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The Israel Academy of Sciences and  
Humanities cordially invites you  
to a symposium honoring

**Prof. Michel Revel**  
on his 80th Birthday



**August 20, 2018, at 13:00**  
**at the Israel Academy**  
Albert Einstein Square  
43 Jabotinsky Street, Jerusalem

- Chair: **Dr. Eli Opper**
- 13:00–13:15 Gathering
- 13:15–13:30 Greetings  
**Dr. Eli Opper**, Chairman of the Board, Kadimastem  
**Prof. Ruth Arnon**, Past President of the Israel Academy
- 13:30–14:00 **Prof. Andrew Chan**, Head of the Department of Neurology and Deputy Director, Bern University Hospital  
**Three decades after the introduction of interferon-beta in multiple sclerosis: Are there still unmet needs, or are we there?**
- 14:00–14:30 **Dr Klaus Urbahns**, Merck KgaA, Darmstadt  
**News from the Merck Research Laboratories, and remembering Rebif**
- 14:30–14:45 Coffee Break
- 14:45–15:15 **Prof Tamir Ben-Hur**, Head of the Department of Neurology and Director of the Division of Clinical Neurosciences, Hadassah – Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem  
**Regenerative medicine for the brain: Where are we heading?**
- 15:15–15:45 **Dr Michal Izrael**, Head of the Neurodegenerative Disease Unit, Kadimastem, Weizmann Science Park, Nes Ziona  
**The road that led to the first clinical trial with AstroRx, human young astrocytes differentiated from pluripotent stem cells for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)**
- 15:45–16:15 **Dr Kfir Molakandov**, Head of the Diabetes Unit, Kadimastem, Weizmann Science Park, Nes Ziona  
**Large-scale production of insulin-secreting islet-like cells from human pluripotent stem cells: Progress in developing cell therapy for diabetes**
- 16:15–16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30–17:00 **Prof. Shoshana Revel-Vilk**, Gaucher Clinic and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Unit, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Jerusalem  
**Gaucher disease as a model for rare diseases**
- 17:00–17:30 **Prof. Ariel Revel**, Director, Reproductive Medicine and In Vitro Fertilization Unit, Assaf Harofeh Medical Center, Tel Aviv University Medical School  
**Innovations in fertility treatments**
- 17:30–18:00 **Rabbi Shlomo Vilk**, Rabbi of the Emek Refaim Congregation, Jerusalem  
Head of the Mahanayim Hesder Yeshiva, Ephrat  
**Bioethical debates at the Israel Fertility Association**
- 18:00–18:30 **Ambassador Sammy Revel**, Israel’s Ambassador to Cyprus  
**Israeli – European relations: Taking the innovation highway**
- 18:30–19:00 Greetings and thanks
- 19:00–21:00 Buffet dinner
- 20:00–20:30 Dinner lecture:  
**Prof. Elisheva Revel-Neher**, Former Chair of the Department of Art History, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
**Ecclesia and Synagoga: A feminine allegory as the incarnation of Judeo-Christian polemics**