

December 26, 2021

Dear Students,

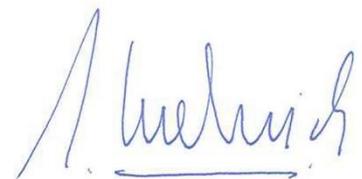
I am excited and thankful for my appointment as President of Reichman University. Thrilled and humbled I enter the role of Prof. Reichman – founder president of the University, who has brought us to our impressive success, in the challenging task of establishing a University without public support and without Endowment.

Reichman University was established, first and foremost, for you; you are our partners in founding this prestigious institution and this is the secret to our success. I promise to maintain this partnership, which is our greatest asset, and which ensures we function, develop, succeed and reach outstanding achievements on an international scale. All these in a relatively short period of time, shorter than is usually required for the establishment of a leading university.

We are entering a new era; the recognition we have received as a university requires us to continue to develop academically and to accomplish even greater achievements in research, beyond the ones attained so far. We are also committed to constantly develop innovative and up-to-date teaching methods, based on the interdisciplinary approach we are identified with. We will continue to reduce the academic "silos", work to integrate the different disciplines and to combine technologies in the social sciences, complying with our "new interdisciplinary" approach. We will continue to follow the inherent values and the binding vision instilled by Prof. Reichman – "freedom and responsibility" – so that you can fulfill your personal aspirations while caring and helping those in need.

Finally, a word about the COVID-19 pandemic: the new variant that broke out in South Africa is spreading all over the world and has reached us as well. At this point we are carrying on as usual; the campus is open according to the "Green Pass" guidelines, with online classes available for the RRIS students residing abroad. Experts teach us that the new variant is more transmissible compared to previous variants and may cause the guidelines to change, forcing us to impose certain restrictions. This also depends on your behavior. Therefore, I urge you to get vaccinated and adhere to the rules of conduct that will allow us to keep our campus open.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raf Melnick".

Prof. Rafi Melnick
President