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## 'Friend' of Hebrew University honored

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Alan Fiske, a 72-year-old Hollywood resident and founder and managing partner of the accounting firm Fiske & Company in Plantation, recently received an honorary fellowship from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Alan Fiske, 72, of Hollywood, who serves on several boards of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, recently received an honorary fellowship from the university. (Submitted photo)

Fiske was president of the American Friends of Hebrew University's southeast board of directors for four years and currently is an active member of the University's board of governors and its Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace.

"He deeply cares about Hebrew University," said Monica Loebel, executive director of the AFHU southeast region in Boca Raton. "He is an exemplary leader. He leads by example."

**Jewish Journal:** How did you get involved with the American Friends of Hebrew University?

**Alan Fiske:** About six years ago our rabbi called and said he has Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad [then vice president of external relations at Hebrew University] and would we host him for dinner at our house? From that point we were very involved in Hebrew University.

I've been to Hebrew University three times in the last five years. We plan on going the third week in June. They have an annual board of governors meeting and they're combining it this year with the president's conference.

**JJ:** Talk about Hebrew University.

**AF:** Hebrew University provides the intellectual know how that has put Israel pretty much ahead. [It] is rated the number one university in Israel. They do a tremendous amount of research.

Hebrew University is just in a class by itself. They've been in the top 100 [universities] for many, many years. They were formed well before Israel was a country. Their vision was in order to be a successful country, you need a world-class university.

**JJ:** What have you been doing lately for the University?

**AF:** I'm very active on a national level with American Friends of Hebrew University which is the organization which raises money for the University.

I'm on the Harry S. Truman board that promotes peace. They have a number of various conferences and put out publications. They have a lot of interaction with their Arab neighbors. There is a lot going on behind the scenes trying to improve relations with the Arab world.

**JJ:** Are you doing any work with Jewish organizations?

**AF:** I'm active in the Broward County [Jewish] Federation. I'm on the finance and administrative committee and the business and professional [section].

**JJ:** What do you do when you're not involved with Jewish or Israeli organizations?

**AF:** I work full-time. I love it. To me it's not work; it's fun.

**JJ:** You sound a lot younger than 72. What's your secret?

**AF:** I'm 72 going on 50. Working out and eating right. I go to the JCC in Davie and I work out at home.