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In cooperation with the Bosch Foundation, the German Friends of the University of Haifa hosted more than 40 distinguished guests at their traditional Haifa Dinner at the end of October in Stuttgart. The old villa of the Bosch family served as a magnificent setting for this event which aimed to raise funds for the Werner Otto Arab Graduate Program. As guest of honor, the Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg, Winfried Kretschmann, made a speech about the relationship between religion and state. [The guests viewed a video about the program.](#) Vice-president and Dean of Research, Prof. Michal Yerushalmy briefed the attendees about the University's multicultural campus. Prof. Mouna Maroun, Chair of the *Sagol Department of Neurobiology*, shared her experiences as an Arab woman making her career as a scientist. Dr. Ingrid Hamm, former CEO of the Bosch Foundation, moderated a dynamic discussion with these two representatives of the University.



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Marcus and Carole Weinsten, dear friends and supporters of the University of Haifa, recently visited the campus. They met with the Rector, Prof. David Faraggi, the Dean of Students and Head of the International School, Prof. Hanan Alexander, and the VP for Development and External Relations, Yariv Sultan. They also met with students from the International School and Israeli students that returned from Universities abroad which they attended within the framework of a Program sponsored by Marcus and Carole Weinsten. This is a [Students Video Clip](#) prepared for the occasion. After meeting the students they met with various researchers from various disciplines such as Prof. Gad Barzilai, the Dean of the Faculty of Law and his colleague Prof. Oren Gazal Ayal from the same Faculty; Prof. Manfred Green from the School of Public Health; and Dr. Yael Granot Bein from the *Strochlitz Institute for Holocaust Studies*. Marcus and Carole Weinsten also support the International Graduate Program in Holocaust Studies.



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A delegation from Rayong Province in Thailand, headed by the Governor of the Province, recently visited the University's Interdisciplinary Clinical Center where they met with the Head of the Center Prof. Rivka Yahav. This visit is a follow up visit to a visit by the Center personnel who visited Rayong a few months ago. The Thai delegation is exploring the possibility for collaboration in the field of early detection of developmental issues in children at risk. The delegation was impressed by the Center's community involvement.



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In a time where we hear more and more voices calling for a boycott on Israeli academic institutions, 13 researchers from the United Kingdom decided to take a stand and attended a conference hosted by the University's School of Political Sciences. The conference was organized by Dr. Carmela Lutmar of the School. One of the attendees stated that "there was a public debate at the Union for University Lecturers in the UK about the academic boycott of Israel and I thought we should take an active stand and I contacted my colleagues at the University of Haifa, and discussed the possibility of a dialogue. This is why we are here".



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The British Ambassador to Israel, David Quarrey, visited the University campus last week. He met with the University management team and later he visited the Brain and Behavior Laboratory headed by Prof. Gal Richter-Levin of the *Sagol Department of Neurobiology*, as well as holding meetings with other researchers who have collaborations with British scientists. Ambassador Quarrey met with students and told them about the advantages of the British higher education system and opportunities for studying in Britain: <https://www.britishcouncil.org.il/en/study-uk>



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The serial entrepreneur and founder of *Unistream* (a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering underprivileged youth through entrepreneurship), Mr. Rony Zarom, delivered a lecture to students on campus in the framework of the University Entrepreneurship Program (under establishment). This program is a joint program for Arab and Jewish students and its purpose is to encourage and create business, social and technological ventures. The Head of this Program, Dr. Ron Bekkerman from the Department Information and Knowledge Management, stated that "Zarom has been an inspiration for many students on their path to becoming business and social entrepreneurs".



A spotlight on the *Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library: The Hebrew Journal Lěšonénu* ("Our Language"), a scientific periodical for the research of Hebrew and cognate languages, published by the Academy of the Hebrew Language, has recently been uploaded to the [JSTOR Data Base](#) which collects academic journals published in Hebrew. Our library is a very active partner in this important project which was conducted with the National Library and JSTOR.

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