REGULATIONS:

1. The Prize will be known as the Michael Hirschfeld Award in Archaeology. The main purpose of the Award is to enable one student each year, who is advanced in his/her studies of Archaeology, to travel to Israel and take part in an excavation in order to gain valuable practical experience in his/her chosen field.

2. One Award will be made annually and will be up to a maximum value of $4,500. The emolument is to be used towards the following costs: a return airfare from Auckland to Tel Aviv, transport from Tel Aviv airport to Jerusalem, hostel accommodation in Jerusalem and three weeks’ accommodation on site at Ein Gedi excavation.

3. The Award will be made to a full-time student at the University of Auckland who has distinguished himself/herself in Stage III, Honours or Masters courses in Archaeology offered by the Department of Anthropology.

4. The Award will be made by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation the Head of the Department of Anthropology.

5. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

6. In the event of a tie, the Head of the Department of Anthropology shall determine, in consultation with the Hirschfeld family if the Prize may be shared.

7. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Hirschfeld family, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Award.

8. On return to the University of Auckland the awardee will supply a report on the work accomplished with the aid of this Award to the Head of the Department of Anthropology.

The Award was established in 1999 to commemorate the life of the late Michael Avigdor Hirschfeld. A successful business man, Michael’s interest in politics led him back to the Labour Party of which he became President in 1995. Despite many other commitments, his life-long passion for archaeology endured. His interest in this field was sparked by taking part in the excavation of the Jewish fortress of Masada in Israel. It is the family’s hope that this Scholarship will enable others to experience what Michael described as one of the most exciting periods of his life.