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Dr. Romana Strochlitz Primus and her husband, Prof. Charles Primus, visited the University of Haifa campus last week. The Strochlitz Foundation, founded by Dr. Strochlitz Primus' father, Sigmund Strochlitz z"l, contributed greatly to University programs dealing with the Holocaust, first and foremost to the establishment of the Strochlitz Institute for Holocaust Research. Besides a visit to the Institute, a meeting with its heads – Prof. Arie Kochavi and Dr. Yael Granot-Bein, and an encounter with students in the International MA Program in Holocaust Studies, the couple also met with Prof. Shay Linn, Dean of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences, and with Dr. Dalit Barkan, Head of the Laboratory of Tumor Dormancy and Metastasis.



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The Department of Computer Science, in cooperation with the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, held an international conference a couple of weeks ago, *Stringology 2015* dealing with pattern matching algorithms. About 30 scientists from abroad attended the conference; among them were university presidents who spearheaded research in the field. The conference this year also marked the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of Prof. Gadi Landau, one of the founders of the University's Department of Computer Science and a pioneer in the study of pattern matching algorithms. "Examples of pattern matching algorithms are to be found everywhere in our daily lives, in searching for a word embedded in a text – in a Word document or on an Internet page, in comparing DNA sequences, in fixing Google mistakes when receiving the message 'Did you mean?', etc.," said Dr. Oren Weimann of the Department of Computer Science who headed the conference alongside Dr. Danny Hermelin and Prof. Michal Ziv-Ukelson of Ben-Gurion University.



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A couple of weeks ago, the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Seminar on Social Justice concluded at the University of Haifa. The seminar was organized by the University's flagship program to prevent social exclusion and promote solidarity and the International School, as the culmination of the course on 'Social Justice in Health' that was taught in cooperation with the University of Maryland in Baltimore. For the first time this year, the seminar included 30 students, most of them working on advanced degrees in Social Work, Law and Welfare, from both of the universities. "In light of the seminar's success, the two universities are working to strengthen the cooperative activities between them and promote a similar seminar to Israeli students on the Baltimore campus," said Dr. Roni Strier from the University of Haifa's School of Social Work who heads the flagship program.



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The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library has highlighted several interesting facts in its end of the year summary: the collection has grown this past year by about 24,056 new items – printed and electronic books and manuscripts, digital photos and additional media items. About 145,953 items were lent out last year from the collection, 25,750 applications for information, advice and off campus services were registered and about 2,250 emails to advisors were logged. Additional facts surveyed included: the average number of daily visitors, the number of computers and tablets that were added and the number of conferences and exhibits the Library organized to the delight of its visitors.



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And more from the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library – Lina, an MA student from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management decided to take the [photos for her wedding album](#) with her partner Gil at the Library, of all places. Lina related that she had spent most of her last seven years at the Library and it was clear to her that this was her favorite place to hold the photo shoot. In addition, she feels as though she learned a lot here and her experience was so positive, that she wanted to immortalize it in this significant event. "How can one not see this great beauty that we have in the University and the Library," she noted.



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A few solar panels have been situated near the parking lot at the Eshkol Building. We can tell you that the reason for this is a new study by the Kadas Green Roofs Ecology Research Center that is examining the synergy one gets by integrating solar panels and green roofs. "We will study whether or not the green roof creates a colder climate which improves the production of electricity in warmer days, and whether or not the shade that the panels provide increases the biological variety and improves the micro climate in the greenhouse," said Dr. Shay Levy, Center Manager.



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Do you work in Customer Services? It's best if you express your emotions naturally. Repression of positive interpersonal feelings of employees towards the customers harms the customers' satisfaction. This was first discovered recently in a new study conducted by Prof. Dana Yagil from the Department of Human Services and published in the periodical *Motivation and Emotion*. "The repression of positive interpersonal feelings goes contrary to natural behavior in social situations," said the researcher in her interview to *NRG*.



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"It seems as though those at the Palestinian Authority timed it so that their statement according to Article 12.3 will be accepted by the International Court of Justice in The Hague before they become members of the Convention. In this way the Palestinian Authority can enjoy all the benefits of full membership of the Court of Justice without granting retroactive authority to the Court in regards to the events surrounding the *Bring the Boys Back* campaign, and *Operation Protective Edge*, said Dr. Adv. Sigall Horovitz, a post-doctoral fellow at the Minerva Center for the Rule of Law under Extreme Conditions. Prior to her doctoral studies, Dr. Horovitz worked for the UN as a legal advisor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (in Tanzania) and the Special Court for Sierra Leone (in Sierra Leone and The Hague). Dr. Horovitz was interviewed in *Ynet*.



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Dana Rademacher, our International School student blogger [summarizes her time at the University](#), but not before she tells us which courses she prefers and how not to stress out before final exams.

