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National Library inherits Teva shares

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The National Library of Israel has recently received an unusual inheritance: 300,000 shares of the Teva pharmaceutical giant. The shares are currently estimated to be worth about NIS 42 million.

The donation was given by Naomi Salomon, who passed away two years ago, in her will. Salomon was the granddaughter of Yoel Moshe Salomon, founder of Petah Tikva, and daughter of Haim Salomon, deputy mayor of Jerusalem, member of the Jewish National Council, and a founder of Teva. Naomi Salomon was a senior advocate in the Ministry of Justice. She had worked as the assistant of five attorneys general: Haim Cohn, Gideon Hausner, Moshe Ben-Ze'ev, Meir Shamgar and Aharon Barak. In May 2011 she

passed away at age 97.

In her will Salomon stipulated that a special trust be established at the National Library to purchase for its collection manuscripts from the various fields of Jewish studies. In return, the library would her Naomi Salomon's parents, Haim and Hannah Salomon, by naming the library's Judaica collection for them.

"In recent years the National Library has been making significant efforts to enhance its collections and improve access to the spiritual and cultural assets of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel," said the library's director general, Oren Weinberg. "This donation expresses the growing recognition of private donors, trusts, and various organizations regarding the importance of the National Library in Israel's cultural arena."