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Opening the Young Family School's 2026–27 Academic Year

What is Life?

An interdisciplinary conference celebrating the first Hebrew edition of Schrödinger's "little book"

November 10th, 2026 | 10:00–15:00 | Senate Hall, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

10:00 Gathering, coffee

10:30 Opening remarks
Amit Schejter *Head of Young Family School for the Human Experience, BGU*
Rona Aviram, *BGU*, and **Gal Manella**, *Caltech*, translators of "What is Life?"

10:45 Ute Deichmann *Jacques Loeb Centre of History and Philosophy of Science, BGU*
Schrödinger's molecular gene: vision, context, and blind spots

11:05 Addy Pross *Chemistry, BGU*
Life's Chemical Secret: The Origin of Purpose and Mind

11:25 Barak Rotblat *Life sciences, BGU*
What is identity?

11:45 Break: light lunch

12:30 Assaf Marron *Mathematics and computer science, Weizmann Institute of Science*
Exercising "The Astonishing Gift of Drinking Orderliness from the Environment": From the Kapitza Pendulum Effect to Evolution of Species

12:50 Itay Marienberg-Milikowsky *Hebrew Literature, the Literary Lab, BGU*
Intellectual Bravery Born of Signal Loss: Schrödinger, Auerbach, and Wartime Science Communication

13:10 Daniel Chamovitz *President, BGU*
Do plants know?

13:30 Book fair, live music

14:00 Daniel Nicholson *Philosophy, George Mason University*
What is Life?: Revisited

14:45 Concluding remarks