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Congratulations to Prof. Naomi Josman from the Department of Occupational Therapy, who has been elected as a research fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation which is the most important professional organization in this field. In its decision statement the Foundation wrote that "Prof. Josman has greatly contributed to the Research and advancement of knowledge in the field of occupational therapy".



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Congratulations also go to Prof. Boris Portnov from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management who has received the Best Paper Award from the Korean Society of Lighting and Visual Environment (KSLVE) for a paper he presented during their first international conference held in Seoul.



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The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, in collaboration with the Kishon River Authority and the Israeli Friends of the University of Haifa, held a well-attended one day conference on the topic of river restoration, with emphasis on the Kishon River. The conference attracted river restoration experts from academia, the Kishon River Authority, the Ministry for Environmental Protection, the Israel Nature and Parks Authority and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. A special guest of the conference was world renowned river restoration expert, Prof. Stefan Schmutz, from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna.



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The Jewish Arab Center at the University held a conference for its Werner Otto Scholarship recipients entitled "Arab Female Researchers beyond the Window". Prof. Alfred Tauber, Chairman of the University Board of Governors attended the conference as well as Prof. Rassem Khamaisi the Head of the Jewish Arab Center who stated that "in an age when the status of women in academia still leaves a lot to be desired, there are many challenges still facing the Arab woman who wishes to break the glass ceiling".



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The American Society of the University of Haifa and the Israel focused investment fund, OurCrowd, sponsored an information session for people interested in investing in Israel on November 5th. Pictured are Scott Dubin from OurCrowd and Elka Nir, CEO of Carmel Ltd., the University of Haifa Economic Corporation, who explained the newly-established Carmel Fund and described some of research projects at the University moving toward commercial application and development. The event introduced New York investors and philanthropists to both the University and new investment opportunities in Israel.



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Recently, the JFNA held its general assembly in Washington and the University set up an information booth where a few hundred people stopped and inquired about the University. The booth showcased the University of Haifa's many international programs. Pictured here in front of the booth are Lynda Kraar, ASUH Development Director, and Dr. Andrea Siegel, Acting Director of the Jewish Communal Leadership Program at the University of Michigan, which has just launched a student exchange partnership with the University of Haifa.



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The American Society of the University of Haifa organized a reception where it showcased the Ruderman Program for American Jewish Studies and the unique assets of the University which enable it to be a model for co-existence in Israel. Pictured are Jay Ruderman, Barry Shrage and Elinor Bitton-Bariach, a current student in the Ruderman program, who participated in a panel at the GA. Also speaking was Eran Dubovi, vice general manager of the Leo Baeck Education Center and CEO of the KIPP-inspired Yedah school in Quiryat Bialik, which is run in partnership with the University of Haifa's School of Education.



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About half the women in Israel have experienced considerable crisis after giving birth for the first time, according to a new study conducted at the University of Haifa that examined for the first time how deep the experience of crisis after giving birth is. "The birth of a child is considered to be a positive event, however many women respond to the birth of their first child - and the transition into motherhood - with difficult feelings of general distress that can lead to severe emotional symptoms," said Dr. Yeela Tomsis , who conducted the study. More on this Study



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Professor Ofira Ayalon from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management has just returned from a conference about energy economics and shared that "today, when you speak about energy economics, you do not only speak about the price of an oil barrel but also about the carbon tax. European countries are awaiting Paris 2015 – the UN Climate Change Conference - which is meant to target the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. The Europeans, who have always led this crusade for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, guarantee that by the year 2050 these emissions will be reduced by 4.5% per year which is quite ambitious.





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