About 20 students from the international MA program in German and European Studies recently returned from an eight-day study tour in Germany, Poland and Belgium. The main topics were 50 years to the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Germany and 25 years to the fall of the Berlin Wall and German unification. Among the many sites and activities available, the students participated in the Future Forum Foundation established by the presidents of Germany and Israel, in which both the President of Israel Reuven Rivlin and German President Joachim Gauck participated. Additionally, they were invited to the official event marking 50 years to relations between the two countries that took place in the Berlin Philharmonic Hall where the two presidents delivered speeches. Prof. Eli Salzberger, Director of the Haifa Center for German and European Studies, escorted the study tour.

More news at the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library. Four additional academic manuscripts in Hebrew have been uploaded to the JSTOR collection. The University community has now been granted access to about 47 central academic manuscripts in Hebrew. The collection of academic manuscripts in Hebrew on JSTOR is part of a collaboration between the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library with the National Library and JSTOR.
The opening event of the "Red Carpet" exhibition recently took place. The exhibit is being showcased at the Central Archives Gallery with photos of VIP visits to the University between 1965-1990, among whom are featured Jehan Sadat (Anwar Sadat’s widow), Elizabeth Taylor and more. The exhibit will also be on display during the University’s 43rd Board of Governors Meeting at the beginning of June.

Prof. Niva Elkin-Koren, Founding Director of the Haifa Center for Law & Technology at the Faculty of Law, is one of 80 academic researchers from around the world who sent an official letter to Google demanding to increase the transparency in the handling of the "Right to be Forgotten" requests which was authorized several months ago by the European Court of Justice. The Guardian published the letter.

"Usually, our reaching out to those isolated populations helps us identify the link between the genetics to certain diseases found in high prevalence in that same population. The chance I will find what I’m looking for in closed groups as opposed to what I will find in the general population is much higher. The minute you understand the connection between the mutation to the disease, between diabetes which is common among the Druze and its genetic appearance, you can continue onwards and work on a cure," said Prof. Gil Atzmon from the Department of Human Biology to a local paper.