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**Prof. Esther Shohami**  
**General Secretary**  
**Lady Davis Fellowship Trust**  
**Jerusalem, Israel**

Dear Professor Shohami,

It is with great honor and gratitude that I remember this day thirty six years ago, October 11, 1983, when I came to the Holy Land for my Masters degree work at the Technion through the generous financial support of Lady Davis Fellowship Trust. That same instant opened opportunities towards a doctoral degree research and, further, for a post-doctoral work at the Technion.

I've since been a faculty at Addis Ababa University and have served several government and non-governmental institutions as a board member, advisor, consultant and manager. At present, I serve the Federal Ministry of Urban Development & Construction as a Chief Advisor (Capacity Building, Technology Transfer & Policy) and its Technical Adviser and Specialist Consultant on Construction Industry Capacity Building. I also established a multi-disciplinary Structural Engineering consulting company.

Ever since that particular day, I forged a strong relationship and unbreakable bond with my two-degree-work advisor Prof. Uri Kirsch, my post-doc faculty, the late Prof. J. Gluck, RIP, faculty and staff at Civil & Environmental Engineering, my then-classmates who are now leaders and managers in different assignments, as well as the people and land of Israel. I also become a Member of American Technion Society since around 2014.

Dear Madam, the support of the Trust has made everything positively different for me, my family, my university and other institutions here in Ethiopia and with which I established working relationships. I remain very grateful to what was done for me in those days where it was extremely difficult, if not impossible, to secure scholarships elsewhere.

Please very kindly accept this gratitude and share among the proud Lady Davis Fellowship Trust management, staff and friends that their work has never been in vain; in fact, it has created silent, but committed, friends to the people and the country of Israel.

**Shana Tova & Humble Gratitude!**

