The New England regional office of the American Society for the University of Haifa recently hosted Dr. David Gurevich, the founder and former director of the Ambassador's Online Program at the University of Haifa. He gave a session titled "Jerusalem Behind the News" to an audience of 40 participants at the LIMMUD BOSTON Event. This year, Dr. David Gurevich is a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University.

Prof. Fania Oz Salzberger from the Faculty of Law and Dr. Arie Kizel, Head of the Department of Learning, Instruction and Teacher Education at the Faculty of Education, both lectured at an international conference held at the MOFET Institute in Tel Aviv about the study of textbooks in Israel and Germany. Prof. Oz Salzberger spoke about the textbook as an awareness shaper following the publication of her book, co-authored with her father Amos Oz, "Jews and Words". Dr. Kizel spoke about the Israeli-German Committee for researching text books which he has headed for the past four years and will deliver its conclusions to both governments in 2015, which is the 50th anniversary of the establishment of relations between the two governments.
Despite the fact that the ability to harness fire was one of the main milestones in the development of prehistoric humans, up to this point it was unclear when this happened. New research led by Dr. Ron Shimelmitz from the Department of Archeology claims that humans began using fire regularly 350,000 years ago. This claim is made based on findings found at the Carmel Mountain range. "Understanding the time frame will shed light on other aspects of human evolution" stated Dr. Shimelmitz. These findings were published in various media outlets such as the Times Of Israel and i24News.

Korea Day was celebrated on December 18th and the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library launched an exhibition to commemorate this event titled "Meeting Korea and its Culture". The exhibition contains calligraphy, photos, traditional Korean costumes and a display of Korean art books. The Exhibition will be open until the New Year and is the result of the collaboration between the Department of Asia Studies and the Library. The Exhibition is curated by Ms. Minjeung Ko, who teaches Korean at the Department of Asian Studies, with the help of the Library staff.

Archeologists from the Leon Recanati Institute for Maritime Studies and the Zinman Institute of Archeology have uncovered an ancient well, around 7,700 years old, off the shore of Haifa at a depth of five meters. The archeologists, Dr. Ehud Galili and Dr. Deborah Cvikel, describe the finding as part of the remnants of a settlement from the Neolithic period found off the Samir Village beach. The well was built from stones and wood and it is probably the world’s oldest known wooden structure. The excavations involved the participation of many volunteers and researchers from Flinders University in Australia. These findings were widely publicized: Archeology, Before It's News, Times Of Israel, Middle East Monitor.

The two-headed Salamander tadpole discovered in the Community Ecology Lab of the University of Haifa is making headlines around the world: Washington Post, NBC News, Yahoo Japan, Yahoo Italy, The Star, Science News, Live Science

Dana Rademacher, a student in the University's International School, published another entry in her blog describing Israeli Hospitality.