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From the CEO

The colleges and universities in the Bay Area provide the perfect laboratory for engaging ideas important to Koret. With its renowned scholars, dynamic student body, and worldwide reach, Stanford University is a particularly fruitful environment for this work.

At Stanford, Koret supports the public policy research and analysis conducted by the Hoover Institution and Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), particularly as they pertain to the advancement of democratic societies, free-market economies, and education reform. We advance Jewish intellectual pursuits by funding the innovative work of the Taube Center for Jewish Studies and the organizations and programs that bring Judaism to life on campus, including Chabad and Hillel at Stanford. And we work to address specific unmet needs wherever they appear, from establishing a Jewish chaplaincy at Stanford Medical Center to creating a new home for recreational sports for students and faculty. Much of our work is in partnership with Taube Philanthropies, leveraging our investment in the life of the mind.

Through this support, we not only encourage academic inquiry but also develop resources that enrich our entire community.

We hope you enjoy learning about the impact of our support for Stanford University projects and programs, and we invite you to keep an eye out for a future issue of the *Catalyst* highlighting Koret's investments at UC Berkeley.

Jeffrey A. Farber
Chief Executive Officer



A GATHERING PLACE FOR ALL

The Koret Pavilion Joins Taube Hillel House at the Ziff Center for Jewish Campus Life

Living out its mission to connect students with the religious, cultural, and social aspects of Jewish life, Hillel at Stanford celebrated the opening of the new Koret Pavilion at the Ziff Center for Jewish Life in April with several events.

On April 1, buzz built up at an outdoor barbecue, and students' curiosity about the new building was satisfied with an Open Mic night on April 3, which drew over 150 students from across the campus for an evening of music, poetry, and comedy. Shabbat dinner on April 4 was followed the next night by a "Bat Mitzvah" theme party. The formal Grand Opening Celebration occurred on April 13, which included a student-produced film about the history of Jewish life at Stanford, remarks by Avraham Infeld, President Emeritus of Hillel International, a ribbon cutting by Koret President Tad Taube, and mezuzah hanging by donor Lela Sarnat, daughter of Harold and Libby Ziff, for whom Stanford's Center for Jewish Life is named. The *a capella* group Talisman performed, and University President Emeritus Don Kennedy offered welcoming remarks.

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Executive Director Adina Danzig, President Linda Kurz, and Stanford student Andrew Ehrich in front of the Taube Hillel House.

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The Koret Pavilion greatly expands Hillel's capacity to serve the Stanford community. Adjacent to the existing Taube Hillel House, the new 9,500-square-foot building provides additional meeting, dining, and prayer space. The Koret Pavilion has space to seat up to 150 students at a time for Shabbat dinners, to accommodate large lectures and celebrations, and to offer the KoPa Café lounge space for students, faculty, and community members to relax and exchange ideas.

Noted developer and Stanford benefactor John Arrillaga was instrumental in the project. After attending Stanford on a basketball scholarship and graduating in 1960, Arrillaga has been one of the university's most generous donors. Through his generous offer to shepherd the development of both the Taube Hillel House and the Koret Pavilion, Hillel at Stanford is now able to provide the full range of programming necessary for the university's dynamic Jewish student population.

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PUTTING ECONOMICS TO WORK

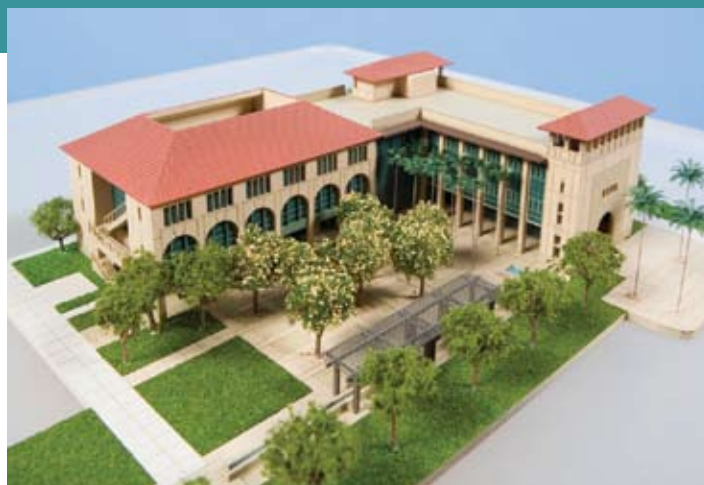
The Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

Stanford's economists are breaking ground on a new high-tech home. In May 2008, construction began on 32,000 square feet of new office space and conference centers for the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR).

