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PRESS RELEASE

**ScienceAbroad, the Organization of Israeli Scientists Abroad and Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative (RIIC)** announce they have opened a new Rhode Island center as the result of collaboration between the two organizations.

**The Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative (RIIC)** is a not for profit organization that fosters and strengthens trade, business, academic exchange and research between Rhode Island and Israel to benefit the economy and community of both. The Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative (RIIC) does so by building and strengthening the relationships between government organizations, businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, members of academia and the research community in Rhode Island and Israel.

**ScienceAbroad** is an Israel-based nonprofit organization that harnesses the power of senior Israeli scientists abroad. Through its wide-reaching professional and social network, ScienceAbroad inspires connections with local Jewish communities, international scientists and Israel. This network advances scientific achievements, bolsters the Israeli identity of scientists living overseas, and helps facilitate the return of great minds to Israel.

Since its inception in 2006, ScienceAbroad has grown to over 2,800 members in 300 campuses, with 25 branches worldwide run by scientists who volunteer their time and expertise. ScienceAbroad

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empowers Israeli scientists working on college campuses to speak out against the rampant de-legitimization of Israel.

At signing of the agreement, the following statements were given:

**Monika Lev-Cohen, the CEO of ScienceAbroad** "Israeli scientists can serve as a living bridge between Rhode Island and Israel. They bring Israel to the community while abroad and become ambassadors when they return to Israel. We congratulate the RIIC for their initiative to connect Rhode Island to ScienceAbroad's global network and hope to see the fruits of the collaboration being built soon. "

**Avi Nevel, the president and CEO of the Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative (RIIC)" Avi Nevel, the president and CEO of the Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative (RIIC)"** I see it as another important step to connect Israeli and Rhode Island academic and research institutions as part of our continuous effort. Rhode Island has excellent universities such as Brown University, Bryant University, Johnson and Wales University, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Salve Regina University, University of Rhode Island (URI) and others."

**Dr. Roey Tzezana, board member of the RIIC, the incoming ScienceAbroad regional manager, research fellow in Brown University** "Rhode Island and Israel share a passion for entrepreneurship and science. The collaboration between RIIC and ScienceAbroad will help Israeli students and researchers in Rhode Island to make the most of their time here doing research, and to disseminate its fruits for the benefit of both countries."

More about the [Rhode Island-Israel Collaborative \( RIIC\)](#)

More about [ScienceAbroad](#):

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