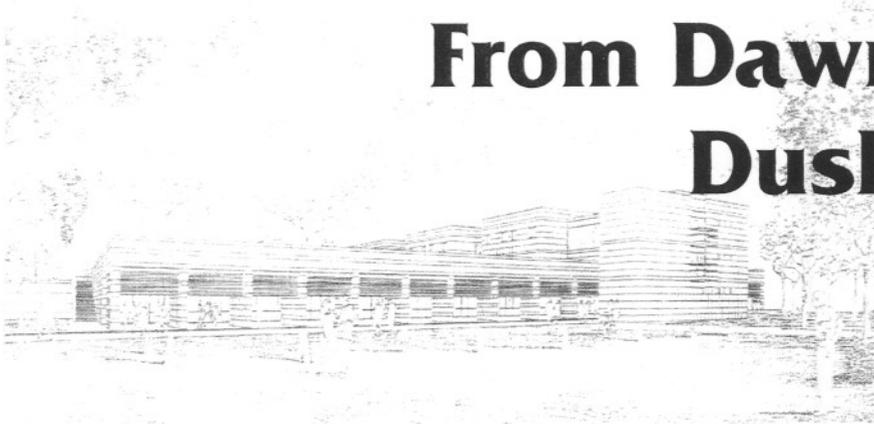


# From Dawn to Dusk and Beyond



*Sketch of the David Building*

The ribbon was cut, the mezuzah affixed and blessed, and the doors officially opened to TAU's Dan David Classroom Building, to the visible satisfaction of Mr. Dan David, international businessman and Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa of TAU. The Building answers a pressing need for instructional space at TAU.

TAU President Professor Yoram Dinstein explained the concept behind the building, which has already been used for several months with "smashing success." TAU was "bursting at the seams," he said, having expanded rapidly due chiefly to the mass immigration from the former Soviet Union in the early 1990s. The surge of



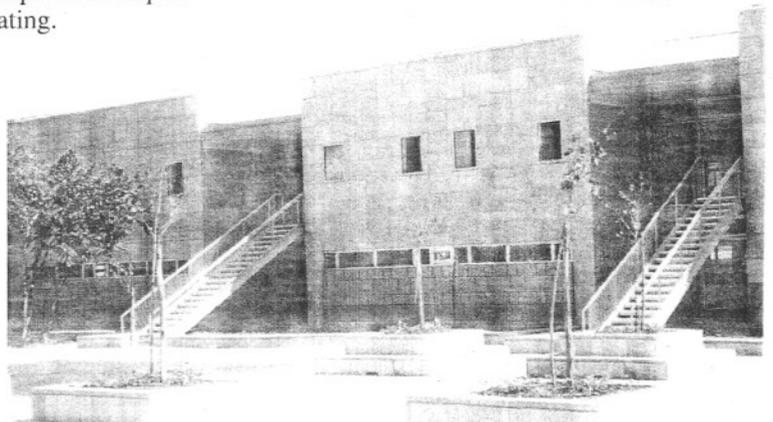
*Mrs. Gabriela David cuts the ribbon, while her family (right) and TAU Vice President Col. (res.) Yehiel Ben-Zvi look on.*

students gave rise to an extraordinary shortage of classrooms which the Planning and Budgeting Committee recognized and was prepared to help in alleviating.

The David Building is "an intensively used classroom cluster in the University," Prof. Dinstein stressed. Belonging to no single Faculty, but to the University as a whole, its modern facilities and auditoriums are much



*Mr. Dan and Mrs. Gabriela David together with son Ariel pose in the upper terrace.*



*View of the David Building*

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sought after by all the Departments. Classroom assignment in the Building, Dinstein said, is centrally controlled and computerized and "is based on a system of merit and not on favoritism toward any particular school."

Designed by Israeli architect Ofer Kokler in a contemporary style, the Building has three levels with a total floor space of 3,000 square meters. On the top two levels are nine classrooms, three lecture halls and hallway lounges, all furnished with comfortable and attractive seating. Adjacent to the first

floor entrance is a stone courtyard and garden. The ground floor has three spacious, beautifully-designed auditoriums.

The aura of the Building reflects the spirit of the donors, Dan and Gabriella, who are "honorary goodwill ambassadors of Israel in Rome," said Prof. Dinstein. He presented them with a plaque and referred to them as "great machers" at TAU.

Dan David was delighted in having a hand in the "joie de vivre" atmosphere that the sunny Classroom Building

creates with its open terraces and flowers. He stated that all should make sure in the future that dreams be accomplished and that "no dream should remain only a dream."

Guest speaker Prof. Yosef Gorny, Head of the Chaim Weizmann Institute for Zionist Research at TAU, whom Dinstein introduced as "the number one expert on the implementation of the Zionist dream," delivered a lecture entitled "Between Immigration and Aliyah: An Historical Perspective." ■