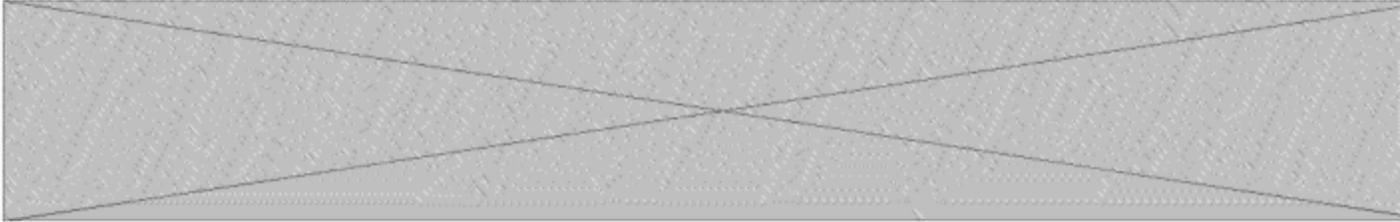


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Remembering Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (z"l)

Along with millions of Israelis and supporters of the Jewish State in the U.S. and around the world, we at the American Friends of The Hebrew University mourn the recent passing of former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, the larger-than-life soldier-statesman who, in the words of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, played “a central role in the battle for Israel's security from the very beginning.”

We are all familiar with the striking image and bold reputation of “Arik” the commander—a fiercely proud Jew who rose through the ranks, overcame searing personal and professional setbacks, and survived the perils of battlefields both military and political to become his nation's leader, daring in war and peace.

Yet some of us may be unaware that Ariel Sharon was also a member of the Hebrew University community. In 1952-53, he took a leave of absence from his military duties to study Middle East culture and history at our Jerusalem Campus, only to be summoned by the Chief of Staff to establish and command Unit 101, an elite and highly efficient anti-terror outfit.

Today as we honor Ariel Sharon, the American Friends of The Hebrew University recognizes with special pride the unique leadership role played by The Hebrew University in the cultural, political, social, technological, and scientific—as well as educational—life of the State of Israel.

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