UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

The Executive Committee of the University of Haifa in accordance with its unanimous decision

bestows on

Harry Weilheimer

the title of

Honorary Fellow

for his deep social involvement, his dedication to the welfare of students and society, and his strong friendship toward the University of Haifa.

24 Sivan 5759 June 8, 1999

Prof. Yehuda Hayuth

President

Prof. Gad Gilbar

Rector

Harry Weilheimer

Born (1914) in Nuremberg, Germany, into a prosperous family engaged in the hops business. He was educated in Germany and in Switzerland, and then he joined his father's business, which supplied hops to almost all the major breweries in the world.

The Weilheimer family left Germany shortly before "Kristal Nacht" (1938) and settled in Amsterdam. With the German conquest of Holland, however, they fled via Belgium and France to Spain and eventually arrived in Cuba. In 1941, Harry Weilheimer managed to immigrate to the United States; after settling in New York, he was drafted into the army and served for four years in a unit that participated in the invasion of Europe and the occupation of Germany.

He returned to the United States in 1946 and a year later married Elsbeth (Ebs) Midas, a survivor of Auschwitz whom he had known since his Nuremberg days. He resumed the hops business with his father and continued in it until his retirement in the early 1990s.

Harry Weilheimer joined the University's Board of Governors in 1995. He and his wife, Ebs, who died in 1996, set up at the University the Weilheimer Family Fund (1992) for Encouraging the Absorption of New-Immigrant Students into Israeli Society. The Fund has supported the program conducted by the Overseas Students Unit of students teaching English to new immigrants from Ethiopia, the vocational library in the Berman Psychological Counseling and Career Guidance Center, and additional endeavors assisting students.

