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**JAMES BILTEKOFF NAMED CHAIRMAN OF HWI'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

James Biltekoff, chairman of Vantage Roofing Systems LLC, has been named chairman of the Hauptman-Woodward Institute's Board of Directors.

Biltekoff has led a number of companies including Coolham Holdings, Inc., Alfresh Beverages Canada Corp., Astro Dairy Products Ltd., Elan Foods Inc., and Bison Foods, Inc.

He currently serves as a member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Buffalo's Executive Committee and is Chairman of the 2009 United Jewish Appeal. He is the Buffalo chapter president of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). In the past, he served on the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Board of Directors, the Shaw Festival Board of Governors, and as chairman of the Buffalo Convention Center Management Corp.

Biltekoff received his bachelor's degree in 1969 from Yale University. He received his MBA at Harvard Business School in 1972.

Biltekoff and his wife Joanne reside in Buffalo, New York.

***ABOUT HWI***

With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, the Hauptman-Woodward Institute is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in life-altering research. Our team of more than 75 members is committed to improving human health through the study of the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their fundamental molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in Downtown Buffalo, New York, in a state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at [www.hwi.buffalo.edu](http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu) or call 716-898-8600.