



Events and News Bulletin

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On **March 11th**, **Tuvia Tenenbom** presented his book "Catch the Jew". Tenenbom, journalist and author, is the artistic director of the Jewish Theater of New York. In his book "Catch the Jew" he recounts his adventures of "Tobi the German" in Israel. After the presentation he discussed with the audience about the work of foreign non-governmental-organizations in Israel and the Palestinian Territories.



On **March 19th**, the Bucerius Institute, the HCGES and the School of History presented the first Hebrew volume of works by the renowned cultural historian, **Prof. Sander Gilman**, Prof. Gilman is well-known for his contribution to Jewish Studies and the history of medicine. The translation of his work was conducted by Dr. Amos Morris-Reich, Head of the Bucerius Institute. The book

["The Jewish Body and other Protruding Organs"](#) is published in Israel by Resling.

On **May 6th and 7th**, the Bucerius Institute together with the Haifa Center for German and European



Studies organized the **Europe Day Celebrations** at the University of Haifa.

Distinguished speakers and guests from academia, politics and diplomacy from Israel, Europe and the United States discussed the contemporary political, social and financial challenges within the EU today. Furthermore the conference looked at the EU's international role in security and defense with focus on Europe's relations with the Middle East. In addition to that the Institute organized a workshop for



90 pupils from Israeli and Arab high schools and an European Market Place aimed at representing academic possibilities in Europe to Israeli Students.

On **May 28th**, **Dr. Sasha Dehghani** gave a lecture on “From the Temple in Haifa to the Temple in Frankfurt – A Century of German Bahai History”.



Dr. Dehghani studied Islamic Studies, Political Science and Religious Studies both at the University of Jena and at the

American University of Beirut. He discussed the historical relationship between Germany and the Bahai Faith and gave a deep insight view of the development of Bahai religion throughout the centuries.

On **June 3rd**, the Bucerius Institute celebrated together with its founders, **Prof. Manfred**



Lahnstein und **Prof. Michael Goering**, 15 years of Bucerius Institute at the University of Haifa.

During a festive lunch at the Board of Governors meeting Prof. Lahnstein together with President of the University, Prof. Amos Shapira reflected the last 15 years of the work of the institute. Afterwards Prof. Lahnstein also held the 8th Annual Bucerius Lecture on German-Israeli-Relations and gave a future perspective on this special partnership



On **June 11th**, Art-Historian **Prof. Margaret Olin** from Yale University held a lecture on “The Art of Describing: Redundancy, Transformation, Impersonation.” Prof. Olin

discussed different visual and verbal methods of art history stating to strengthen the creative side of the methodology.

On **June 17th**, **Prof. Fernando Vidal** from the University of



Barcelona discussed about the term “endangerment”. Prof. Vidal analyzed the

sensibility of this term and defined it as a complex of historically situated concepts and practices, moral values, emotions and interest, which work together as an individual and collective resource. Moreover Prof. Vidal talked about the particular lists of species or languages in danger of extinction and the Research in this area.

The Bucerius Institute is very happy to announce that **Dr. Amos Morris-Reich**, Head of the Institute, was promoted to **Associate Professor at the University of Haifa**.

On **May 20th** and **22nd**, **Prof. Amos Morris Reich** attended an international conference Beyond Diplomacy: 50 years German Israeli Relations – Personal Encounters and official Ties in Cologne. He held a speech with the title Jacob Wahrman’s „first letters”: Scientific Collaboration in Nazi Corrupted Sciences, 1950 – 1965. The talk looked at the tension, between Israeli and German scientist and paid particular attention to sciences that had been corrupted during the Nazi Era. Furthermore the talk studied the correspondences between German-born Israeli geneticist Jacob Wahrman and his German and Austrian colleagues. Moreover the speech focused on - what could be termed as a post-Holocaustian „genetic fantasy”.



Dr. Yael Ben Moshe, Post-Doctoral researcher at the Bucerius Institute, received a short-time post-doctoral fellowship at the Centre for Contemporary History in Potsdam. This fellowship is supported with a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).



Tally Gur, PhD Candidate at the Bucerius Institute was this year as the first one from the University of Haifa granted with the The Leo Baeck Fellowship Program. It is an international fellowship program for doctoral candidates pursuing research into the history and culture of German-speaking Jewry.

On **June 3rd**, the institute organized a reception on the occasion of the retirement of **Lea Dror-Batalion**, our former administrative director. Mrs.



Dror-Batalion dedicated a huge amount of commitment and motivation during the past 15 years. Furthermore we give her a debt of gratitude for the input she had on the institutes' success.

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