Members of the Canadian Friends’ 2015 Mount Carmel Dinner Tribute Committee recently attended a cocktail reception to launch the fundraising campaign for the Dinner which will honour Dr. Arnie Aberman. Tribute Chair, Tony Comper, was the emcee for the evening. Guest speaker was University of Haifa Vice President for External Relations, Yariv Sultan. Proceeds of the Dinner, to be held on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at The Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto, will support the University of Haifa’s Elizabeth and Tony Comper Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism and the Center’s unique Israel advocacy program, “Ambassadors Online”. At the Dinner, Dr. Aberman will be conferred with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (honoris causa) in recognition of his lifetime contribution to Canadian medicine, his support of the State of Israel, and his outstanding efforts on behalf of the University of Haifa and its Canadian Friends. The campaign is off to a great start with lead gifts of $100,000 each from Arnie Aberman and Tony Comper. More details

The University’s International MA Program in Child Development for developing countries and the Center for the Study of Child Development hosted a group of continuing education students and experts from different fields in the area of preschoolers last week. These were guests of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from a number of developing countries in Africa, Central and South Asia. The guests were exposed to innovations in various areas of research such as autism, anxiety development in children, the repercussions of parents coming/not coming to terms with special needs diagnoses for their children, ways of improving the quality of day care, increasing motivation and educational successes in the schools… Those who contributed to the dissemination of knowledge included: Dr. Yair Ziv from the Department of Counseling and Human Development; Dr. Efrat Sher-Censor from the Interdisciplinary MA Program in Child Development; Dr. Tomer Shechner, Prof. David Oppenheim, and Prof. Abraham (Avi) Sagi-Schwartz from the Department of Psychology.
The novel "SNAFU and Other Stories" by Dr. Miryam Sivan from the Department of English Language and Literature has recently been published. The book is a collection of short stories dealing with men and women who have experienced cross-cultural pollination and are dealing with love and war. [More details](#).

The Weiss-Livnat International MA Holocaust Studies program hosted the Livnat family a couple of weeks ago – Yitzhak and Ilana Livnat, their sons Doron and Adi, and their granddaughter Naomi. Yitzhak, a Holocaust survivor from the Carpathian Mountains, came to Israel after the war and was a great business success. Mr. Livnat shared his emotional story with the students of the international program named after him. Every year 30 students from around the world study in the program.

The University of Haifa, certified as a "green campus" and one that advances health issues, has continued in its activities for the sake of the public health of its students and faculty when it announced to all the restaurants on its premises that the use of trans-fatty acids is no longer allowed. "We view this decision as a commitment to the health of our students and faculty. We will continue to invest more thought and many resources to the issue of advancing our health and our green activity on campus," said University Vice President and Director-General Baruch Marzan, Chairman of the Green Campus Committee.

The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library is pleased to announce that new periodicals have been added to the Hebrew academic electronic periodicals in JSTOR, so that the collection now features about 40 Hebrew electronic periodicals, beginning with the first volume. The Israeli JSTOR project is being carried out in partnership with the National Library of Israel and our own University Library and is in wide use among both the academic community and the public at large. Likewise, the collection contains a number of periodicals published by the University of Haifa.