

November 26, 2013

Dear Friend,

It is with great pleasure that I report that we recently held the Inauguration of the *Joseph and Racheline Barda Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage in Egypt*. The event was extremely moving and it was truly a memorable occasion enjoyed by all.

The Inauguration took place on October 14th, 2013 in the presence of the President of the University Mr. Amos Shapira, the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, Prof. Reuven Snir, the incumbent of the Chair, Prof. Tamar Zewi and our distinguished guests, Mr. Joseph Barda and his lovely wife Dr. Racheline Barda.

The ceremony included a documentary about a model of the Alexandria *Elyahu Ha Nabi* Synagogue that has recently been constructed and is displayed at Beth Hatfutsot Museum as well as a wonderful performance from Wasim Kahsebon, a student at our Department of Music who played the Oud and sang beautiful Egyptian music of years gone by to the delight of the audience.

During the ceremony, we heard a lecture from Prof. Uri M. Kupferschmidt from our Department of History of the Middle East who spoke about Memory and History. We also heard from Mrs. Levana Zamir, President of the Israel Association of Jews from Egypt and Dr. Racheline Barda who spoke to us about The Heritage of the Jews of Egypt.

At the conclusion of a very moving speech Mr. Joe Barda announced a new initiative: the establishment of a yearly grant to a graduate student who researches Jewish Heritage in Egypt and publishes on the issue. He concluded with his hope that more people donate funds for the purpose of this type of research.

Below you will find some photos from the event itself, as well as the invitation that was designed for the event.



The audience



Joe & Racheline in front of the plaque at the Faculty of Humanities



The Oud player

The Faculty of Humanities is honored to invite you to the inauguration of the

**The Joseph & Racheline Barda
Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage in Egypt**

Master of Ceremony, Dr. Moshe Lavee, Department of Jewish History



Monday, October 14th, 2013, between 17:00-19:30
Aviva and Sammy Ofer Observation Gallery, 30th Floor, Eshkol Tower

Gathering and Light Refreshments

Greetings

Mr. Amos Shapira, President

Prof. Reuven Snir, Dean, Faculty of Humanities

Prof. Tamar Zewi, Incumbent of the The Joseph & Racheline Barda Chair for the Study and Research of Jewish Heritage in Egypt

~ Musical Interlude ~

Mr. Joseph Barda

Mrs. Levana Zamir, President, the Israel Association of Jews from Egypt

Dr. Racheline Barda, PHD- honorary research associate at University of Sydney, Australia

The Heritage of the Jews of Egypt

~ Musical Interlude ~

Prof. Uri M. Kupferschmidt, Department of History of the Middle East

Memory and History: Uncle Isaac and Dr. Isaac G. Levi.

The event will be conducted in English

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Your contribution is what made this inauguration possible and the University of Haifa is grateful for your gift. You should take great pride in the knowledge that you have made it possible to preserve the unique heritage of Egyptian Jewry.

I hope we have the opportunity thank you in person in the near future.

With kind regards,

Rachman Rachel.

Rachel Kaverman

Acting Vice President for External Relations and Resource Development

C.c: Amos Shapira, President
Mr. Joseph Barda