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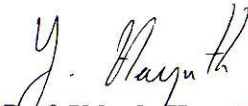
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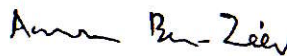
Miriam Ben-Peretz

for her contribution to the study of teaching and her shaping of educational policy in Israel and in acknowledgment of her activity to expand the scholarly foundations of the University of Haifa and its relations with the community.

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Prof. Yehuda Hayuth
President


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Miriam Ben-Peretz

Born in Breslau, Germany, she completed her high school studies at the Reali School in Haifa, then performed national service and served with the Haganah. She earned all her degrees at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem: B.A. with distinction in Biology (1958), M.A. with distinction in Biology and Education (1969), and a Ph.D. in Education (1977).

She joined the faculty of the School of Education at the fledgling University of Haifa in 1969, and became a full professor in 1990. She served as head of the Division of Curriculum Development (1977), chairperson of the Teacher Education Department (1978-1985), and head of the School of Education (1988-1993). She founded and headed the Center for Jewish Education in Israel and the Diaspora (1993-2000). She has been a member of the University Senate and various committees. From 1994-1996, she served as academic president of Tel Hai College.

Her principal areas of research are curriculum development, involvement of teachers in curriculum development and execution, teachers' conceptual and professional development, teacher training and upgrading, educational policy formulation, and Jewish education.

Professor Ben-Peretz has written and edited books, dozens of chapters for scholarly publications and international encyclopedias, and scores of articles for well-known journals in Israel and abroad. Her work also includes research reports, among them curricula for Jewish education in the Diaspora, and position papers for the Ministry of Education.

Among her main publications are the following: *The Nature of Time in Schools: Theoretical Concepts, Practitioner Perceptions* (co-editor, 1990), *The Teacher-Curriculum Encounter: Freeing Teachers from the Tyranny of Texts* (English, 1990; Hebrew, 1995), *Learning from Experience: Memory and the Teacher's Account of Teaching* (1995).

Professor Ben-Peretz has been a visiting professor at many important universities, such as Stanford, Michigan, Toronto, Johannes Gutenberg Mainz, Oslo, and Cambridge. She has organized and participated in many international conferences in Israel and overseas. She is a member of the editorial board of both Israeli and foreign scholarly journals and of a list of learned societies; she currently chairs the Israeli Association for Research in Jewish Education, of which she was among the founders. She is a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Educational Research Association.

Beyond the University, Professor Ben-Peretz has served on a large number of public academic councils, chairing such committees as the Committee on Reforming the Matriculation Examinations in Israel, the International Educational Committee of the International Organization of Jewish Women, Committee for Preparing a Five-Year Plan for the Arab Sector in Israel, and the Committee for Reform in Teacher Education.

She is also involved in public community activities, having served, among others, as a member of the Haifa City Council (1973-1978; 1983-1988), a member of the boards of Beit Yad Labanim (Memorial Institute for Israeli Soldiers) in Haifa and the Haifa Arts Foundation, and of the steering committee of the Haifa-Boston Connection.

