



At a Glance

Latest News from the University of Haifa

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We are honored to announce the 10 inspiring individuals accepting Honorary Doctorates at the University's [45th Board of Governors' Meeting](#) in June. Representing community humanitarianism and philanthropy of the best kind: champion for democratic values and dedicated Friend of Israel and the University and longtime President of the German Friends Association, **Sonja Lahnstein-Kandel**, and philanthropic Trustee of the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust, supporting the marine sciences in Israel, **Sandor Frankel**. In science: Israel Prize Laureate and biochemist **Prof. Ruth Arnon**, groundbreaking nanotechnologist helping fight cancer, **Prof. Hossam Haick** and world leading contributor to the advance of physics and geophysics **Dr. Harvey Scher**. In Jewish scholarship: innovative Jewish cultural scholar, **Prof. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett** and internationally renowned academic and leader in the fight against Holocaust denial **Prof. Deborah Lipstadt**. In the domain of international relations and economics: US Diplomat, Former Ambassador to Israel and Middle East expert, **Daniel B. Shapiro**, and illustrious founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum, **Prof. Klaus Martin Schwab**. And in Israel, national heroine and champion Paralympic swimmer **Keren Or Leibovitch**. We look forward to welcoming them all here in June and warmly invite you to join us for this truly amazing event.



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Warm Congratulations to [Prof. Shulamit Almog](#), from the Faculty of Law, who has been appointed to the Planning and Budgetary Committee of Israel's Council of Higher Education to promote the Humanities in Israeli academia. The Committee will formulate recommendations to promote the humanities in Israeli academic institutions on a systematic basis.



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The Leon H. Charney School of Marine Sciences has been involved in organizing two key conferences hosting faculty and student participants from all over Israel. Supported by the [Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel](#), Prof. Nicholas Fisher, Director of environmental research at Stony Brook University, USA led the symposium on the effects of pollutants in the sea. The [Department of Maritime Civilizations](#) also organized a workshop on Micro-Plastic Pollution, led by Department faculty Dr. Dror Angel and Dr. Joel Roskin. "This is actually the first such workshop held in Israel and we are pleased that we were able to stimulate academic debate on this subject". Commented Prof. Zoran Kilibardh of Indiana University, who also led the event.



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The University continues to nurture a new generation of talented young artists. In a recent ceremony, winners of the 2016 Hecht Trust Young Artists competition were presented with scholarships. The winners, who include two students at the School of the Arts, will have their work displayed at a parallel exhibition at the Dr. Reuben Arts Center. In another triumph, Raanan Kosovitz, a student at the Department of Art has won a 'People in the street' photography competition run by the Blue Art Gallery in Berlin, Germany.



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Staying with the arts, Dr. Reuven Hecht's splendid legacy to the Hecht Museum remains a great source of pride. The Museum has loaned a priceless [Camille Pisarro](#) work, 'Corner in the Garden, Snow, Eragny' 1892 to the Barberini Museum in Germany for a special exhibition. The painting is part of Dr. Reuven Hecht's original collection which made up the Museum's first displays. The public will now be able to see it in one of Germany's leading art museums. Dignitaries such as Chancellor Merkel and Microsoft Founder Bill Gates will attend the exhibition opening.



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The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library has sent over 20,000 spare books (mainly in English) to China, in a gift to Xiamen University in Fujian, South China. This is not the first time the Library is donating books to China, as part of a collaboration with other academic libraries in Asia. According to the Xiamen library Director Mr. Dehong Xiao, thanks to this donation and others like it, their library will now hold some of the only copies in China of specific books and journals for research



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Zubenelyamaly Aznar came from Mexico to study on the intensive [Hebrew Summer Ulpan](#) at the International School. She was amazed that within the first week she was already reading and writing a little. Israel has surpassed her expectations, and she describes the shared meals they have in the dorms that students from all over the world take it in turns to cook. Zubenelyamaly's tip is 'just take advantage of the whole opportunity'. See film (part of *The Internationals* series), [here](#).

