dvora Schocken is hereby named an

Honorary Fellow

of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya

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