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LA litigator wins humanitarian award

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Litigator Patricia Glaser of Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs Howard Avchen & Shapiro LLP received the National Scopus Award on Saturday, the highest honor bestowed by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The nonprofit organization that promotes awareness of and raises funds for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem held the event at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel. The gala, which drew about 800 people, raised more than \$2.5 million through ticket sales and contributions.

Named for Mount Scopus, where The Hebrew University's first cornerstones were laid in 1918, the National Scopus Award is given to people who demonstrate humanitarian concerns throughout

their careers. Past honorees include singers Frank Sinatra and Barbra Streisand and "Night" author Elie Wiesel.

"I feel very blessed that someone decided that I might be able to join in those ranks," Glaser said in an interview Wednesday.

Since 2002, five graduates of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem have won the Nobel Prize in subjects such as economics and physics. Glaser called the university the "Harvard of the Middle East."

"It was created by people who believed that in order to make Israel into a state, then one of the first things people needed was a university," she said. "It gives its jewel to the world in the form of amazing research."

Glaser is vice chair of the Western Region of American Friends of The Hebrew University and

serves on the board of trustees for The National Judicial College, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's international board of governors, and the UCLA Israel Studies Program Advisory Board.

While her involvement in the American Friends of the Hebrew University has allowed Glaser to meet many people, some of whom are now her clients, she said that's not why she decided to join the organization more than 20 years ago.

"You get into an organization because you have a passion for it and good things come from that," she said. "I owe all my relationships with the thinkers and doers of Israel to the Hebrew University. It has made me a better person."

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