

## THE LOUNGE

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### 1. Wedding at the Kotel

In the plaza adjacent to the Kotel, Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein recently married Irina Nevzlin, chair of the board of directors of Belt Hatitstot. Last week, the couple held a large-scale pre-wedding party at Romit Farms, which is located in the Sharon Region. This is the second marriage for both of them (he is a widower and she a divorcee). Guests from the business sector who attended the wedding were Ofra Strauss, Ruti and Meir Sheerit, Chemi and Gila Peres, Gad and Eli Propper, Shlomo and Lea Nass, Eitan Ben Eliahu, Barni and Adina Levy, and of course the father of the bride, billionaire Leonid Nevzlin. The newly married couple requested that guests make donations to one of three charities in lieu of presents.



### 2. Sheba Medical Center

Vered Greenboim, executive director of the Friends of Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer, hosted the center's annual gala event titled, "New Hope for Cancer Patients in Israel." Welcoming the guests were Prof. Shlomo Noy, director of the Sheba Medical Center Rehabilitation Hospital; Galia Maor, chairman of the Friends of Sheba; and Prof. Itzik Kreis, who was appointed director of the hospital just two days after the event. Attending the gala were Iris and Shaul Elovitch, Adi and Tzipi Strauss, Lilach



Asher-Topolsky, Orit and Yossi Sachar, Smadar Barber Tzadik, Shira and Ishay Duvich.

### 3. University of Haifa

More than 150 business people attended the Israeli Friends of the University of Haifa annual gala event, which was held this year at the home of Portuguese Ambassador to Israel Miguel de Almeida e Sousa. Guests listened to former ISEF chief of staff Benny Gantz talk about challenges and opportunities open in Israel. The guest of honor was Liora Ofer who received an award from the University's

Business Leader's Forum. Attending the event were university president Amos Shapiro, Rosa and Sami Sagul and Honorary Consul of Portugal in Haifa, Yoni Issakow.

### 4. ISEF

The International Sephardic Education Foundation (ISEF), founded by the late Edmond J. Safra, Lily Safra, and Nina Weiner, recently celebrated its 39th anniversary at a gala event held at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art. The evening began with an exciting performance by Ehud Banai, and continued with speeches from the chairman of the organization, Carlos Ben-



Naum, who traveled from New York especially for the event, and Nina Weiner, ISEF president, who offered a warm welcome to guests. Attending the evening were MK Yossi Yona, MK Merav Ben Art, Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, Rati Elul, ISEF Executive Director Tomer Samarkandi, and ISEF Israel Chairman Prof. Eli Avraham.

### 5. Haim Shiff Prize

The Haim Shiff Prize for Figurative-Realist Art, awarded for the ninth year at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art, was presented this year to Druze artist Fatma Shanan Dery. The evening began with a cocktail

reception in the museum's sculpture garden. The prize is awarded each year by Shiff's son, businessman Dubi Shiff and his wife, Dr. Anna Domarev. Attending the event were Director and Chief Curator of the museum, Suzanne Landau; chief of restoration and curator of 16th- to 19th-century art, Dr. Doron Luria and his wife Aya Luria, who is director and chief curator at the Herzliya Museum of Contemporary Art; Supreme Court Justice Yoram Danziger and his son, artist Yoni Danziger.

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