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# At a Glance

THE PAST WEEK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA



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The Student Union, in cooperation with the "Arvut" organization, hosted a round table symposium on the topic "The Student as a Leader of Social Change" attended by hundreds of students and academic faculty members. "The people have the power to create change. This change must be led by education and explanation, not just by youth and the younger generation, but rather by a process of education for new values that we must all undergo," said the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Prof. Ofra Mayseless, at one of the round table discussions. The taped version of the report was published on *YNET*.



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35 years of excellence: The Ofakim program, a University program for excellent students, marked 35 years to its establishment last week in a festive alumni conference that took place at the "Meirav" Center of the Hof HaCarmel Regional Council. The conference, that attracted about 150 alumni from all the years of the program, included lectures and round table discussions along with a social gathering, wine and live music that lasted throughout the night.



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The Faculty of the Humanities' Department of Archaeology and the Zinman Institute of Archaeology hosted the annual conference of the Israel Prehistoric Society, organized by Dr. Daniel Rosenberg and adjunct researcher Reuven Yeshuron from the Department of Archaeology. The hundreds of researchers and archaeology enthusiasts who took part in the event heard lectures about the research of ancient hunting tools; the ecology of the Neanderthals in Israel; the structure of the residential site among the first permanent settlements in our area; the domestication of wildlife and additional revolutions that characterized the transition to life in agricultural villages, etc.



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Hundreds of researchers and professionals participated in the Department of Occupational Therapy's seminar on: "DCD – a motor impediment in children and adults: the neurophysiology and daily functions – what's new, what's the connection?" According to the conference organizer, Prof. Sara Rosenblum, about 10% of the public is dealing with DCD on a daily basis, and most are not even aware that there is a medical diagnosis - Developmental Coordination Disorder.



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The University's Department of Computer Science held its annual scholarships awards ceremony in honor of Captain Uri Michael Akavia who was killed in the Yom Kippur War during the battle over the HaGolan Heights. 20 scholarships were awarded at the ceremony to excelling students; 10 of these were to high-school students from the unique "Etgar" program that enables excellent high-school students to start a Bachelor's degree in computer science.



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There is a new project underway at the Dean of Students for book lovers from the Ron Adler Memorial Fund : "Book Lovers Project." In this project, all the book lovers are invited to the third floor of the Hatter Student Building where there is a table with books of various languages – new and used – for each person to choose. All the books have been donated to the project, including by the University Press that donated dozens of new books to the project.



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The Saudi hacker attack, in which thousands of credit card numbers were exposed, led to an interesting reaction among most of the Israeli public. Dr. Yaniv Levyatan, an expert on Information Warfare from the Department of Multidisciplinary Studies and the Meir and Miriam Ezri Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, explained what is and is not allowed in cyber space in a *Globes* article.



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Hackers invading databases is just the tip of the iceberg in online terrorist activity: International terrorist organizations have shifted their Internet activity focus to social networks and today a number of Facebook groups are asking users to join and support Hezbollah, Hamas and other armed groups that have been included in the West's list of declared terror organizations. This has been shown in a new study conducted by Prof. Gabriel Weimann of the University of Haifa. "Today, about 90% of organized terrorism on the Internet is being carried out through the social media. By using these tools, the organizations are able to be active in recruiting new friends without geographical limitations," says Prof. Weimann. [Continue Reading](#)



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Dr. Israel Doron of the Department of Gerontology discusses age discrimination in an opinion piece for *The Marker*. "The cancellation of mandatory retirement does not relieve people of the right to leave, according to their own choice, and retire upon reaching the age of retirement, it just prevents humiliating those people who would like to continue working."



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With the approaching primary elections in the Republican Party in the United States in the State of Iowa, Prof. Avraham Ben-Zvi of the School of Political Sciences interviews for the *24 Hours* edition of *Yedioth Aharonot* about the importance of the "first state:" "Iowa is a small, conservative, and non-representational state, but for the leading candidate, Mitt Romney, it's decisive. Because he is suspected to be too liberal, he has to reach one of the top three spots."



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Is there a connection between the "Arab Spring" and the withdrawal of the United States from Iraq? Prof. Benjamin Miller of the School of Political Sciences interviewed Prof. Amatzia Baram from the Department of Middle Eastern History on the topic in the *Academic Channel's* program *The World Today – Between War and Peace*.



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The seal from the time of the Second Temple that Prof. Roni Reich of the Department of Archaeology discovered last week got a lot of coverage, both locally and around the world: [CBS](#), [CNN](#), [FOX NEWS](#), and [ABC](#) are just a few of the leading worldwide news media that reported the finding.

