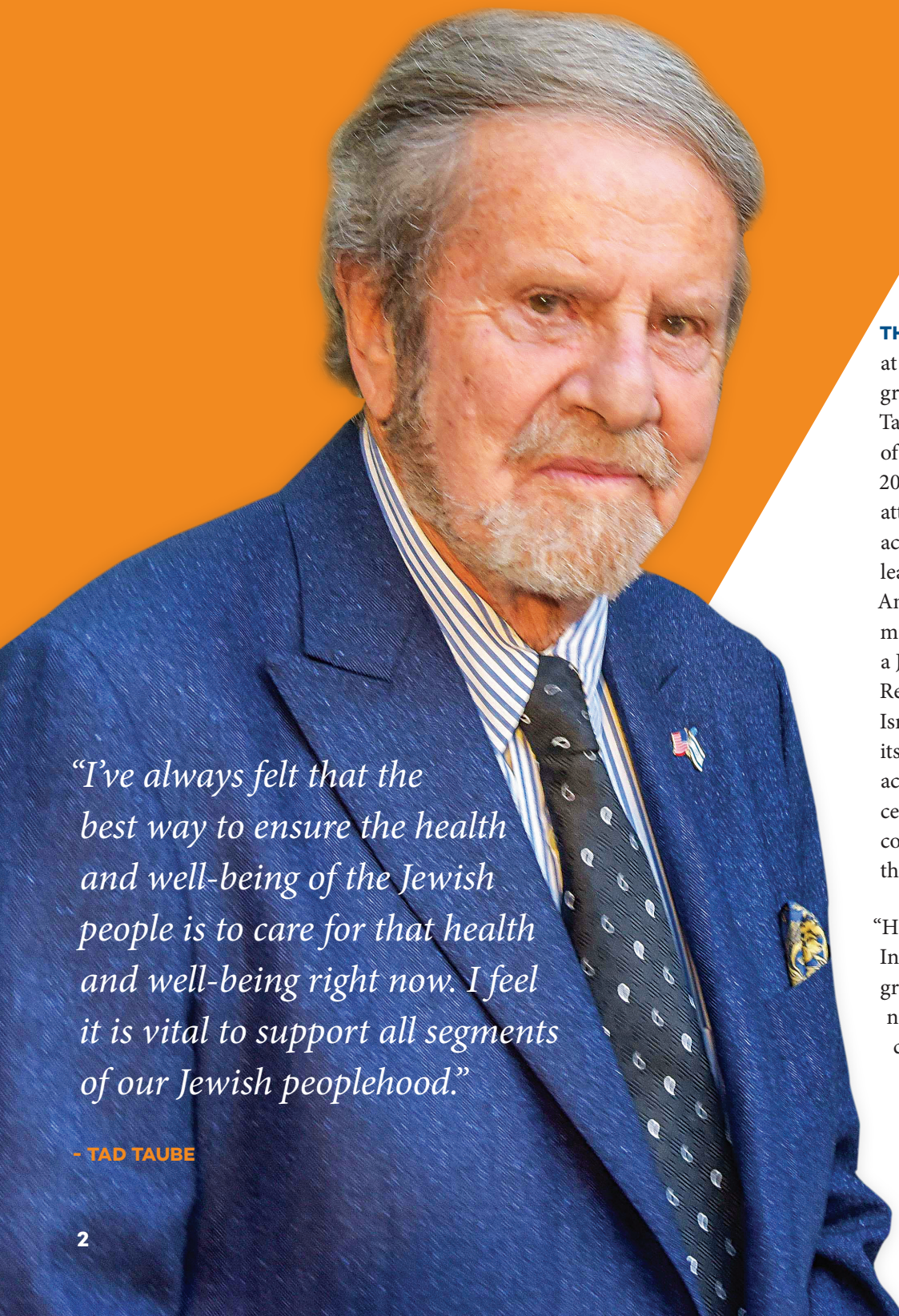


The Taube Family Campus Named at Groundbreaking of Jerusalem Campus



“I’ve always felt that the best way to ensure the health and well-being of the Jewish people is to care for that health and well-being right now. I feel it is vital to support all segments of our Jewish peoplehood.”

