In recognition of his sterling personal attributes and his tireless endeavors in the cause of the State of Israel, its economy, and its culture, in appreciation of his outstanding role in the development of the University of Haifa as one of its founders and most devoted and conscientious governors.

REUBEN HECHT

Born in Anwerp in 1890 he grew up in Basel and studied at the University of Munich, Heidelberg and Berlin, graduating in Economics. In 1933 he received a doctorate in Political Science.

A dreamer and fighter under the banner of Zionism, he spent long years in the underground in the region Zvil Lautum and in Alph. But he filled numerous positions both before and after Israel's independence. Since 1977 he has served as personal and senior adviser to the Prime Minister of Israel.

The establishment of 'Degem' — Belev Mamriotho LelIsrael in Haifa — and the building of the country, he has conceived and accomplished, with his special interest in revealing and studying ancient culture and ancient Israel. These have found expression in his initiative and activity toward establishing a museum — the 'People of the Land of Israel' — and the 'Way of the Maccabees'.

Reuben Hecht is numbered among the founders of the University of Haifa. He has worked tirelessly as a trustee to realize his success. In particular, he has initiated and furthered the institution of Zionism at the University.