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Winner of Nobel Prize in Economics Prof. Robert J. Aumann of Hebrew University Presented with Toy Train "For All Game Theorists From Aged 3 and Up"

Jerusalem December 8, 2005 – At a festive reception that took place today at the Israeli Ambassador Eviatar Manor's residence in Sweden, to mark the award to Prof. Robert Aumann of Hebrew University of the Nobel Prize in economics, Aumann was presented with a special gift: A suitcase containing a toy train for children.

The gift was presented to him by a representative of the Brio wooden toy company. When asked why they chose such a gift, he said that in one of the interviews with Prof. Aumann following the announcement of his Nobel Prize win, Aumann had said that he loved to play with toy trains with his grandchildren. The company thus came up with the idea of presenting him with a train so that the Aumann family children could play with it at the hotel in Stockholm. On the suitcase, were the words: "For all game theorists from aged 3 and up".

Prof. Aumann related that since he was a boy, he loved to play with trains. In his house, Aumann has a large electric train set, and twice a year he takes it down to play with his grandchildren.

Also present at the reception were the wife of the Israeli Ambassador to Sweden Prof. Orly Manor of Hebrew University, Rabbi of the Stockholm community Meir Horden and close to 40 people – Aumann's family and friends, among others.

The presentation ceremony for the Nobel Prize will take place Saturday night on December 10, followed by a festive dinner with the Swedish royal family, King Karl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia.

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