

New Beginnings



**Ariel University Wishes Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year
and Chag Sameach!**

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One Year Later: Missing Yigal Cohen Orgad

It is hard to believe that it is already a year since our beloved Chancellor and founder, Yigal Cohen Orgad passed away.

Yigal's leadership and vision guided the University for 4 decades and we believe that the many amazing milestones achieved by Ariel University this past year would make Yigal very proud.

Chancellor Yigal Cohen

From Strength to Strength

For the past 12 years, Prof. Michael Zinigrad has served with great distinction as the Rector of Ariel University. The University has flourished under his academic stewardship and vision, and for this the University is indebted to Prof. Zinigrad and wish him the same success with all future endeavors.



Prof. Michael Zinigrad

Ariel University is proud to welcome Prof. Albert Pinhasov as the new Rector of Ariel University. Prof. Pinhasov has been at Ariel University for nearly 2 decades previously heading the Laboratory of Behavioral and Molecular Psychiatry in the Department of Molecular Biology he recently guided AU's research to innovation and excellence and most recently serving as our Vice President and Dean for Research and Development. Leading the University to greater levels of research and innovation. With Prof. Zinigrad passing the torch to Prof. Pinhasov, Ariel University is truly going from 'strength to strength.'



Prof. Albert Pinhasov

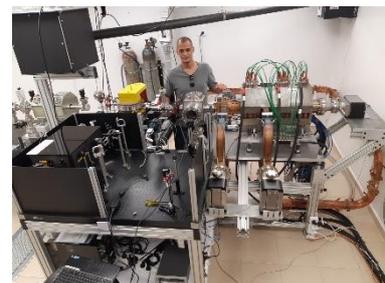
A Covid-19 Year

As with all universities, Covid-19 has challenged AU. We have held lectures and exams via long distance learning restricting on campus activities to capsulated classes where necessary and research. This was a daunting challenge when launching our inaugural medical school class – well done to Medical School Dean Shay Ashkenazi for achieving such great success.

Light Years Ahead at the Schlesinger Center

This past May, the Schlesinger Family Center for Compact Accelerators and Radiation (FEL) Sources Research conquered the problem of pulse synchronization and is now able to control and stabilize the pulses enabling its researchers to accelerate electrons at will. The significance of this breakthrough cannot be overstated. The center is changing cancer treatment and imaging, using technology that kills cancer cells while leaving healthy cells undamaged. This achievement is a major step forward.

The Schlesinger Center is acclaimed as the world's premier producer of Compact Accelerators and is now utilizing this superior technology to achieve trailblazing electron acceleration results, solidifying its global standing as a foremost research and applied science institution.



The world's most advanced compact particle accelerator together with Dr. Ariel Naus



TEVA Pharmaceuticals Partnership - A New Nature in Doing Business

Ariel University is proud to announce a new partnership it has formed with Teva Pharmaceuticals, the world's largest producer of generic drugs. In a first of its kind program in Israel, Ariel University and Teva have developed a track in which students will study and be trained in all areas of chemistry and given unique courses in pharmaceutical analysis and chromatography analysis combined with extensive experience in prestigious laboratories. This prestigious program, intended to prepare future leaders of the pharmaceutical field, includes scholarships and future jobs.

Friends EVERYWHERE - First International Friends of Ariel University Conference

Some may say, "It's a Small World After All," but the world of Ariel University is anything but small, having expanded greatly over the last year. Supporters of Ariel University from four continents have joined together and have added to our American Friends of Ariel University forming "Friends of AU" groups in Australia, Israel, Russia, Europe, the United Kingdom, Canada and Christian. We want to thank all the people who helped make Ariel University truly international. Through the support and help of our 'Friends,' we held four webinars each being viewed by over 100 viewers. More are planned.

Recently, our 'Friends' joined us for our first 'International Friends of Ariel University' conference with over forty attendees. Unfortunately, the coronavirus restricted the conference to a Zoom meeting, but we look forward to welcoming everyone to Israel next year.



Canvassing the Campus

Ariel University continues its dual distinction as Israel's newest and fastest growing university. To meet the unprecedented growth of our student body (over 16000 and counting) the campus also has been growing.

Milestones this year included:

- Completing our first year of the new Dr. Miriam & Sheldon G. Adelson Medical School
- Over 900 students applied to the medical school for the new academic year

The University is in the midst of great physical expansion with major work in process and planned for:

- Construction of the Motovich Center for Jewish Heritage
- Expansion of the Schlesinger Family Center for Compact Accelerators and Radiation Sources (FEL) Research
- Construction of the Samson Family Wine Research Center
- The planning of the York Entrepreneurship Development Institute (YEDI) Business Accelerator Campus
- Construction of the Medical Sciences Campus including
 - The Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Medical School
 - The Helmsley Regional Medical Center

This medical mini-campus at the heart of the greater Ariel University campus, is the only medical facility in all the Shomron and will benefit all residents of the region and all of Israel.

Thank you all for your support over this difficult year – we look forward to sharing in more successes in the year to come!

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