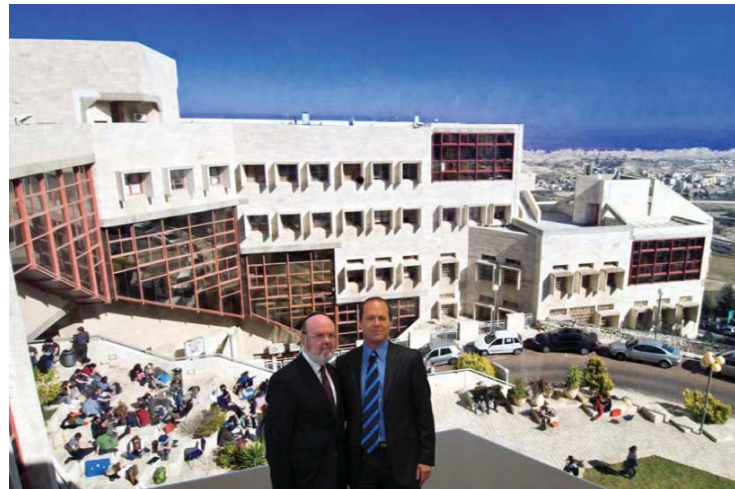


ICare4Autism Convenes Unprecedented Global Leadership Gathering in Yerushalayim

On August 1-2, 2012, more than 1,500 leaders in autism research, education and policy from every continent will gather in Yerushalayim for ICare4Autism's 2012 international conference, "Autism: A Global Perspective." The conference will highlight groundbreaking research into the causes and treatments of autism spectrum disorders and will serve as a catalyst for powerful new collaborations to tackle the global autism crisis.

Dr. Joshua Weinstein, founder and CEO of ICare4Autism (International Center for Autism Research and Education), explained, "Thanks to the latest advances in research and practice, autism and hope are no longer mutually exclusive, but the rapidly increasing rate of autism incidence represents an urgent call to global action. The time to act is now."

Dame Stephanie Shirley, the



Dr. Joshua Weinstein, ICare4Autism's Founder and CEO, stands with Mayor of Yerushalayim Nir Barkat, overlooking the ICare4Autism Global Autism Center due to open in 2015.

British government's founding ambassador for philanthropy, and chairman of the Shirley Foundation, will deliver the "Autism: A Global Perspective" keynote address.

She will be joined by distinguished researchers and practi-

tioners from more than twenty countries who will unveil their latest biomedical discoveries and educational innovations.

The latest biomedical research will be presented by Dr. Eric Hollander, chairman of the ICare4Autism Advisory

Council and director of the Autism Spectrum Program at New York's Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center ("Neuropsychopharmacology of Oxytocin and Inflammation in ASD"); Dr. Randi Hagerman, medical director of the M.I.N.D. Institute/University of California Davis ("New Initiatives in Autism Research and Practice"); and Dr. Hakon Hakonarson of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Center for Autism Research ("Gene Networks Underlying Autism Targeted for Therapeutic Intervention").

Policymakers, including Juan Carlos Brandt, advocacy chief for the Department of Public Information of the United Nations, and Eileen Hopkins, expert advisor to the World Health Organization on autism, will share insights into challenges posed by the rising

incidence of autism worldwide.

Innovative, effective educational practices will be featured in presentations by Dr. S. Mariam Aljunied, senior autism specialist for the Singapore Ministry of Education; Dr. Carlos Marcin Salazar, director of the National Autism Clinic of Mexico; Drs. Tamar Weiss, Eynat Gal and Nirit Bauminger of Bar-Ilan University in Israel; and Dr. Pamela Wolfberg, director of the Autism Spectrum Program at the University of California-San Francisco. Attendees will tour the campus where ICare4Autism will open the world's first Global Autism Research and Education Center in 2015.

ICare4Autism is a New York-based charitable organization founded in 2004 to catalyze breakthrough innovations in autism research, diagnosis and treatment. For information, please visit Icare4autism.org.

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