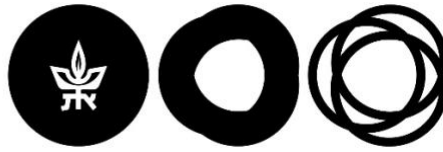


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אוניברסיטת תל אביב



12 April 2026

Dear Sirs and Madams,

The SDU-TAU Joint Institute for Jewish and Israel Studies joins with and wishes to share the condolences on the sudden death of Prof. Aron Shai expressed by Prof. Youde Fu, Co-Head of the Institute and the Director of the Center for Judaic and Inter-Religious Studies at Shandong University. His words follow:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Professor Aron Shai. On behalf of the Center for Judaic and Inter-Religious Studies at Shandong University, I would like to express our profound sorrow at his loss and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, and the entire Tel Aviv University community.

Professor Shai visited and engaged in academic exchanges with Shandong University on numerous occasions, and played a pivotal role in fostering and strengthening the relationship between Tel Aviv University and Shandong University. His vision, dedication, and contributions have left a lasting impact on our institution. My colleagues, our students, and I will always remember him with great respect and gratitude.

Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Sincerely,

Youde Fu
Professor and Director
Center for Judaic and Inter-Religious Studies
Shandong University

We ask that you kindly pass these words on to Prof. Shai's family.

Best Regards,

Prof. Uriya Shavit

Head, SDU-TAU Joint Institute