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Prof. Aaron Ben-Ze'ev, from the Department of Philosophy and former University of Haifa President, established, along with his European colleagues, the [European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions](#) and was elected to head it. A conference was held recently in Lisbon to establish the Society, where over 100 researchers from 22 different countries in Europe and additional places participated. The countries which sent the largest number of researchers were Germany with over 20 representatives and the UK with about 15 representatives. The conference was a great success and the central message that came from it was the tightening of the research bonds between researchers and organizing additional activities beyond the annual conference.



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The University of Haifa Volleyball Team finished in the respectable ninth place in the World University Games that took place last month in Rotterdam, Holland. The team finished the tournament with three wins and two losses. Haim Kassel coaches the volleyball team and Micah Rab, Director of the Office of the Dean of Students and Sports Center Manager, headed the delegation.



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Prof. Nitzza Ben Dov from the Department of Hebrew and Comparative Literature returned from a conference in Beijing about Hebrew and Chinese literature in the Academy of Social Chinese Sciences, under the banner Nation and Narration in China and Israel. In honor of the launching of the longest and fastest rail line in the world, inaugurated in China in December 2012, Prof. Ben Dov lectured on the train as a symbol of the renewal of the Hebrew language and Jewish destiny. In an additional unique event at the Israeli Consulate, Ambassador Matan Vilnai hosted all of the conference participants, both Israelis and Chinese.



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"The investigative committee that will be established after this war needs to investigate the Ministry of Education. I don't mean the thousands of teachers and Ministry employees who do their jobs faithfully and with devotion. I mean certain education ministers who raised nationalism on our collective banner as an absolute substitute for humanity, and Judaism as a complete substitute for democracy," writes Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger from the Faculty of Law in "Ha'aretz." She also published an article in German and in English for the ["Christianity and the World" Die Zeit](#) edition.



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In a research study conducted by Dr. Sharon Rabinovitz Shenkar, head of the addictions program at the School of Criminology, it was discovered that taking an Omega 3 capsule drastically decreases the craving for nicotine and the number of cigarettes people smoke a day. "The substances and medications in place today for assisting to decrease smoking and quitting are not very efficient and have many difficult side effects. The findings show that it is Omega 3, an available, cheap food supplement that is with hardly any side effects, that decreases smoking significantly," she said. The results of the study appeared in the local media.



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Dr. Ayelet Ben-Yishai of the Department of English Language and Literature, interviewed in "Ha'aretz" about the book of the journalist Azriel Carlebach, "India – Account of a Voyage," that was published again recently in a new edition: "There are a lot of surprising coincidences in the comparison between India and Israel – first national independence during the same years; dealing with a Moslem minority; freed from Colonialism into a violent struggle; the unclear line between an oppressed group and the oppressor; tension between the religious and secular, between the national and the religious. What fascinated Carlebach was the Israeli and Indian will to create something new justified by the old but also in contrast to it," she said.

