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## **RESEARCH AWARDS 2006-2007**

| AWARD   | AWARDEE                        | INSTITUTION                                  | PROJECT TITLE  |
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| PROFESSORSHIPS  | Howard Cedar, M.D., Ph.D.      | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | Regulation of Gene Expression in Animal Cells  |
|   | Aaron Ciechanover, M.D., D.Sc. | Technion, Israel Institute of<br>Technology  | Aberrant Ubiquitin-Mediated Regulation of<br>Apoptosis in Prostate Cancer                    |
|   | Avram Hershko, M.D., Ph.D.     | Technion, Israel Institute of<br>Technology  | Control of Cell Division by Ubiquitin-Mediated<br>Protein Degradation                        |
| CLINICAL<br>RESEARCH CAREER<br>DEVELOPMENT<br>AWARD               | Itay Chowers, Ph.D.            | Hadassah Medical Organization                | Functional Genomic Approach to Investigate<br>Uveal Melanoma Metastases Development          |
| BARBARA GOODMAN<br>ENDOWED RCDA<br>FOR PANCREATIC<br>CANCER       | Yuval Dor, Ph.D.               | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | The Origins and Dynamics of Pancreatic Cancer:<br>A Mouse Modeling Approach                  |
| RESEARCH<br>CAREER<br>DEVELOPMENT<br>AWARDS<br>RESEARCH<br>CAREER | Uri Abdu, Ph.D.                | Ben-Gurion University of the Negev           | The Role of DNA Damage Proteins Hus1 and Chk2<br>in the Drosophila Meiotic Checkpoint        |
|   | Limor Broday, Ph.D.            | Tel-Aviv University                          | C. Elegans Model for Ubiquitin Mediated<br>Regulation of Adhesion Dynamics                   |
|   | Haim Cohen, Ph.D.              | Bar-Ilan University                          | The Role of Ku70 and Ku86 Acetylation in<br>Cellular Decision Between Survival and Apoptosis |

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| DEVELOPMENT<br>AWARDS<br>(continued) | Marcelle Machluf, Ph.D.                               | Technion, Israel Institute of<br>Technology | Polymeric Delivery System for the Delivery of<br>Endogenous Proteins – New Therapy Approach for<br>Brain Tumor |
|                                      | Michael Elkin, Ph.D.*<br>(*RCDA in Pancreatic Cancer) | Hadassah Medical Organization               | Heparanase in Pancreatic Cancer: Role in<br>Pathogenesis and Implications for Novel<br>Therapeutic Approaches  |
|                                      | Nir Osherov, Ph.D.                                    | Tel-Aviv University                         | Better Understanding and Treatment of<br>Aspergillosis, A Major Killer of Neutropenic<br>Cancer Patients       |
|                                      | Eli Pikarsky, M.D., Ph.D.                             | Hadassah Medical Organization               | Is NF-кB the Missing Link Between Inflammation<br>and Neoplasia?   |
|                                      | Rina Rosin-Arbesfeld, Ph.D.                           | Tel-Aviv University                         | Functional Analysis of the APC Tumor Suppressor<br>Protein Truncations and Restoration of Wild Type<br>APC     |
|                                      | Yaron Shav-Tal, Ph.D.                                 | Bar-Ilan University                         | Cyclin D1 Proto-Oncogene Promoter Control:<br>A Kinetic Analysis of Gene Activity Using In Vivo<br>Imaging     |
|                                      | Yehuda Tzfati, Ph.D.                                  | Hebrew University of Jerusalem              | Telomerase Dysfunction in Hoyeraal-Hreidarsson<br>Syndrome   |
|                                      | Ronit Yarden, Ph.D.                                   | Chaim Sheba Medical Center                  | The Role of BRCA1 in Cell Cycle Checkpoint<br>Regulation: Interplay with Chk1                                  |
| POSTDOCTORAL<br>FELLOWSHIPS          | Julia Adler, Ph.D.                                    | Weizmann Institute of Science               | The Role of NAD(P)H Quinone Oxidoreductase in the Stability of Proto-Oncogene c-Fos                            |
|                                      | Leah Baraz, Ph.D.*<br>(*Kaylie Fellow)                | Hadassah Medical Organization               | Regulation of Heparanase Gene Expression by<br>Tumor Suppressor p53  |
|                                      | Yuval Cinnamon, Ph.D.*<br>(*Kaylie Fellow)            | Hebrew University of Jerusalem              | Study of Ubiquitination of Midbody Proteins<br>During Cytokinesis  |

