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**STANLEY FISCHER, JESSE ROTH, LIA KOENIG AMONG THOSE TO  
RECEIVE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE HONORARY PHDS**

**REHOVOT, ISRAEL—November 9, 2014**—Vice chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve System’s Board of Governors and former governor of the Bank of Israel Prof. Stanley Fischer, renowned diabetes researcher Prof. Jesse Roth, and veteran actress Lia Koenig will be receiving honorary doctorates from the Weizmann Institute of Science on Monday evening, November 10. Also receiving honorary doctorates are another three esteemed researchers and financial leaders. The recipients are:

**Prof. Marvin L. Cohen**, one of the world’s foremost condensed-matter physicists, noted for developing and applying quantum theory for predicting and explaining properties of materials. His visionary research has had a significant impact in the fields of nanotechnology and materials science. Prof. Cohen’s research is highly influential, with papers that are among the most-cited in the world of physics. He is renowned for his close collaborations with both theoreticians and experimentalists across the globe.

**Prof. Stanley Fischer**, a highly respected economist and an expert on financial crises whose recent appointment as vice chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve System’s Board of Governors caps a distinguished career. This has included several leadership roles; among them, governor of the Bank of Israel, where he led a monetary policy that successfully mitigated the effects of the global economic crisis of 2008 on the Israeli economy.

**Lia Koenig Stolper**, “first lady of Israeli theater,” an acclaimed stage and screen actress whose extraordinary portrayal of significant and complex roles combines a supreme comic ability with a sensitive dramatic power, enriching Israeli culture for over 50 years.

**Prof. Jesse Roth**, a world-renowned diabetes researcher best known for his research on cell-surface membrane receptors and other molecules of intercellular communication. His studies on the receptor for insulin and the receptor for adrenocorticotropin in the early 1970s became the model for many others that followed.

**Prof. Simon Schama**, CBE, a professor of history and art history at Columbia University and the author of 16 widely translated books, as well as 50 documentaries on art, history, and literature. His work juxtaposes a rich array of sources from different places, including standard chronicles, legal documents, artwork, craft items, fiction, private letters, and architecture, and suggests an interpretation with a wide view of the society he is studying. The fascinating result invariably presents the audience with relevant insight into modern-day society.

**Dr. Herbert Winter**, a highly esteemed member of the European legal establishment who has combined a successful career in law with a lifelong commitment to public service and the Jewish community – in the broadest sense of this term. In the 1990s, he became very active in helping the descendants of Holocaust victims recover dormant accounts in Swiss banks and insurance companies. Feeling that time is running out, he immersed himself in this endeavor, in both legal counseling and public relations capacities, until a \$1.25 billion settlement was reached.

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