

University of Haifa

The Senate of the University of Haifa, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the constitution of the University and in accordance with the recommendations of the President and the Executive Committee

hereby confers upon

Sandor Frankel

the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

In recognition of his meaningful contributions to Israel through his role as a Trustee of the Helmsley Charitable Trust, including by promoting science and research in Israel; furthering many projects within Israeli universities that have borne significant fruit and truly made an impact on life in our country; supporting the University of Haifa, its faculty and students, and helping the University bring forth a new era in marine research; and for his true friendship with the State of Israel.

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Haifa, Israel



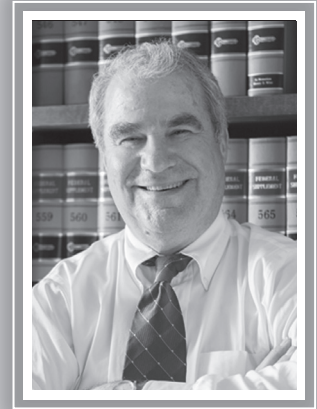
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Sandor Frankel is a lawyer in New York City and a graduate of New York University and Harvard Law School. He began his legal career as a staff member in the White House Task Force on Crime, and later served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Frankel has authored several books, including *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, which received the Edgar Allan Poe Award.

Sandor Frankel was appointed one of five trustees of the Helmsley Charitable Trust and, as a passionate Zionist, was the key impetus behind the Trust's decision to adopt the State of Israel as one of its main spheres of interest.

The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust was founded with the aim of supporting and assisting non-profit organizations to develop activities that would improve and advance the wellbeing of humanity across a wide array of areas. Since 2008, when it began to award grants, the Trust has granted more than \$1.8 billion to many and varied organizations.

Under Mr. Frankel's leadership of the Israel program, the Helmsley Charitable Trust fulfills one of its key objectives – namely, to support projects aimed at strengthening the State of Israel's excellence and leadership in scientific, technological and medical research. In this context, in 2014 the University of Haifa was awarded a generous grant from the Helmsley Charitable Trust to establish the Helmsley Charitable Trust Mediterranean Sea Research Center. The Center, which is equipped with the newest and most advanced technologies for deep-sea research, has significantly increased knowledge in this field, and has taken marine research a giant step forward, attracting excellent research students from all over the world. The Center has also strengthened existing relationships and created new associations with research centers of a similar standing overseas.

Thanks to the support of the Helmsley Charitable Trust, the Center has contributed considerably to the standing of the University of Haifa as a leading institution in Mediterranean research in Israel and globally. The growing reputation of the Center has in turn opened doors to further donations from other research associations and foundations.