An international conference on the history of ideas, *Enlightenment beyond Radicalism*, took place recently at the University. The conference was held with the assistance of the British Friends of the University of Haifa and initiated by the Academic Study Group – Israel and the Middle East, whose aim it is to fight against the academic boycott on Israeli universities, as well as The Haifa Center for European & German Studies and the Posen Research Forum for Jewish European and Israeli Political Thought at the Faculty of Law. "The mission was accomplished with great success – we brought senior researchers here who had not yet visited Israel, created contacts between them and Israeli researchers and brought them closer to Israeli research," said Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger from the Faculty of Law and the Center for German and European Studies who headed the conference with Dr. Avi S. Lifschitz from University College London.

The third annual *Nicest Apartment in the Dorms* contest of the Jewish-Arab Community Leadership program's students recently took place. Residents of apartment 223, housing female Jewish, Moslem, Druze and an international student, among whom was a blind Moslem student, were this year's winners. "I have been working as a house mother for the past 25 years, and I have seen countless connections and partnerships in the student dorms, but the mutual worry, support, thoughtfulness and keeping of privacy of these young students, this is how the beauty of life in an apartment is measured," said Hava Neamni, the Dorms House Mother.
A large swarm of jellyfish, most of them large (40-70 cm), was recently spotted across from the Achziv and Nahariya beaches in northern Israel. The swarm, which is unseasonably large, appears to have arrived from the north as a result of a northern current which led the jellyfish to our shores, said Dr. Dror Angel, a marine ecology expert in the Department of Maritime Civilizations. The item was published in the local media including in *The Jerusalem Post.*

Last week, members of the Buchsweiler family visited the University's Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library: Hasida Buchsweiler, Ziv Buchsweiler and Livia and Alon Kislev, who in 2003 donated a vast and unique collection of publications about the kibbutz and the socialist idea. The collection includes about 12,000 books, booklets and documents. In addition, every year the family donates funds for a continuing education abroad program to one of the Library staff. Last September Boaz Dotan from the Library Information Systems department attended the Igloo conference in Oxford, England thanks to this gift.

Several weeks ago, an article appeared about a new study by Prof. Gustavo Mesch, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and PhD student Hagit Sasson. The two discovered that as parents become more vigilant in supervising the web surfing behavior of their children, the more they accomplish the opposite effect – an increase in dangerous behavior on the Internet. The item is currently making waves abroad in *The Jerusalem Post, San Diego Jewish World* and the radio show *Seattle’s Morning News.*

"Five years ago, significant deposits of natural gas were discovered off the coast of Israel, followed in 2011 by a minor natural gas discovery offshore of neighboring Cyprus. These discoveries have catalyzed explorations in the greater Eastern Mediterranean region generating expectations of enhanced regional energy security and economic and environmental payoffs, benefits Israel has already begun to reap with the Tamar gas field, which began operating in 2013. In the past year, Israel, with the help of the United States, and energy investors have made progress in negotiating initial agreements for gas supplies to Israel’s neighbors. These agreements could contribute to regional prosperity," wrote Prof. Brenda Shaffer from the School of Political Science to the *Atlantic Council.*