



At a Glance

Latest News from the University of Haifa

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In a few days Board of Governors Members, Friends and Faculty from Israel and abroad will converge on Haifa for the 45th annual Board of Governors meeting. As well as the chance to see Honorary Doctorate Conferees speak about their work, [the program](#) is packed with other interesting events. Amongst the events there will be a discussion about the University's future plans for a *Multiversity*, and also a presentation of the work of [Carmel Ltd](#), the Technology Transfer Company of the University. Carmel takes some of our faculty's groundbreaking discoveries – potential cancer treatments, therapy for Alzheimers and much more – and works to develop it for the market. There will be a chance to see the site of the proposed 'Tower of Discoveries' at the Rambam Medical Center, planned to be a major biotech hub in Israel – and much more.



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The University is delighted to announce that three of its young faculty members – more than any other University this year – have been selected amongst nine new members of the [Israel Young Academy](#). Our warmest congratulations go to Dr. Hisham Abu Rayya, School of Social Work, Prof. Amit Bernstein, Department of Psychology and Dr. Natasha Gordinsky, of the Department of Hebrew and Comparative literature, University of Haifa. The three join Prof. Oren Gazal-Ayal, Dean of the Faculty of Law, and Prof. [Jonathan Ben-Dov](#) of the Department of Biblical Studies, who are already members of the Young Academy.



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To mark 25 years of diplomatic relations between Israel and China, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs chose the University of Haifa, and its Chinese partner [ECNU](#) of Shanghai, to hold a joint virtual lecture by one of Israel's first Nobel Prize winners Prof. Aaron Ciechanover, and 2010 Honorary Doctorate Recipient. Prof. Ciechanover, a Haifa native, talked to 50 students (half in Israel, half in China) about the essence of innovation. In this same spirit of co-operation, the University has established collaborations in various fields like statistics, bio-medicine and neurobiology. It has also set up more wide ranging collaborative institutes such as the Shanghai-Haifa International Research Centre with ECNU and also the collaboration with the [Chinese Academy of Sciences](#) in Hangzhou on artificial intelligence, supported by the Wahaha group.



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Prof. Uri Bar-Joseph, of the School of Political Science, was interviewed in the international press recently saying that US President Donald Trump shared classified information with the Russian foreign minister. "I know how things work in Israeli intelligence" said Prof. Bar-Joseph, "I have some friends I talk with. They're upset. They are sincerely frustrated and angry." Prof. Bar-Joseph has studied and written widely about the Jewish state's spy operations. His words featured in [the Yahoo Website](#), the [Washington Post](#), the UK [Daily Mail](#), [Ynet News English](#) and the [Times of Israel](#).



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The University brought the European Union to Haifa recently in a [Haifa Center for German and European Studies](#) 'Europe Day', supported by the European Union delegation in Israel. The event not only put on an academic conference but also aimed to introduce local schoolchildren to the European Union. About 100 Arab, Jewish and Druze students from high schools in the region visited the University taking part in a specially designed program which included a basic German lesson. The event also showcased opportunities for study in Europe, with 15 European embassies and cultural representing their countries with information on the studies in their countries. Prof. Eli Salzberger, Head of the Center for German and European Studies opened the day, while Dr. Clemens Konan of the German Embassy, spoke about the current role of Germany and the European Union in the Middle East.



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Students at the [Raveh Ravid Fund for promoting Excellence, Leadership and Social Responsibility Program](#) followed up their successful visit to the Tufts University international symposium in February with an annual symposium here. The event was entitled "Order and Chaos in the Middle East" and was organized by students from the program: Sagi Golberger; Carmel Yaari; Alon Eisenman; and Lihi Laszlo. A series of experts from the School of Political Science and the Institute for National Security Studies also took part as members of a discussion panel.



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It seems that WhatsApp groups for young people are not as detrimental as some of us might have thought. [Dr. Arie Kizel](#), Head of the Department of Learning, Instruction and Teacher Education has conducted research which found that classroom WhatsApp groups give young people a space in which they feel they can create closer, more open relationships that allow them to express themselves. The research has featured in international media outlets including the [Jewish Press](#).

