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The Bavarian flyer corps 304 is part of Israeli history. From 1917-1918 the Bavarian flyers were stationed in Palestine and lived in some of the first *moshavim* in the country. Mr. Godel Rosenberg, Representative of Bavaria in Israel gave a [well-visited talk on the topic on November 16](#) during a joint event of the Bucerius Institute, the [Gottlieb Schumacher Institute](#) and the [Goethe Institute, Tel Aviv](#). The event that included the screening of the documentary *A Forgotten Mission: Looking for Traces of the Bavarian Flyers in Palestine* (Germany, 2005) took place in the Keller House and is part of a renewed cooperation between the Bucerius and Gottlieb Schumacher Institute. During the academic year, both Institutes will organize various monthly events that address German-Jewish topics in the Keller House in Haifa's Carmel Center.



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How do immigrants from the former Soviet-Union construct their identities through their food practices once they arrive in Israel or Germany? [Dr. Julia Bernstein](#), former Bucerius scholarship recipient offers an answer to this question in her PhD thesis that was published recently: [Food for Thought: Transnational Contested Identities and Food Practices of Russian-Speaking Jewish Immigrants to Israel and Germany](#). Dr. Bernstein is one of the protagonists in the documentary *Mazel Tov* that portrays Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Germany. The Bucerius Institute is introducing Dr. Bernstein's work in combination with the [screening of the documentary on December 14](#) at 18:00 in the Keller House in Haifa.



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[Dr. Tamar Cohn-Gazit](#), former Bucerius scholarship recipient, was one of the lecturers at the Symposium "Marking, Deportation, Extermination-Seventy Years to the Deportation of German Jewry" held at the Leo Baeck Institute in Jerusalem on November 3. Dr. Cohn-Gazit spoke on the testimony of Willy Cohen about his first deportation from Breslau.



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With the beginning of the new academic year, the Bucerius Institute has launched an [internship program](#). Since October, the Bucerius staff receives support from two interns from Germany, [Jana Michaelis](#) and [Regina Schulz](#), who will work for the Institute until the end of the semester. The program also introduces the participants to the academic life at the University of Haifa, as it includes Ulpan classes at the [International School](#).



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In 2007, Prof. Manfred Lahnstein, Chairman of the ZEIT-Foundation established the [Manfred Lahnstein Scholarship](#) at the Bucerius Institute. The PhD scholarships are awarded to young researchers from various disciplines that join the Bucerius Institute for one academic year. Since 2008, ten young scholars carried out their research in Israel. The Bucerius Institute congratulates [Dr. Sebastian Peter Korinth](#) who is the first Lahnstein scholarship recipient to complete his work on his dissertation with the title “Silent Reading Speed: Individual Differences and Training: Brain Activity, Behavior and Eye-Movement Measures”.

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More than 3000 friends of Israel gathered for the [Second German-Israeli Congress](#) held on October 23, 2011 in Frankfurt. The event took place under the auspices of the President of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Dr. Dieter Graumann; the Israeli Ambassador in Germany, Yoram Ben-Zeev and Ms. Regine Sixt, from the Sixt-AG. Dr. Graumann called upon the importance to be solidly united with the Jewish State: “Israel is still struggling for its existence. Iran stands behind the terror of Hamas and Hezbollah. That is why business with the regime is unconscionable and must stop” he demanded. The event was also attended by Danny Ayalon, Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel. The picture was taken by Lea Dror-Batalion, representative of the Bucerius Institute at the congress.

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“Our knowledge has made us cynical; our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness”. These are the words of the Jewish Barber in Charlie Chaplin’s *The Great Dictator* (USA, 1940). [Enjoy one of the greatest speeches ever made.](#)

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The Bucerius staff wishes Happy Chanukah or Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of its friends in Israel and abroad.

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