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Within the framework of assistance to the reservists who served in operation "Protective Edge", the University has decided to bestow a scholarship of up to NIS 5,000 to approximately 150 of its students. The scholarship will be proportionate to the number of days they served. The funds for these scholarships were provided both by the University and our friends and supporters in Israel and abroad. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist these students who missed lectures and are given as tribute to their service to our country. We hope this measure will aid these students is excelling in their studies and help them resume their routine as soon as possible.



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One hundred young professionals and aspiring entrepreneurs recently attended a unique evening which included a panel discussion with business leaders who shared their stories and tips for success. The event was the first of its kind held by our Canadian Friends and panelists were: Tony Comper, former President & CEO at BMO Financial Group and member of the University's Board of Governors, and director on the Canadian Board; Stephen Granovsky, CEO of North America's largest luxury men's apparel manufacturer, Dan Shulman, North America's most prolific sports broadcasters, and Renée Unger, founder of Renée's Gourmet. Jeremy Levy, a Vice President of Canadian Friends and Chair of the Young Leadership Committee, moderated the event. The discussion was inspirational, lively and entertaining.

Event sponsors were the Bank of Montreal, The Elizabeth and Tony Comper Foundation, Drs. Amira and Michael Dan and TPH Printing House. [For more details](#)



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The American Society for the University of Haifa recently launched their "It's Happening in Haifa" Campaign with a fascinating lecture by Dr. Daniel Sher of the Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences on the topic of Jellyfish and their possible Pharmacological connections. Dr. Sher also shared the wide variety of research carried out at the School of Marine Sciences at the University and provided attendees with insight as to the wonderful work being done at the University of Haifa. The event was held in Lexington Massachusetts.



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Congratulations are in order to the University of Haifa Model United Nations Delegation which participated in the international gathering HolyLandMUN which took place at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya and reached impressive milestones. Amongst other positions, some of the delegates served as Chairpersons for the Human Rights Committees. "We experienced a once in a lifetime experience; we learned, educated ourselves and gained quite a bit of wisdom" they said. The greatest achievement belongs to Carolina Ardila who received the second place prize for her role in the Crisis Committee.



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The University of Haifa Faculty of Humanities and the Graduate Program in Culture and Film Studies were chosen to host the second annual conference in Cinema and Television in Israel and the Jewish World in collaboration with the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studied at Cambridge University. The event was attended by the best researchers dealing with Jewish Cinema, Culture, History, Philosophy, Literature and Sociology both from Israel and abroad. It opened with a special roundtable format where the public was invited to sit with the scholars.



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Prof. Hanan Alexander, the Dean of Students and Head of the International School, interviewed for the English language edition of the Haaretz Newspaper and shared that "international students were not deterred by the security situation in Israel and registered for studies at the University, however, I assume that if we were in the direct line of fire the situation would have been different." In addition, he spoke about the new English Language Graduate Programs scheduled to open at the University of Haifa. For those with Haaretz Newspaper subscription you may read the article [here](#)



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A copper awl, the most ancient metal artifact discovered so far in the Middle East, was uncovered at the Tel Tsaf archeological site. The awl dates back to the late 6th millennium or the early 5th millennium BCE, moving back by several hundred years the date it was previously thought that the peoples of the region began to use metals. "This is a rare and unique item whose uncovering, in addition to other items uncovered at the Tel Tsaf site, testified to the fact that this site was a central international trading post at the time", said Dr. Daniel Rosenberg from the Department of Archeology. This discovery received widespread media attention in the Israeli media and was published in the prestigious journal PLOS One. [For more information](#)



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Israeli TV produced a unique piece about Nega Abate who is a 47 year old third year undergraduate Theatre student at the University of Haifa. Abate made Aliyah from Ethiopia and dreams of establishing an Amharic language theatre in Israel. Abate is a recipient of the British Polonsky Foundation Scholarship.



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Olfat Haider, one of the heads of the "Breaking the Ice" Program, interviewed for an Israeli radio station and spoke about the fourth delegation of Arab and Jewish students which will head to Mont Blanc this summer.

