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**Review of the Implementation Report of Bar-Ilan University**

I want to thank the faculty and administration of Bar-Ilan University for their report on the implementation of the committee's recommendations. In all reviews of this nature, the most important goal is to stimulate an internal review of departmental practices. I am convinced that this has occurred.

Some of the recommendations of the committee were at a national level, such as the adjustment of level of the material covered in first year courses and the consideration of a national program for graduate students. Although these were not adopted as a whole, I note that several institutions have added preparatory courses for entering students, and that the separate graduate programs are now coordinated under the auspices of the Israel Mathematical Union. Both represent steps in the right direction.

At Bar-Ilan University a two-week course was introduced for entering students in basic logic and mathematical thought, and quizzes were added to test comprehension of the homework material. The financial mathematics program continues to attract students, although the department still needs to find a leader in the subject to run it. The main issue that remains is one of space -- the senior faculty offices are crowded and insufficient. I hope that the administration will find the means to address this as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benedict H. Gross'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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