

# The Religious communities of Ariel

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The city of Ariel had been blessed with a diverse population. The city is a paradigm of Jewish unity, and olim find themselves integrating very quickly with the Israeli residents of the town.

The English speaking community has integrated into the local community and olim live in each and every neighborhood. Some orthodox, others traditional and some not religious, they all get a chance to meet and mingle at the synagogues. Ohel Ephraim

Is a warm close-knit national-religious community with a young dynamic English-speaking Rabbi happy to welcome in new families. Being the original Ashkenazi Suhl in Ariel, Ohel Ephraim has a unique mix of old and young, Sabras and Olim, religious and traditional, families and singles. The shul offers weekly shiurim in English and Hebrew, children's activities and a toy corner. Situated in the heart of Rova Aleph this community has all of your essential services within close proximity and the housing is well-suited to young, growing families. You can find your place in Ohel Ephraim! Chabad

Rabbi Aharon Moscovitch arrived only a few years ago and has since successfully applied the Chabad spirit to Ariel. A centrally located Chabad House storefront serves as a synagogue and centre for the many outreach activities needed in Ariel. Throughout the year, with virtually no rest, Chabad Ariel is active in bringing Judaism and the holidays to the community that has developed around the Chabad House as well as to other residents of the city. Shvut Ariel

It seems that over the last few years the fastest growing demographic in Ariel is young observant national-religious families. Young couples and families ranging in ages from 20's to 40's, have developed a community successful in furthering projects for integration amongst Jews, Jewish identity and internal and external chesed. Yehoshua Ben Nun

Centrally located in the Rova Bet neighborhood, it is the most active Sepharadi community in town. A recent expansion to the synagogue accommodates the expanding community and allows for more events to be held on the premises. Full daily prayers. Netzarim

Ariel was the only city in Israel to open its doors to the Gush Katif refugees. About twenty families from the Torani national-religious village of Netzarim decided to stay and rebuild their community in Ariel. Since then, the community has more than doubled, their hesder yeshiva has reopened, there is a Kolel, and they are active in outreach at the Ariel University Center adjacent to them. Moriah

The newest neighborhood of Ariel. The neighborhood, located adjacent to the university center, is less than ten years old and has attracted many graduates who decided to settle in the city and an inherently sizeable population of students renting in the area. The community, which previously would use the synagogue in the university center, received its own synagogue building recently.