

## President's Prize for Outstanding Scientific Achievement Awarded



From L-R: Dr. Moshe Sagi, Prof. Yigal Meir, Prof. Ayala Malach Pines, Prof. Rivka Carmi, Prof. Yigal Schwartz, Prof. Ron Dagan and Prof. Joseph Kost

On the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorating the establishment of the State of Israel, the President's Prize for Outstanding Scientific Achievement was awarded to six exceptional researchers.

The honor recognized their accomplishments and role in helping to position Ben-Gurion University as a first class research university and for their considerable

contribution in promoting academia in Israel.

The prizes were distributed during the Opening Plenary Session. The recipients are as follows: **Prof. Yigal Meir**, Department of Physics, Faculty of Natural Sciences; **Prof. Joseph Kost**, Department of Chemical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Sciences; **Prof. Ron Dagan**, Division of Infectious Diseases, Faculty

of Health Sciences; **Prof. Yigal Schwartz**, Department of Hebrew Literature, Pinchas Sapir Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; **Prof. Ayala Malach Pines**, Department of Business Administration, Guilford Glazer School of Business and Management; and **Dr. Moshe Sagi**, Department of Dryland Biotechnologies, the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

The scrolls read as follows: "The President's Prize for Outstanding Scientific Achievement is hereby awarded to each of these outstanding individuals in recognition of their important achievements in research, their role in making Ben-Gurion University of the Negev a world-class academic institution and their significant contributions to the nation's scientific accomplishments."

### The Gainesmobile

*Lis Gaines, one of the founders and former president of the American Associates of BGU, inspects the spiffy new "Gainesmobile" during the Board of Governors Meeting.*

*The vehicle, which makes touring the Marcus Family Campus a real pleasure, was donated in Lis Gaines' honor by her sister-in-law Carol Nash Green. The Gainesmobile is powered by electricity and can comfortably ferry seven passengers.*

