

Attending Steven Spielberg's "Scopus Award" Acceptance
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Even elusive megastar Michael Jackson braved the glare of publicity yesterday to applaud one of Hollywood's greatest filmmakers.

But he kept his dark glasses very firmly on as he and Barbra Streisand congratulated Steven Spielberg on winning the coveted Scopus award.

Spielberg... was given the prize by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

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Filmmaker Steven Spielberg has received the Scopus award of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

"He's being honored for his accomplishments and humanitarian efforts," said Lee Cohen, spokesman for the charity that honored Spielberg at a \$3,000-per-plate scholarship fundraising dinner.

Presenting the award, named for Jerusalem's Mount Scopus, was Israeli Gen. Ezer Weitzman and actor Richard Dreyfuss, who starred in Spielberg's blockbusters "Jaws" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

...Gala attendee (and former Scopus Award winner) Barbra Streisand was the honorary chairwoman, and the powerhouse dais included Spielberg's wife, actress Amy Irving; master of ceremonies Richard Dreyfuss; former honorees Eydie Gorme and Steve Lawrence; Quincy Jones; George Lucas; Whoopi Goldberg; Harrison Ford (who never, but *never* attends parties); John Williams; and Michael Jackson.

Chris Cadman, author. "Michael Jackson the Maestro"

[Michael] escorted Sophia Loren to the presentation, where they were also photographed with Sylvester Stallone.