At its session on the 7th day of December, 2016
the Senate of Tel Aviv University resolved to honor

Raya Strauss Ben-Dror

in recognition
of her exceptional impact on Israel’s development as a businesswoman and philanthropist; her four decades at the helm of the Strauss Group, alongside her brother Michael, during which time it flourished into a successful multinational corporation; her humanitarian spirit in shepherding the company toward socially responsible values and in personally supporting initiatives that boost opportunity, nurture civic engagement and promote Jewish continuity; her profound belief in philanthropy as a vehicle for social and economic betterment, particularly for residents of the Western Galilee; her endeavors to reform Israel’s philanthropic sector; and her warm friendship toward Tel Aviv University as engaged Governor and generous benefactor, including her recent establishment of the Raya Strauss Center for Family Business Research on campus,

by conferring upon her the degree of

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