The John A. & Cynthia Fry Gunn Building, supported by major grants from the Koret Foundation and Taube Philanthropies, will include the state-of-the-art Koret-Taube Conference Center, advancing the institute's goal of fostering collaboration and debate, and will provide office space for researchers, visiting scholars, and policymakers. By creating more space for these groups to interact, SIEPR hopes to bring the quality and originality of its researchers' work to even higher levels.

Since 1982, SIEPR has found innovative ways to bring research out of the university and into the "real world." The brainchild of Koret Board Member Michael Boskin (a SIEPR scholar) and Professor of Economics Paul David, the nonpartisan economic policy research organization drew on an idea brought forth earlier by former Secretary of State George Shultz and Koret Board President Tad Taube: Create a central point for economics scholars, currently spread throughout the university, to meet with each other and with business and government leaders to debate and analyze ideas. SIEPR has thus become a convener of economics discourse at Stanford.

Through sponsorship of their "Critical Issues" sessions, Koret has supported the high-profile and prestigious SIEPR Economic Summits, which link the academic community with policymakers and leaders from the private sector. The 2007 summit included a keynote address from Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke; the 2008 summit included a keynote address by United



Artist's rendering of the John A. & Cynthia Fry Gunn Building

Drawing courtesy SIEPR

States Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson. The "Critical Issues" sessions emphasized the leading points of interest for each summit through panel discussion and debate.

Koret has also supported other SIEPR conferences covering a variety of topics, including "Communications Policy," at which Martin Perry, chief economist of the Federal Communications Commission, spoke; and "Market Design," which focused on how game theory and market design could be applied to real-world problems like kidney exchanges, school choice algorithms, timber auctions, and spectrum exchanges.

Over the past 25 years, SIEPR scholars have served on the Council of Economic Advisors, at the U.S. Treasury Department and Department of Justice, at the International Monetary Fund, on the Federal Communications Commission, and on the Securities and Exchange Commission. Past SIEPR directors have included some of the most respected economists in the field, and the organization's support and interest from the business community has grown substantially as the institute has matured.

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ATTENDING TO THE SOUL

The Jewish Chaplaincy Program at Stanford University Medical Center



Photo by Michael Winokur

Under Dr. Feldstein's direction, the Jewish Chaplaincy provides spiritual care to 1,400 Jewish patients and their families each year.

Most Stanford physicians work to treat their patients' diseases; Chaplain Bruce Feldstein, M.D., seeks to heal their souls.

Trained as an emergency room physician, Chaplain Feldstein now serves as founder and director of the Jewish Chaplaincy at Stanford University Medical Center. Together with Chaplain D'vorah Rose, R.N., M.A., and a cadre of specially trained volunteers, the Jewish Chaplaincy provides spiritual care to Jewish patients and their families, strengthens Jewish community, and educates doctors, nurses, and volunteers on the value of tending to patients' spiritual needs. Since 2000, Jewish chaplains have been available to the 1,400 Jewish patients who are hospitalized each year, as well as to patients of other faiths. Most Jewish patients are not affiliated with a local synagogue and so have no rabbi or chaplain to turn to in times of anguish, uncertainty, or loneliness.

Koret has supported Feldstein's work at Stanford University Medical Center since the inception of the Jewish Chaplaincy, which is organized in the Spiritual Care Service of Stanford Hospital and Clinics. The chaplaincy serves the patients, family, staff, and commu-

nity at Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and Stanford University School of Medicine.

"The Koret Foundation is a weight-bearing pillar of the Bay Area Jewish community," Feldstein said. "It sounds cliché to say it, but we really could not do what we do without the support of Tad Taube and the Koret Foundation."

