Last week a naming ceremony took place when the conference room of the Edmond J. Safra Brain Research Center for the Study of Learning Disabilities was named in honor of Prof. Zvia Breznitz Z”L. The ceremony took place with her family and friends. Also in attendance were Rector Prof. David Faraggi; Prof. Michal Yerushalmy, Vice President & Dean of Research; Yariv M. Sultan, VP, Development & External Relations; Prof. Lilly Orland-Barak, Dean of the Faculty of Education; researchers; Center and Faculty staff; and many students. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the eighth Hanukka candle by Mr. Juir Torenheim, the Israeli representative of the Edmond J. Safra Philanthropic Foundation. “The conference room is a unique and central place and represents Prof. Breznitz’s Z”L essence and outlook. The place is utilized as a platform for lectures on innovative topics, and mainly for team building and cooperative activities between researchers and students, in Israel and around the world – values that Zvia promoted in her lifetime,” summarized Prof. Roza Leikin, Head of the Center.

For three days, members of the Israeli Geographical Society discussed a variety of topics within the framework of its 55th conference which took place at the University, organized by the staff of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, and led by Dr. Noga Collins-Kreiner. Among the topics raised at the conference: political geography, geostrategy, climate changes, the center and the periphery, etc. The keynote speaker was MK Tzipi Livni who said “the Palestinians made a strategic decision according to which they will attain more from the world, without giving up things they would have given up in any negotiation.”
The Haifa Center for Law & Technology and the Faculty of Law held a conference that dealt with the struggle of a democratic country with cybernetic terror, with the participation of leading researchers in the field and dozens of guests. Prof. Emanuel Gross and Adv. Dalit Ken-Dror Feldman, a doctoral student in the Law Faculty, who headed the conference said: "The phenomenon of cybernetic terrorism, which turns any person in the world into one who is capable of declaring 'war' aimed at a specific country or target, illustrates the great power that is to be found today in the hands of a few and the problem with giving a proper response to the phenomenon."

A new exhibit, "Graphic Art in an Age of Grass-Roots Protest in Latin America," of the Helena Lewin Chair in Latin American Studies, is currently on display in the lobby of Bank HaPoalim. The exhibit is dedicated to the protesters from the "Square of the Three Cultures" in Mexico City, where the Tlatelolco massacre took place during the 1968 Olympics.

And more from the Library: a new website, Research Publication Impact: Tools and Resources, has surfaced recently. In it you can find links to relevant sources and tools for the quotes indexes and additional indexes for research publications.

Four students – a Druze, Moslem, Christian and Jew – from the Department of MA Culture and Film Studies, lit Hanukka candles together, for the hope of good and peaceful years between all the religions and ethnic groups in Israel. "This is a university, but also a family," said Dr. Yvonne Kozlovsky Golan, Head of the Department.

A couple of weeks ago, representatives of the Korean Embassy visited the Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library in honor of the "Korea Day" events. They met with Prof. Yossi Ziegler, the Library's Academic Director, and Naomi Greidinger, Deputy Library Manager, and visited the "Encounter with Korea and its Culture" exhibit.

Forced hospitalization for patients with anorexia nervosa, who are in critical condition, does not harm their healing process and attains positive results, similar to patients who decided to admit themselves. These are the latest findings from a new study led by Prof. Yael Latzer from the School of Public Health, in cooperation with Shiba and Rambam hospitals. "The findings revive the ethical discussion regarding forced hospitalization of anorexics in Israel, which nowadays is only possible with a court order," she said to Ha'aretz.
And here's a new entry from Dana Rademacher’s blog, our student at the International School. This time, she recounts a chance encounter with University of Haifa alumni in Rome Italy.