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American Friends of the Open University of Israel Mourns the Passing of Board Member Elaine Wolfensohn z”l

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The American Friends of the Open University (AFOUI) deeply mourns the passing yesterday of its esteemed colleague and Board member Elaine Wolfensohn z”l.

Wolfensohn served as a member of the Board of AFOUI for over a decade, and during 2019 as AFOUI’s Interim Chairman. Eran Broshy, Chairman of AFOUI, expressed his profound sadness on behalf of the organization: “Elaine was incredibly passionate about a number of causes, among those the State of Israel and in particular the Open University of Israel. She brought to AFOUI her strong sense of mission, her insightful judgement, warmth, and compassion. She will be deeply missed by us all.”

The American Friends of the Open University of Israel expresses its deepest sympathy to Elaine’s family, including Jim, Sara, Naomi, and Adam.

About American Friends of the Open University of Israel

The Open University of Israel is the largest university in Israel, educating over 48,000 students at its 70 campuses and online higher education learning platform. Among Israel’s most vital institutions, the Open University’s core values are based on academic excellence, an open admissions policy, social justice and the inclusion of all citizens of Israel. Since its inception (1976), the Open University has graduated tens of thousands of students, nearly one third of whom were scholarship recipients. Today, a large percentage of Open University alumni are productive contributing members of Israeli society. The tremendous positive impact of the Open University on Israeli society is immeasurable. Indeed, the Open University waves not only the largest academic justice and social justice flags in Israel but also the flag of the path to excellence.

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