The Carmel Award of Merit

is awarded to

Dr. Arnie Aberman

In recognition of his tireless efforts and accomplishments on behalf of the University of Haifa as the President of the Canadian Friends of the University; for being a dear friend, advocate and dedicated supporter of the University; for helping us promote important projects such as the Ambassadors Online Program and student scholarships in National Security Studies.

As we mark the State’s 70th anniversary, it is most fitting that we present this award to him in recognition of his great love for the State of Israel and its people.

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Dr. Arnie Aberman was born in Montreal to Jack z"l, a Polish immigrant who owned a wedding gown manufacturer, and Ethel z"l, who was instrumental in Jack’s success. Arnie had three sisters and a brother. Arnie was always a good student, but his father told him that “being smart is a dime a dozen, what counts is what you do with your life.” Arnie had definite goals and was drawn to medicine.

Arnie attended both undergraduate and medical school at McGill University in Montreal where he met his future wife, Janis (Kaplan). He was awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Pulmonary Disease from the San Francisco Francisco General Hospital and Health Administration in 1971.

Dr. Arnie Aberman served as an Intern and as a Resident at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. He then spent two years as a Medical Resident at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at the Bronx Municipal Hospital Centre, New York. He did his research training at the Cardiovascular Research Institute of the University of California's Medical Centre, San Francisco, and at the Shock Research Unit of the University of Southern California School of Medicine in Los Angeles.

In the early 1970s, Arnie was one of a handful of Canadian doctors to specialize in intensive care. He was attracted to academic medicine because of the mentors he had at McGill and he believed that, as a doctor, you can help a group of patients but as an academic physician, you can teach hundreds of doctors and thus influence medical care.

In 1973, Arnie joined the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto as a Staff Physician and Co-Director of the Intensive Care Unit, as well as serving as a consultant at Toronto General and Women’s College Hospital. At the same time, he was appointed an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Arnie had a major interest in the problems of the critically ill patient. His main efforts centered on teaching the future physicians about the care of the critically ill patient. From 1992 to 1999, Arnie served as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

Arnie served on many Boards in the US and Canada. He was appointed a member of the Order of Canada and received Honorary Doctorate degrees from Laurentian University (Sudbury, Ontario), Lakehead University (Thunder Bay, Ontario), University of Toronto and the University of Haifa.

Arnie has been a close and dedicated friend to the University of Haifa for many years and is the current President of the Canadian Friends of the University of Haifa.

Arnie and Janis have three children: Robert, Michael, and Leslie and 11 grandchildren.