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Together with an international group of researchers, Prof. Gabriel Weimann of the Communications Department has won a five year research grant of 60 million Euros from the European Union to investigate political radicalization via the internet. The group consists of researchers from nine European countries. Professor Wyman has been designated one of the leaders of the academic management team, "I was pleased by the fact that, despite rising anti-Semitism and calls for a boycott of Israeli academia, I was chosen as one of the leaders of this European project alongside leading experts in the field" said Prof. Weimann.



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Congratulations to Prof. Kobi Peterzil, from the Department of Mathematics, who has won the 2013 [Karp Prize](#). The prize is awarded by the Association for Symbolic Logic (ASL) every five years for an outstanding paper or book in the field of symbolic logic. Prof. Peterzil will receive the award during the organization's annual meeting to be held in Vienna in July, along with his co-author, Prof. Sergei Starchenko of the University of Notre Dame.



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The University's Vice President for Finance and Business Development, [Joshua \(Shuki\) Shye](#), has been appointed one of the Presidents of the newly established Israeli Business Economists Association (IABE). He joins the ranks of other fellow senior Israeli business economists who are also Presidents. The Association was created as a platform to share professional knowledge and experience accumulated by its members and promote the role of economists within the economy. The Association will also hold regular meetings on current economic issues.



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A ceremony to mark the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library's receipt of [one hundred books from the Embassy of the United States](#) was recently held. The books are part of the Library of America series demonstrating the wealth of American cultural heritage. The library is one of 50 in the Middle East and Asia who received such a donation, which includes the literary works of Whitman and Faulkner and the writings of statesmen such as Franklin and Lincoln - and many more. Representatives of the United States Embassy, Mrs. Hilary Olsin-Windecker, Counselor for Press and Cultural Affairs and Ms. Anne Walter, Public Affairs Specialist participated in the ceremony. An exhibit of the donated book collection is currently on display in the library.



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[Dr. Sara Shahaf](#), head of the BA Completion Program for Registered Nurses at the University's orthodox campus in Bnei Brak, has published a new book: *Good Enough Nurse*. The book tells the story of the development of nursing in Israel from 1960-1995 against the background of historical events and changes in the health systems of this country – and the world. The book explores the changes in the Israeli nurse's role and image using interviews and quotes taken from conference proceedings, protocols and theoretical literature.



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Congratulations to [Prof. Ronny Reich](#) from the Department of Archaeology who was appointed by the [Academy of the Hebrew Language](#) to Chair a Committee preparing a Hebrew lexicon of architectural terms. Israeli professional architectural language is influenced by many languages including Greek, Latin and Arabic, amongst others. The words that will need to be reviewed include terms in general use such as 'terrace', 'hall' and 'lounge'.



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A multidisciplinary cognitive clinic offering cognitive diagnosis and advice on legal issues in gerontology is being opened at the Multidisciplinary Clinical Center. [Dr. Gary Sinoff](#) from the Department of Gerontology is to be the director of the clinic, which aims among other things, to prevent memory deterioration in adults. According to Dr. Sinoff, "the standard of cognitive diagnosis at the Center will match the highest available in Israel today. Therapists are academics who work in accordance with the latest research and apply these techniques to treatment. In addition, the service will operate on various levels to ensure a comprehensive service to patients."



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Dr. Naama Meiran - Projects Manager at the Rothschild Caesarea Foundation, visited the campus to learn about the programs taking place at the University with the Foundation's support. [Prof. Martin Golumbic](#), head of the Caesarea Rothschild Institute of Interdisciplinary Applications in Computer Science, presented the research taking place, together with Institute colleagues. Micah Rab, Director of the Dean of Students Office and Iris Fessler from the same office presented the activities of the Rothschild ambassadors program, conducted at the third year.



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Mick Davis, a Friend of the University from England and member of the Board of Governors, visited the campus recently for the first time. The visit allowed him to see some of the scientific work conducted here. During the visit, he met with the Chairman of the Board, Prof. Alfred Tauber, and University President Amos Shapira. He toured laboratories in the Faculty of Natural Sciences and the Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences.



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The former University President Prof. Aaron Ben-Zeev, of the Philosophy Department, has written an article which deals with whether endless love is a possibility. The article was published in the prestigious internet magazine [AEON](#). Prof. Ben-Zeev explored the nature of enduring love between couples, citing both theories from philosophy and psychology on elements which can preserve the love in a relationship. The article reported in the Israeli media as well.



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Prof. Itzhak Weismann of the Department of Middle Eastern History was interviewed for the Chinese online magazines *Sanlian* and *Lifeweek* about the civil war in Syria, "the totalitarian regime in Syria has been using brutal methods to maintain its grip on power since the beginning of the uprising. For a while it seemed that the regime would not last. In the last year however, on the one hand it has been supported by Russia, Iran and Hezbollah while on the other the government is delighted by the inaction of the United States and Europe."

