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## **The Hugo Chaim Adler Fund at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is establishing an endowed fund named after cantor, composer, and conductor Hugo Chaim Adler (1894-1955). One of the most prominent liturgical musicians of Germany in the first decades of the twentieth century, Adler was the chief cantor of the central synagogue of Mannheim until Kristallnacht (November 1938). Arrested for several months and released in 1939, Hugo and his young family found a new home in the USA where Adler became cantor, choir conductor, and music educator in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Hugo Chaim Adler's musical oeuvre for the synagogue was vast. An important component of his work consisted of several large music scores that he compiled for the synagogue in Mannheim and miraculously survived the Nazi occupation. These volumes were brought to America, but somehow disappeared from the public eye after Adler donated them to a collector of Jewish music. Since then, the Adler family considered these precious treasures forever lost. In January 2022, Professor Edwin Seroussi from the Department of Musicology of the Hebrew University and Director of the Jewish Music Research Centre, relocated these volumes in Philadelphia, triggering an emotional response by Prof. Samuel Adler, son of Hugo Chaim, and one of America's most distinguished composers of his generation. [You can hear this amazing story here.](#)

At 93 years of age and still going strong, Sam Adler's gratitude for this amazing rediscovery translated into the idea of memorializing his father and the Jewish community of Germany with the establishment of the Hugo Chaim Adler Fund at the Hebrew University. The Fund will be dedicated to **the study, preservation, and publication of German Jewish liturgical music** carried out by graduate students and researchers of the Jewish Music Research Centre. We hereby invite you, family members, friends, colleagues, and admirers of Sam Adler to contribute to the establishing of a solid and perpetual fund.

American Friends of the Hebrew University (AFHU) will generously organize and manage the Hugo Chaim Adler Fund at Hebrew University. AFHU has already laid out the platform of the Fund and it is ready to receive donations. We are aiming to reach a first stage of \$100,000 to establish this Fund with the hope that additional donations will be added to the initial endowment of \$10,000 dollars initiated by Sam Adler and his family.

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Monica Loebel, National Director of Development, is the contact at AFHU. Donation details are as follows:

1. All checks must be sent to Monica Loebel, AFHU, 100 W Cypress Creek Rd., suite 865, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. The checks should be for “American Friends of the Hebrew University” and please note in the check “On Behalf of the Hugo Chaim Adler Fund for the study, preservation, and publication of German Jewish liturgical music.”
2. If you prefer to pay via credit card or direct bank transfer, please contact the AFHU Southeast Region Office for payment instructions, 561.750.8585.
3. If you prefer the amount you donated to remain anonymous, please let Monica know.

### **The Jewish Music Research Center**

The Jewish Music Research Center – the only academic center in the world devoted to the documentation, research, and publication of materials on Jewish Music – is crucial to the ongoing preservation of Jewish culture and history. Music and Judaism are intimately connected: prayers, communal activities, life cycle events, Jewish festivals - all find expression in music. From the Song of Songs, the chanting of liturgical poems, and klezmer tunes through to modern Israeli compositions, music is a core aspect of Jewish civilization. Founded almost sixty years ago, the Jewish Music Research Centre (JMRC) at the Hebrew University is today led by world-leading scholar Professor. Edwin Seroussi, Israel Prize laureate for 2018. Its mission is to collect and study all documents pertaining to the musical traditions and musical life of Jewish communities past and present. Many projects are conducted with colleagues across the world, with findings published widely in print and digitally.

### **The Impact of the Hebrew University**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is Israel’s premier university as well as its most prolific research institution, consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world. The university community takes on the world’s toughest challenges: they are developers of new agricultural methods designed to help feed a growing global population; builders of solutions that are revolutionizing the automotive, security, and tech industries; and pioneers of computational medicine, focused on treating, preventing, and eradicating disease.

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The Hebrew University is home to the world-renowned Einstein Archives, which includes all of Einstein's work, which he bequeathed to the university, and the Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive, the largest collection of Jewish documentary films in the world. The Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences is Israel's foremost institute for interdisciplinary brain research and at the forefront of the revolution of neuroscience research. The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace was the first, and is the largest, research center in the Middle East dedicated to advancing peace, while the Faculty of Law is Israel's first law school and is the cornerstone of Israel's legal research and education. The Hebrew University is the key academic partner for the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and is the only university in Israel to offer degrees in agriculture and viticulture, as well as the only Veterinary School and Nutritional Sciences School in Israel.

### **American Friends of the Hebrew University**

The American Friends of Hebrew University (AFHU), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is focused on raising funds and awareness to support the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Since its inception in 1918 through today, Hebrew University's thought-leaders and changemakers have brought their innovative approach to solving global challenges and generating lifesaving therapies, products, and technologies with worldwide applications. Hebrew University students, faculty, and alumni have won eight Nobel Prizes, developed treatments for diseases, and ignited innovation that has led to more than 10,750 patents and over 3,000 inventions. HU encourages dialogue, information exchange, and a pluralistic approach to problem solving. The university offers 23,000+ students from around the world an environment of academic excellence and interdisciplinary inquiry. HU programs provide students with access to unique learning programs and resources on Jewish thought and culture as well as on world civilizations.

If you have any further questions regarding the Hugo Chaim Adler Fund and in general about AFHU, please contact Monica Loebel at 561.948.3342 or [mloebel@afhu.org](mailto:mloebel@afhu.org). Thank you for your support and consideration of this notable project.