- TAD TAUBE

THE TAUBE FAMILY CAMPUS

at HUC-JIR was named during a groundbreaking ceremony honoring Tad Taube, founder and chairman of Taube Philanthropies, on June 29, 2016. This milestone occasion was attended by governmental, diplomatic, academic, spiritual, and cultural leaders of Israel, Poland, and North America. Taube Philanthropies’ \$15 million grant, its largest grant ever to a Jewish organization, will enable the Reform Movement’s headquarters in Israel to update, enhance, and beautify its Jerusalem campus as a vibrant academic, cultural, and spiritual center welcoming the larger Israeli community and visitors from around the world.

“Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is doing groundbreaking work in training the next generation of Reform rabbis, cantors, educators, and nonprofit leaders for Israel and the Jewish people as a whole,” said Tad Taube. “Its Jerusalem campus, Jewish professional leadership development, brilliant faculty,

“This campus and its activities have made an extraordinary contribution to the cultural life of Jerusalem. The opening of its front door on King David Street will amplify its presence and give the campus a strong identity and accessibility.”

- MOSHE SAFDIE, ARCHITECT

and ambitious students deserve a beautiful, modern campus that matches the institution’s lofty goals. We are honored to be a part of this community as it achieves new heights in Jewish and rabbinical education.”

Rabbi Aaron Panken, Ph.D., HUC-JIR President, added, “We are enormously grateful to Tad Taube for his vision and support as we enhance, modernize, and complete our Jerusalem campus. Here, in the heart of the modern State of Israel, is where the vital links of mutual partnership and responsibility between Israel and the global Jewish people – *arevut* – are forged among the next generations of Jewish leaders. Our students and alumni are teaching,

leading, and building these vital links, more crucial today than ever before, among the two million Reform Jews worldwide and within thousands of congregations, organizations, and institutions throughout Israel and the Diaspora. Taube Philanthropies’ generous gift will secure our Jerusalem campus as an enduring testament to the vibrant ties uniting Israel, North American Jewry, and the global Jewish people.”

Capital improvements will include a prominent new entrance to the campus, which will be designed by

internationally renowned architect Moshe Safdie, who designed the campus expansion three decades ago. The new entrance gate and piazza will be located along King David Street, the city’s most significant thoroughfare, bridging the ancient and modern sections of Jerusalem. The new spaces designed by Safdie and the renovation of the very first campus building, designed by International Style architect Heinrich Heinz Rau in 1963, will create compelling public spaces for worship services, educational programs, and cultural events.

“You [HUC-JIR] are a beacon of tolerance, pluralism, and the pursuit of Tikkun Olam – and you are a leading agent in promoting personal ties with Israel.”

**- AMBASSADOR DANIEL B. SHAPIRO,
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL**



Rendering: Moshe Safdie



“HUC-JIR contributes to the city of Jerusalem by representing an array of tribes of the Jewish people, in Israel, and the world.”

- MAYOR NIR BARKAT, THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

HUC-JIR's Jerusalem campus is the headquarters for the Reform Movement in Israel, including the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, Union for Reform Judaism, and Israel Religious Action Center. HUC-JIR prepares Israeli rabbis, educators, and pastoral counselors who are pioneering religious pluralism in the Jewish State and serving the global Jewish people. All North American rabbinical, cantorial, and education students are required to spend their first year of study at the

campus, where they establish lifelong ties to Israel that they later transmit as leaders of congregations, organizations, and communities worldwide.

HUC-JIR will also collaborate with Taube Philanthropies' senior staff to foster a strong connection with the Jewish community in Poland, Jewish history, and Jewish peoplehood among HUC-JIR faculty, students, and lay leaders. Taube Philanthropies has a long history supporting the revitalization of Jewish life and culture in Poland.

Watch the groundbreaking video at:
huc.edu/taube-groundbreaking

“It is so important for the Jewish people, for Israel, and for the Israel government, even if they don't know it, that HUC-JIR is here in the heart of Jerusalem.”

- NATAN SHARANSKY, CHAIRMAN, JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL



“The Governors of HUC-JIR share a proud commitment to the State of Israel and to preparing Jewish leaders who will inspire the next generations of engaged Jews around the world.”

- BONNIE TISCH, HUC-JIR GOVERNOR

Front row from right: Mayor Nir Barkat, Natan Sharansky, Tad Taube, Rabbi Aaron Panken, Shana Penn, Sean Taube, U.S Ambassador Daniel B. Shapiro, and Julie Fisher celebrate the naming of the Taube Family Campus at HUC-JIR.