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The 80 students from the University's international programs received their degrees in a festive ceremony. In the ceremony, in which over 100 guests and faculty took part, the University's Rector David Faraggi noted that "In accordance with the goal the University has set to strengthen its international side, we will continue to develop quality and attractive programs of study in the English language in an effort to increase the number of quality foreign students coming to the University."



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A good environment. As in every year the Graduate Studies Authority identifies two excellent students to take part and represent the University and Israel in an international conference on preserving nature and the environment. This year, Rami Zitoni from the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and Itzik Heshku from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management were sent to the conference that took place in South Africa.



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The University of Haifa has just opened a new Nursing Doctoral Program – which is the first of its kind in Nursing Studies in Israel. It aims to strengthen the leadership of the nursing profession within the health system, while advancing nursing as a specific professional discipline. "Over and above the academic aspects, the aim of the program is to improve the standard of service that nurses provide to the general population," says Prof. Daphna Carmeli, Head of the new program. The Cheryl Spencer Department of Nursing at the University of Haifa, founded in 1996, will have as its central resource the Cheryl Spencer Institute of Nursing Research, the first research institute in Israel that deals with the study of nursing.



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The Interdisciplinary Clinical Center continues to assist in light of the security situation. On Sunday it held a workshop for children in dealing with fears and tensions through art, free of charge. The workshop is meant for children (aged 6-8) dealing with the fears, concerns and difficulties that come up due to the security situation.



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In between the sirens heard across the country, the student dorms residents chose to bring their hearts closer last week. Under the leadership of Inas Samali, Coordinator of the Jewish-Arab Community Leadership program in the dorms, 50 dorm residents from all faiths and ethnicities – Jews, Druze, Muslims and Christians – came to a joint dinner breaking the Fast of Y"Z in Tamuz and the Fast of the Ramadan in the clubhouse. The residents cooked, the dorm management made up the differences and the Student Union sent hot pizzas. It was tasty and heartwarming!



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Dr. David Gurevich, founder of "Ambassadors Online," interviewed for the Jerusalem Post and discussed the media success of the campaign to return the three kidnapped and murdered youth home: "Our team was the first to deal with the issue on digital media, where the goal was to bring world attention to the kidnapping. Through the campaign the BBC, CNN and the New York Times began to cover the kidnapping. Within five days the slogan 'Bring Back our Boys' had reached the UN Security Council," he said.



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Prof. Daphna Canetti from the School of Social Sciences interviewed for [The Times of Israel](#) and discussed a new study in which she had taken part and which supports a role for social drinking in treating depression, especially in the context of political violence. "Our research shows for the first time that drinking can help people get through terrorism-related trauma, like what we're experiencing in Israel right now," she said. The study was published in the journal of Drug and Alcohol Dependence.



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Adv. Ido Rosenzweig, Director of Cyber, Belligerencies and Terrorism Research at the Minerva Center for the Study of Law under Extreme Conditions, presented his claims regarding the relevancy of international law in the case of asymmetrical conflict in light of operation "Protective Edge". His views were published in [The Times of Israel](#).

