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Consolidating the University's growing relationship with Latin America, Prof. Lily Orland-Barak, Dean of the Graduate Studies Authority welcomed a high profile delegation from Argentina to the campus. Ricardo Zanfardini, deputy secretary for children and families in the Argentine Ministry of Social Welfare and Carlos Caballero, President of the NGO for Children and Families explored the breadth of the University's work around child development and education. Academics from the Faculty of Education, the Center for Child Development and the Edmond J. Safra Center for Brain Research all discussed their latest research. The visitors also met Prof. Roni Strier, Director of the University's Flagship Program Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion, who had travelled to Argentina in July. They concluded by meeting a group of students from the Druze Academic and Social Leadership program, supported by the South African Cape Gate Foundation, who shared their experiences of volunteering in their communities.



In a visit focusing on the Port Campus, the New York Yeshiva University's Prof. Michael Strauss, Dean of its School of Business, toured the site together with representatives from the Haifa Municipality. They met with Hila Alroy, Head of Government Relations and Fortuna Suarez, Director of the Campus, who talked about its unique attributes and how it will form part of the University's vision to integrate into the city of Haifa in the coming years. Prof. Strauss was keen to discuss possible opportunities for cooperation between the two institutions and was very complementary of the location and management of the Port Campus.



The Arab Student Scholarship Fund hosted a fundraising dinner September 10th in Chicago to raise money and awareness for Arab students at the University of Haifa. PSSF Board Member, Talat Othman, along with University of Haifa President Prof. Ron Robin, Prof. Mouna Maroun, Head of the Sagol Department of Neurobiology, and student scholarship recipients Sheren Falah and Dima Ghazali addressed more than 100 supporters. They spoke about the importance of education as a means to create opportunities essential for improving their lives, families and communities. President Robin shared the University's plan for physical expansion, new faculties and an increased student population that will be integral to the University's role in affecting and reflecting change.



Prof. Daniel Gutwein, of the Department of Jewish History, has been giving his expert views to the Washington Post, in an article on PM Netanyahu's battles with the Israeli media. The piece explores Netanyahu's recent actions to close the old broadcasting authority with new legislation, "I don't think Netanyahu is obsessed with the media," says Prof. Gutwein, "He is completely rational, he understands the power of the media, and what he did with all this shutting and opening is to create a mechanism that he can now control [the media]. It is a calculated system."



The two top ranked schools in Israel are Druze, yet, says Dr. Ayman Agbaria of the Department of Leadership and Policy in Education, this is *despite* Government Education Policy. For a long time Arab schools have lagged behind Jewish counterparts in Israel. Now in a recent study published by the Taub Center, the gap is narrowing. [Haaretz](#) interviewed Dr. Agbaria on the subject, "When you have Arab schools that have achieved such measures of success, it is despite, not because of, the Israeli educational system," These schools, says Dr. Agbaria, are selective and operate on a semi private basis. "Most of the Arab schools in Israel are still at a third-world level," he adds, saying that in international tests Arab students not only trail Jewish students but also those in other Arab countries.



Are you a worse commuter driver if you have problems at work? Perhaps, say Dr. Michal Biron and Keren Turgeman-Lupu of the Faculty of Management whose article in the [European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology](#) looked at the link between workplace stress and commuter driver behavior. In an innovative study, the pair surveyed over 200 employees in a large factory, finding that an abusive manager, or conflict between family and work were two factors likely to make workers drive unsafely on the way home. Road accidents are a key concern across the world – this research on its causes may point towards tackling the issue. The findings have been covered in the Israeli and foreign media including [Business Insider](#).



A new piece of equipment at the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library may give us a window into the lives of Egyptian Jewry in the past. In cooperation with the Joseph and Russell Barda Chair for the Study of Egyptian Jewish Heritage, the Library is scanning materials to form part of a new digital resource. The Digital Archive for the Preservation of the Heritage of Egyptian Jewry will include photographs, documents and films documenting the lives of the Jews of Egypt, both before their departure in the 20th century and afterwards. The materials will be absorbed into a precious resource accessible to future generations.

