AFTER A distinguished career as dean of the Hebrew University Law Faculty, attorney-general and president of the Supreme Court, Lithuanian-born Holocaust survivor Aharon Barak, who in 1975 at the age of 38 was one of the youngest of Israel Prize laureates, received yet another award to add to his many prizes. Barak, whose best award was in discovering there are life and career options after retirement from the Supreme Court, is now a law professor at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. He is also a law lecturer at Hebrew University, Yale Law School, Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Toronto Law Faculty.

And oh yes, he continues to receive prizes – and last week was the recipient of the Nadav Foundation’s Peoplehood Award. The award was presented to him by foundation founder Leonid Nevzlin, in the course of a three-day conference on democracy and freedom of the press – which Barak not only upholds but enhanced during the period of his Supreme Court presidency. The conference was held at the Cramim Resort & Spa Hotel in Kiryat Anavim, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of Nevzlin’s aliya.

Previous recipients of the Nadav award have been Prof. Yehezkiel Dror, Joseph Cedar, Prof. Elie Wiesel and Avishai Cohen. Participants in the conference included retired Supreme Court justice Dalia Dorner, who is president of the Israeli Press Council; IDC president Prof. Uriel Reichman; law professor and former education minister Amnon Rubinstein; Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales; chess champion Garry Kasparov; and many senior lawyers and journalists.