All the Israeli representatives who took part in the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians over the last 20 years participated in a special seminar day at the University of Haifa. The seminar marked the book launch of *Track-Two Diplomacy: Toward an Israeli-Palestinian Solution 1978-2014*, by Dr. (Emeritus) Yair Hirschfeld from the Department of Middle Eastern History, who had been one of the initiators of the Oslo Accords. The participants discussed the talks behind-the-scenes, the lessons learned and the possibilities of reaching a future solution. Among the participants were: Dr. Yossi Beilin, Adv. Gilead Sher, Adv. Dov Weissglass, Brigadier General Udi Dekel, Dr. Nimrod Novik etc.

Last summer, following the discovery of the polio virus in sewer water of a number of locations in the country, the Ministry of Health headed a widespread campaign calling for parents to immunize their children with the attenuated polio vaccine. The campaign was crowned a shining success, however, a new study by Dr. Anat Gesser-Edelsburg, Dr. Yaffa Shir-Raz and Prof. Manfred S. Green from the University's School of Public Health, published in the *Journal of Risk Research* Throws some new light on the issue. The study suggests that even parents who are not "vaccine refusers" and who usually comply with routine vaccination programs may hesitate or refuse to vaccinate their children based on poor communication from the relevant healthcare provider, as well as concerns about the safety of the vaccine. The study also appeared in *Science Daily, Health Medicine Network* and *The Vaccine Confidence Project*. 
Dr. Hadile Ounalla-Saad from the Sagol Department of Neurobiology interviewed for Channel 10's Living Healthy show. The show was about a study which found a way of improving memory by manipulating a specific molecule that functions poorly during old age and is linked closely with Alzheimer's. "In our present research we proved that we are able to strengthen the process of protein creation in the brain and create better memory for a longer period of time. Once we have done that, we open up the possibility of developing medicines that can slow down the progress of terminal illnesses such as degenerative brain diseases, headed by Alzheimer’s," she said.

"Concepts such as competition or monopoly are not relevant in the case of the natural gas market in Israel, which is very small. Therefore, the central goal is the balance between a price that will allow the field development and streaming of the gas quickly to the household on the one hand, and attaining a price lower than any other alternative on the other hand. The fact that the Supervisor over the Business Restrictions places the interests of the competition above any other interest is not right," said Prof. Brenda Shaffer from the University's School of Political Sciences to NRG and the Jerusalem Post. Dr. Shaffer was also published in Bloomberg and in many other publications around the world.

A series of video clips at the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library site, the Library in a Minute, is dedicated to helping students, faculty and visitors navigate their way around the Library. The latest in the series is dedicated to the Library's "chats" service which allows users real-time "chats" with Library personnel when looking for information. All the actors, writers and cinematographers in the series are librarians and library staff.

The newest entry from Dana Rademacher's blog, our student at the International School, includes her interview of her classmate Kristýna from the Czech Republic.