

October 8, 2023

To the Bar-Ilan Community,

Like all of you, we are closely following events as they unfold. Our hearts are with the families of our soldiers and all our fellow citizens in the Gaza envelope. We are in constant touch with students, faculty, and staff who were injured in the Hamas attacks, and we will continue to assist them in the coming weeks and months in whatever way they require.

For all those in need of emotional or psychological support, our Support Hotline will be open to the University community at (03) 531-8811 from 6 pm this evening. Please make sure to pass this number to any Bar-Ilan student, faculty member, or member of our administrative staff whom you believe could benefit.

As of today, the start of the academic year has been postponed to October 22, 2023. Please make sure to check the University's website and student portal frequently, however, as the date may change in accordance with circumstance.

All examinations and lectures scheduled for the coming week have been cancelled.

To ensure that all students have the necessary time to complete their course assignments, we will allow the submission of all work—including theses, which were due at the start of the current academic year—by October 31, 2023, without need for special permission.

Beginning tomorrow, research labs will be open to students and faculty on condition that they provide advance notice to Vice President for Research Prof. Shulamit Michaeli.

The majority of Bar-Ilan's administrative staff will work remotely beginning tomorrow. Members of the Operations and IT Divisions will work from campus, however; the Deputy Director General of operations and of IT will be in touch with their employees directly. All those working on campus must know the location of the nearest protected area.

Finally, our campus in Safed will operate in a format similar to that of Ramat Gan. Detailed instructions to our medical Faculty community will be forthcoming from its head of administration.

You can find the most updated information related to campus activities and services on a dedicated page on our website: <https://www.biu.ac.il/news/23375>.

Please also make sure to follow ongoing instructions from Home Front Command, and most of all, take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

We are here for you, and we stand together in our wish for quiet days and better news soon.

Sincerely,  
The Bar-Ilan University administration