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|                                  | Michal Mark-Danieli, Ph.D.*<br>(*Kaylie Fellow)     | Chaim Sheba Medical Center                   | Characterization of SIL Function in Mitosis and Cancer   |
|                                  | Gal Markel, Ph.D.                                   | Chaim Sheba Medical Center                   | Novel CEACAM1-Based Immunomodulatory<br>Approach for Melanoma Immunotherapy  |
|                                  | Masha Prager-Khoutorsky, Ph.D.*<br>(*Kaylie Fellow) | Weizmann Institute of Science                | Development of Novel Approach for Modulating<br>Mechanosensitive Cell Migration of Tumor Cells                                       |
|                                  | Eyal Zcharia, Ph.D.                                 | Hadassah Medical Organization                | Human Heparanase: A Promising Target for<br>Therapeutic Strategies in Breast Cancer  |
| PROJECT<br>GRANTS                | Haim Azhari, D.Sc.                                  | Technion, Israel Institute of<br>Technology  | Feasibility Study of Breast Tumor<br>Characterization using Computerized Ultrasonic<br>Mammography and Contrast Materials            |
|                                  | Michal Baniyash, Ph.D.                              | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | TCR ζ Chain Downregulation as a Marker for<br>Detecting Immunosuppression Generated in<br>Tumor-Bearing Hosts: Clinical Implications |
|                                  | Eitan Bibi, Ph.D.                                   | Weizmann Institute of Science                | Multidrug Recognition and Transport by the E. coli Mdr Transporter MdfA  |
|                                  | Eli Canaani, Ph.D.                                  | Weizmann Institute of Science                | Global Targets and Associated Proteins of the Leukemic Protein MLL/AF4   |
| PROJECT<br>GRANTS<br>(continued) | Rivka Dikstein, Ph.D.                               | Weizmann Institute of Science                | Control of NF-кВ Target Genes by DSIF, A<br>Transcription Elongation Inhibitor   |
|                                  | Lea Eisenbach, Ph.D.                                | Weizmann Institute of Science                | The Role of 1-8 Interferon Inducible Genes in<br>Tumor Progression   |

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|                                  | Offer Gerlitz, Ph.D.          | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | Identification of Wg Target Genes that Play a Role<br>in Regulation of Growth and Survival              |
|                                  | Dan Gibson, Ph.D.             | Hebrew University of Jerusalem               | Preparation and Pharmacological Evaluation of<br>Novel Non-Classical Water Soluble Platinum<br>Drugs    |
|                                  | Atan Gross, Ph.D.             | Weizmann Institute of Science                | The Role of BID in the Response of Cells to DSB DNA Damage  |
|                                  | Yoav Henis, Ph.D.             | Tel-Aviv University                          | Interactions and Endocytosis of Growth-Inhibitory<br>Receptors  |
|                                  | Joel Hirsch, Ph.D.            | Tel-Aviv University                          | Structural Studies of Gem, a Novel Small G-<br>Protein  |
|                                  | Shai Izraeli, M.D.            | Chaim Sheba Medical Center                   | Targeting SIL in Epithelial Malignancies  |
|                                  | Martin Kupiec, Ph.D.          | Tel-Aviv University                          | Telomere Length Control and Genome Stability  |
|                                  | Sara Lavi, Ph.D.              | Tel-Aviv University                          | Production and Significance of Extrachromosomal<br>spcDNA Molecules Consisting of Multimeric<br>Repeats |
|                                  | Haya Lorberboum-Galski, Ph.D. | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | Targeted B-Cell Malignancies Therapy by Novel<br>Apoptosis-Inducing Chimeric Proteins                   |
| PROJECT<br>GRANTS<br>(continued) | Ofer Mandelboim, Ph.D.        | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | <i>Tumor Development in the Absence of the NK</i><br><i>Activating Receptor Ncr1</i>                    |
|                                  | Hanah Margalit, Ph.D.         | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | Implications of MicroRNAs in Cancer   |

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|                                  | Esther Priel, D.Sc.   | Ben-Gurion University of the<br>Negev        | An Anti-Retorviral Approach as a Possible<br>Strategy for the Treatment of Adult T Cell<br>Leukemia                      |
|                                  | Shoshana Ravid, Ph.D. | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | The Role of PAK1 and ROCK in the Regulation of<br>Myosin II in Chemotaxis and Cell Polarity of<br>Metastatic Tumor Cells |
|                                  | Reuven Reich, Ph.D.   | Hebrew University of Jerusalem               | Novel Oxamic Acid-Derived MMP Inhibitors in Cancer   |
|                                  | Dina Ron, Ph.D.       | Technion, Israel Institute of<br>Technology  | Mechanisms by which Perlecan Regulates<br>Epidermis Homeostasis, and its Involvement in<br>Epidermal Neoplasia           |
|                                  | Gadi Spira, Ph.D.     | Technion, Israel Institute of<br>Technology  | Heparanase in Liver Fibrosis: Mechanism<br>Underlying Expression and Synthesis   |
|                                  | Yosef Yarden, Ph.D.   | Weizmann Institute of Science                | Shunting Oncogenic Receptor Tyrosine Kinases<br>from Recycling to Degradation: A Novel Approach<br>to Cancer Therapy     |
|                                  | Eitan Yefenof, Ph.D.  | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | Deciphering the Kinases Required for<br>Glucocorticoid-Induced Apoptosis of Leukemia<br>Cells                            |
| PROJECT<br>GRANTS<br>(continued) | Joel Yisraeli, Ph.D.  | Hebrew University/Hadassah<br>Medical School | Exploring the Role of VICKZ Isoforms and their<br>RNA Targets in Metastatic Colon Cancer                                 |
|                                  | Dov Zipori, Ph.D.     | Weizmann Institute of Science                | Therapy of Multiple Myeloma using a Cell and<br>Gene Therapy Approach  |