Feldstein's unique background makes him particularly well suited to run the chaplaincy program. Board certified in emergency medicine, Feldstein chose to leave behind the fast-paced treatments required in the ER to move into a field that allows more in-depth focus on each patient. His knowledge of how hospitals and doctors work has allowed him to bridge the gap between physical and spiritual care in a highly effective manner. In just eight years, Feldstein has built a strong network of relationships at Stanford, reaching out to the community through a wide range of programs, and assembling a board of advisors that includes physicians, rabbis, and Jewish community leaders.

To help train the next generation of doctors, Feldstein also teaches at Stanford's School of Medicine, where he is an adjunct clinical professor. His award-winning course "Spirituality and Meaning in Medicine," required for all medical students, teaches future physicians how to conduct a spiritual assessment of their patients and how to use that evaluation to promote healing. He also teaches an elective course called "The Healer's Art."

In March 2007, Feldstein became the first recipient of the new Isaac Stein Award for Compassionate Care, awarded by the Stanford Hospital and Clinics board of directors in recognition of his outstanding contribution to patient care.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

The “Shabbat Experience” at Stanford Chabad

Every Friday night, more than a hundred students gather at the home of Rabbi Dov and Rachel Greenberg to dine, socialize, and celebrate Shabbat. The “Shabbat Experience,” supported by a multiyear grant from the Koret Foundation, has grown to become one of the largest single regular Jewish events serving the Stanford community.

“The Chabad House at Stanford provided me with the Jewish life I needed during my time at university,” reflected journalism graduate student Francine Miller. “Always warm, always welcoming, and on Friday nights, a real home away from home.”

With gourmet food prepared by Rachel and volunteer student chefs, these Shabbat dinners combine the comfort of home-cooked meals with the wide-ranging intellectual curiosity one expects from Stanford students. Chabad invites prominent faculty, visiting scholars, and community members to attend its Shabbat Experiences and speak to students on Judaism and Israel, as well as to share their experiences as Jewish people in the business world, public service, the arts, education, or social activism.

Speakers have included author Dennis Prager; Larry Kramer, Dean of Stanford Law School and one of the country’s leading legal scholars; Dr. Charles Jacobs, president of the David Project Center for Jewish Leadership; Professor Ruth Wisse from Harvard University; and Dr. Joseph Perl, CEO of Mobilygen Inc.

Shabbat dinners reinforce the Chabad values of welcoming every Jew, regardless of affiliation or degree of observance; creating a sense of belonging; supporting Jewish learning; and fostering spiritual growth and practice. Chabad also provides a safe haven for the university’s pro-Israel community, as the organization strongly supports the State of Israel.

Rabbi Greenberg hopes to encourage the personal growth and personal transformation of each individual Jew, without judgment, by helping connect the inner self and Jewish identity of each person. Under his guidance, the Chabad House has become what one student called “an oasis of rest in an otherwise restless age.”



Photo courtesy Stanford Chabad

Stanford Chabad’s “Shabbat Experience” has become one of the largest Jewish events serving the Stanford community.

RAISING THE BAR

The Taube Center for Jewish Studies

On April 27, 2008, the Taube Center for Jewish Studies hosted acclaimed author and former Koret Jewish Book Award winner A.B. Yehoshua in a public conversation with Center Co-director Vered Shemtov. Sponsored by the Israel Project, an initiative that brings the Middle East to the West Coast, Yehoshua is serving as Writer in Residence for 2007-2008. His novels, plays, and essays focus on the identities of contemporary Israelis, the everyday lives of modern people living in an ancient land and how the past can be both a burden and an inspiration for the future.



Taube Center for Jewish Studies Co-directors Prof. Vered Shemtov and Prof. Charlotte Fonrobert.

This intermingling of the past and the future carries through many of the center's projects. Through the Hebrew@Stanford program, students make extensive use of cutting-edge technologies to study the ancient language. This commitment to innovative technology has garnered praise and visibility for the program at Stanford and beyond.

Digital Language Learning Lab director Joseph Kautz said, "The Hebrew program at Stanford has created innovative online learning tools by integrating state-of-the-art technologies and compelling authentic multimedia content. The work has raised the bar for the rest of the field in the design and execution of visually lush and pedagogically rigorous online resources for foreign language instruction."

