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Last week the 3rd Annual Conference on the Mediterranean Sea research was held at the University. The conference is jointly sponsored by the *Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences* and the Municipality of Haifa. The conference aims to hold a public academic discussion on the various research issues arising due to the massive marine development along the Mediterranean shores, including natural gas discoveries, setting up of marine infrastructures, preservation of the marine environment, development along the seashore line, protection of historical assets of the sea, maritime economy, maritime strategy and the dangers of maritime terrorist attacks. The conference program focused on shipping, ports and maritime strategy in the Middle East. During the conference, the University inaugurated its new Research Center for Maritime Strategy. In honor of this event, a photo exhibition celebrating research at the *Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences* was inaugurated on campus.



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21 students from various countries in Africa and Asia begun their graduate studies at the University in the framework of the MA Program in Child Development headed by Prof. Avi Sagi-Schwartz. The Program is supported by the Vital Capital Fund which was established by Mr. Eytan Stibbe and the Open Society Foundation which was established by George Soros. In addition, this wonderful program has also received funding from the Two Lilies Fund. This is the second year of the Program and the previous class has already graduated and returned to their countries to make their impact. A festive opening event was held at the African Art Gallery managed by Mr. Stibbe and was attended by the University of Haifa Management, diplomatic representatives, Vital Capital Fund Executives and more.



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Dr. Albert Lincoln, an Honorary Doctorate recipient from the University of Haifa and the former Secretary-General of the Bahá'í International Community, spoke to an audience of 50 at Temple Sinai in Brookline Massachusetts about the Baha'i Center and its role in Haifa. He spoke to the attendees under the auspices of ASUH. In the photo we see Richard Goldstein, ASUH - NE committee member and Temple Sinai member, and Dr. Lincoln (on the right).



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Matan Ben Cnaan, a graduate of the University School of the Arts, is the first Israeli to receive first place and the prestigious [BP Portrait Award](#) which was held in London. The Award Winning Painting is titled "Annabelle and Guy" and is partly inspired by the biblical story of Jephthah, an Israelite judge who vowed to God that it return for victory over the Ammonites he would sacrifice the first thing that greets him upon his return from battle. He shared his inspiration with the guests of the British Friends of the University in an event held in London.



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Five students from the Faculty of Law received a Center for German and European Studies scholarship to attend the 23rd annual conference of the DJV, an organization for German and Israeli Lawyers, which was recently held in Berlin. Approximately 240 lawyers from Israel and from Germany attended, including the Secretary for Refugees in the German Foreign Ministry, the Vice President of the German Constitutional Court, Israeli Supreme Court Justice Yoram Danziger and more.



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The University of Haifa mourns the loss of former German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt was a dear friend to the State of Israel and to the Jewish people. Mr. Schmidt received an Honorary Doctorate from the University in the year 2000; we were extremely proud that he was a member of the University of Haifa family and we are saddened by his passing. He was a gifted leader and thinker. May he rest in peace.



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"When we talk about Rabin, there is a debate about the term "Legacy". Some people focus on certain periods in his life, such as the time he was the IDF Chief of Staff, or when he was in the Palmach or at the Kaduri agricultural school, but this does not sustain the "Legacy". So, they turn to the "Peace". Rabin did not only leave a legacy of peace or the left wing, his views regarding security were quite hawkish and in his moral values he was a social-democrat" stated Prof. Prof. Yossi Ben-Artzi from the Department of Land of Israel Studies in an interview given to the [Haaretz.com](#)



