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IN MEMORIAM



Richard J. Scheuer, beloved Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Governors, whose devotion to HUC-JIR, vision for our Jerusalem campus, commitment to the State of Israel, and love for the Jewish people leave an enduring legacy. His intellectual curiosity, passion for biblical archaeology and scholarship, generous spirit, and warm and kind heart are an abiding source of inspiration.

Avraham Biran, esteemed former Director of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology at HUC-JIR/Jerusalem, former Director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums for the State of Israel, District Commissioner of Jerusalem, Senior Member of the Israel delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission of Jordan, and diplomat on behalf of the Israeli government for many years.

Herbert R. Bloch, Jr., dedicated member of the Board of Governors (1961 to 1986), who served as Vice Chair, Secretary, and Chair of the Budget Committee; followed in the footsteps of his father, Herbert R. Bloch, Sr., Chair of the Board (1952-1957); and served as Vice Chair of the Los Angeles Board of Overseers.

Melvin Merians, distinguished Governor Emeritus, recipient of the Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, from HUC-JIR, and former Chairman of the Union for Reform Judaism, who encouraged the advancement of Jewish learning and took pride in his grandchildren taking on the mantle of Jewish leadership.

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Charles J. Rothschild, Jr., devoted Governor Emeritus and former Chairman and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Union for Reform Judaism, whose wise counsel, loyalty, and commitment to HUC-JIR and the Reform Movement were exemplary.

Rabbi Michael A. Signer, C '70, cherished Professor of Medieval History and Commentaries at HUC-JIR/Los Angeles for nearly two decades and Co-Chair of the Joint Commission on Inter-religious Affairs of the Reform Movement since 1998, leader of Jewish-Catholic dialogue worldwide, and Abrams Professor of Jewish Thought and Culture at the University of Notre Dame.

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