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To the University Community,

We are pleased to share that Bar-Ilan University has been selected to receive the Minister of Defense's shield of honor for its support of reserve soldiers. Out of 500 public and private organizations, only 20 were selected—including companies, institutions, and municipalities—and our university is among them.

This recognition is especially meaningful as it was based solely on the ratings given by reservists themselves. They were asked to assess the support they receive from various organizations, and **our students chose us**.

This achievement is the result of dedicated effort and impressive daily commitment from each and every one of you—through our faculty patient responsiveness, flexibility in adapting academic requirements without compromising academic quality, and your academic, financial, and emotional support for your friends and peers who sacrifice so much to protect us all.

We take great pride in being a community that places its reservists and their families at the forefront, and that embodies the integration of academic excellence with social awareness.

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the academic and administrative staff, as well as to the students who volunteered to help.

We would especially like to recognize Prof. Arie Reich, Vice Rector, who led this effort and played a central role in coordinating the university's support for reservists from the very first day of the war.

We will continue to stand by our student reservists for as long as they need us.

We remain committed to our promise: "We will leave no one behind."

We stand with you, and join in prayer for the safe return of our soldiers, the release of the hostages, and the full recovery of the wounded.

With gratitude, and hope for a swift return to routine.



Prof. Arie Zaban
President



Prof. Amnon Albeck
Rector



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