The center has not, however, neglected the high value of the low-tech written word. Center Co-director Charlotte Fonrobert coordinates the Text and Culture speaker series, which encourages lecturers to examine the tradition of textual studies in Jewish scholarship and how those texts fit in with — or stand apart from — their cultural contexts.

In addition to these special programs, the Taube Center for Jewish Studies stands as the center for academic Jewish life at Stanford, with 18 affiliated faculty members (three with endowed chairs) who teach hundreds of undergraduates each year in courses ranging from "Biblical Hebrew" to the apocalyptic "Millennium, Messiahs, and Mayhem." The Taube Center also supports graduate-level study, offers four annual endowed lectures, and creates numerous opportunities for faculty, students, and the community to engage with Judaism through symposia, colloquia, conferences, and other events.

RESEARCH, COLLABORATION, AND DISSEMINATION

The Hoover Institution

Committed to generating, analyzing, and distributing ideas that define a free society, the Hoover Institution at Stanford University works to limit government intrusion into the lives of individuals, improve the human condition, and secure and safeguard peace.

"I want to extend my deep appreciation to the Koret Foundation for its immense contribution through the years," said John Raisian, the Tad and Dianne Taube Director of the Hoover Institution. "The partnership and friendship between the Koret Foundation and the Hoover Institution has been one of great success."

For more than a decade, the Koret Foundation has supported the Hoover Institution and its mission. We are proud to provide funding for three major projects: the Koret Task Force on K–12 Education, the Koret-Taube Task Force on National Security and Law, and the Koret Distinguished Visiting Fellows Program.

- **The Koret Task Force on K–12 Education** is a results-oriented group of scholars from a variety of disciplines who meet regularly to discuss education policy. Members generate scholarly writings, opinion pieces, books, and the top-rated quarterly *Education Next*, for which the task force members serve as editorial board. In addition, the Koret Task Force has been called to consult with the legislatures of Florida, Arkansas, and Texas to improve education policy in these states, and individual members have advised at the national level at institutions including the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor.
- **The Koret-Taube Task Force on National Security and Law**, which held its inaugural dinner in



Photo courtesy Stanford Visual Arts Services

Hoover Senior Fellow and Koret Task Force on K–12 Education member Paul Peterson

January 2008, is one of eight new task forces the Hoover Institution established on the model of the Koret Task Force on K–12 Education. According to Task Force Chairman Peter Berkowitz (the Tad and Dianne Taube Senior Fellow), the task force will look at how terrorism has changed — or should change — the framework for criminal and martial law, the challenges of balancing liberty and security in a post-9/11 world, and the ideal division of labor among the three branches of government.

- **The Koret Distinguished Visiting Fellows Program** brings international scholars to the Stanford campus for research, teaching, and collaboration. With demonstrated expertise in Israel and Middle East politics, national security, counterterrorism, and related fields, these scholars come from a broad range of potential academic disciplines, including economics, history, political science, and law.

Past Koret Distinguished Visiting Fellows have included Shavit Matias, Israel's deputy attorney general; Itamar Rabinovich, the past president of Tel Aviv University; and Brigadier General Eival Gilady, chairman of Koret Israel Economic Development Funds and CEO of the Portland Trust in Israel.

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A SHADY OASIS

The Koret Plaza at the Arrillaga Center for Sports & Recreation

While the term “sports center” might bring to mind sweaty subterranean weight rooms, Stanford’s Arrillaga Center for Sports & Recreation, and the surrounding Koret Plaza, break free from this stereotype.

As befits a world-class university, Stanford’s Arrillaga Center boasts not only a weight room but also a 3,600-square-foot studio used for yoga, tae kwon do, wrestling, and other activities; a sports medicine and human performance center; an academic resource center; a fencing facility; three basketball courts; squash courts; and a rock-climbing room. The 1.75-acre Koret Plaza shades the center with oak trees and offers enthusiastic gym-goers — and more subdued wanderers — a network of paved paths and open areas for tailgating or picnicking.



Photos courtesy David Gonzales/Stanford Athletics

The Koret Plaza and Arrillaga Center for Sports & Recreation offer plenty to do for even the most sports-phobic student.

With the building’s open, accessible architecture and the plaza’s inviting landscaping, the sports center is welcoming for all — regardless of athletic ability or inclination.



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