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Dear Colleagues,

1. We are still optimistic about the prospects of reaching an agreement with the government that will provide us additional funding. We will update you when the agreement is signed.
2. We received the students' annual survey regarding their study at the Hebrew University. The results are challenging, and we must all work hard to improve the students' level of satisfaction. Bold ideas are welcome.
3. We should also improve the popular "visibility" of our academic research. Please send me, possibly through the deans, updates of your recent research achievements that may be of general interest. We will inform our own community about it, as well as the local and international media.
4. We are now working hard to make our public sphere tri-lingual: Hebrew, Arabic, and English. All new signs will include the three languages. Please make sure that the signs with your name next to your office and lab is in all three languages.
5. An update about two new Centers at our University: In June 2016 the [Multidisciplinary Center on Cannabinoid Research](#) was launched at the School of Pharmacy. The modern scientific era of cannabis research over the last five decades, spearheaded by Prof. Raphael Mechoulam, heralded in a new age. The isolation of the psychoactive ingredient of Cannabis Sativa, identification of its chemical structure and the discovery of its endogenous counterparts, have ushered in a wealth of pre-clinical and clinical studies, shedding light on the efficacy of the endocannabinoid system to deal with human health and disease. The Center is integrating, coordinating and conducting research on cannabinoids, endocannabinoids and medical Cannabis. Prof. Yossi Tam serves as the Head of the Center.

A year ago, the [HARUV Campus](#) was opened at the Resnick dormitories on Mt. Scopus campus. Initiated by Prof. Asher Ben-Arie, the project created university-linked services for abused children. It brings together under one roof a variety of services for abused and neglected children, and encourages mutual cooperation between the various services for maltreated children. Scholars and students from various fields, including the Schools of Occupational Therapy and Social Work, take part in the activities. The project is exemplary in combining academic work with invaluable contribution to society.

Yours, Barak