

Eitan Wertheimer At Benefit Luncheon For Jerusalem College of Technology

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Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) hosted over 100 friends and supporters at a recent luncheon featuring Eitan Wertheimer, the chairman of Iscar and a leading Israeli businessman and philanthropist. Iscar was founded in the 1950s and is today a leading global innovator of metal cutting tools and techniques for machining. Mr. Wertheimer became a household name outside of Israel in 2006 when Warren Buffet, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, purchased an 80 percent stake in Iscar for \$4 billion.

During the luncheon program, Mr. Wertheimer lauded JCT for its unique mission, programs, and role in the Israeli education and economic arenas. "JCT, to me, is one of the most critical elements of education in Israel," he noted. "In Israel, many institutions teach people to know, not how to do. JCT does both."

He also praised JCT for its efforts in educating and working with the chareidi ("ultra-Orthodox") community. Increasing the participation rate of chareidi men in the Israeli economy is a main goal of his, and JCT has been a vital partner in this endeavor. He noted that the program he started a few years ago aimed at the chareidi community, "Atidim Chalamish," already has over 100 chareidi students studying for degrees in engineering, optics, computer science, accounting, and business management—and JCT has the largest single share of these students. He noted proudly, "Today we have 102 [students], and in a year or two, if we don't make too many mistakes, we will be talking about 1,000 or 2,000 students."

Mr. Wertheimer also talked about his fascination with and excitement about JCT: "I was completely fascinated when I came to JCT for the first time a few years ago... JCT has a few unique areas. First, they are the leader in the area of electro-optics, thanks to its founder, Dr. Zev Le'ev, which is one of the most important professions in today's high-tech world... JCT also has the world's only women's school for engineering [Machon Tal]."

He concluded his presentation by speaking about the sale of his company in 2006, and provided additional insights into the Israeli economic scene. He concluded his remarks by saying, "I urge all of you to join hands in supporting JCT... Everyone can make a difference."

The luncheon, held at the Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers, was attended by JCT supporters from virtually every industry. Leading sponsors included the global law firm of Troutman Sanders, whose chairman and managing partner, Bob Webb, delivered introductory remarks during the program; Ed Low of Low & Sons, NDS, a leading global media technology company with roots in Israel; and SATEC, a power-industry company also with



Mr. Wertheimer (holding glass plaque) receiving engraved glass gift from JCT President Elly Libin (left) and JCT board member Rob Bernstein (2nd from right), and Friends of JCT Executive VP, Rabbi Moshe Kinderlehrer (far right).

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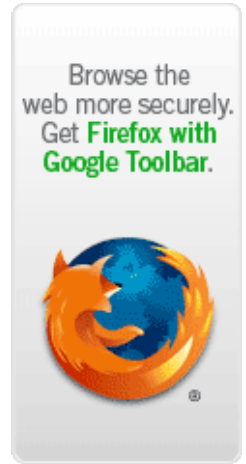
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roots in Israel.

Professor Yosef Bodenheimer (president of JCT), Elly Libin (president of Friends of JCT), and Robert Bernstein (JCT board member) made a special presentation to Mr. Wertheimer, thanking him for all his efforts on behalf of JCT, the State of Israel, and the Jewish people.



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