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## AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE WEIZMMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE APPOINTS MARSHALL S. LEVIN NEW EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CEO

**NEW YORK, NY – February 13, 2008** – Marshall S. Levin has been appointed as the new Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Mr. Levin, former Senior Associate National Director and Director of National Development for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), was selected after a nationwide search for a candidate to direct the American Committee. The Committee represents the Weizmann Institute of Science, based in Rehovot, Israel, and develops philanthropic support in the U.S. for the Institute's scientific research programs.

Lawrence S. Blumberg, Chairman of the American Committee's Board of Directors, announced Mr. Levin's appointment. A search committee presented its findings to the Board's Executive Committee, which approved the selection of Mr. Levin.

"We are delighted and fortunate that Marshall Levin is joining the American Committee at this time in our organization's history," Mr. Blumberg said in New York. "He brings an exceptional portfolio of relevant professional experience to the Weizmann Institute family, including managing major national fund-raising programs; broad knowledge of and a substantial connection to Israel; private sector entrepreneurial expertise; and most importantly, a true passion for our mission of Science for the Benefit of Humanity."

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Marshall Levin's professional reputation spans the globe and includes senior positions in Jewish communal life and in the private sector. Mr. Levin is an honors graduate of Swarthmore College. He holds a Master of Social Service from Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. In addition to his senior position at ADL, Mr. Levin served as Executive Director of Financial Resource Development for UJA-Federation of New York; Executive Director of Community Planning & Allocations for The Associated:Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore; Supervisor of Northern Israel in charge of Crisis Intervention for the Ministry of Social Welfare; Lecturer at the Haifa University School of Social Work; and executive director of synagogues in the Conservative and Reform movements.

In the for-profit arena, Mr. Levin served as president and CEO of a national education and entertainment company, and as editor-in-chief of a publishing house.

At the American Committee, Mr. Levin will direct and oversee the organization's extensive financial resource development activities in the U.S., including its 10 regional offices. During the 2007 fiscal year, the Committee raised \$121 million for the Weizmann Institute, exceeding the previous year's \$89 million achievement.

"It is a privilege to work on behalf of an institution that serves all of humanity without distinction and has improved the quality of lives of millions of people around the globe," Mr. Levin said. "Moreover, it is a privilege to represent one of Israel's finest assets, and to know that our efforts here will directly assist the Weizmann Institute to maintain and expands its record of excellence in scientific research and education."

Mr. Levin succeeds Martin Kraar in the position, who recently concluded a decade of service at the American Committee.

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The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science (ACWIS), founded in 1944, develops philanthropic support for the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, one of the world's premier scientific research institutions. The Weizmann Institute is a center of multidisciplinary scientific research and graduate study, addressing crucial problems in medicine and health, technology, energy, agriculture, and the environment. For additional information, please visit www.weizmann-usa.org.