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Most of the heads were grey at the 30th anniversary cum reunion of the founding of the Hebrew University's Paul Baerwald School of Social Work this week. That's because the few hundred of the school's 2,300 graduates who showed up were mostly from the earlier graduating classes.

There were also a few bald heads. Prof. Eliezer Jaffe, former director of the city's family and community services, noted that many of those present could no doubt remember when he had a full head of hair. He also recalled that as a new immigrant teacher at the fledgling school, his Hebrew had been so bad that his students had begged him to lecture in English.

Former city councillor Lotte Salzberger, a teacher at the school from its inception and later dean, said she felt like "an antique." But she is still "youthfully" active in city affairs.

Meanwhile, social workers have themselves joined the ranks of the poor, a state of affairs described by graduate and former MK Ya'acov Gil as "positively disgraceful." Social workers start out earning less than the minimum wage, Jaffe added.