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RESEARCH

Family Centers for Children with Disabilities: Navigating the Covid-19 Pandemic

[An article by Tali-Noy Hindi and Itai Beer](#), from the School of Political Sciences, examines how families of children with disabilities managed not only household responsibilities and distance learning, but also intensive care for their children during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic shifted the therapeutic burden onto parents and families. The researchers illuminate the theory surrounding the development of policies in times of civilian-focused emergencies.

BSF Grant for Resilience to Heat Inequality: A Tale of Two Coastal Cities

University of Haifa scholars Prof. Tally Katz-Gerro, Prof. Maya Negev, and Dr. Asaf Levanon have been awarded a grant from the US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) for their project on [Equitable Resilience to Heat](#). Their research aims to assess the impact of community coordination and policy in two coastal cities. To date, the effects of social diversity on



Student Meeting (Credit: Division for Diversity, Inclusion and Community)

heat exposure risks have not been thoroughly investigated, especially concerning households experiencing deprivation and poverty. The University of Haifa researchers plan to address this gap in the existing knowledge.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

‘People’s University’ Program

The Community Engagement Unit of the Dean of Students Office held an emotional graduation ceremony for the [‘Access for All’](#) program. This initiative offers introductory courses of medicine, law, and psychology for marginalized populations from the north as a first opportunity to participate in higher education and gain

practical and essential knowledge in an academic environment. The program offers participants practical and essential knowledge within an academic setting, exposes them to the student experience, and fosters dialogue between population groups that rarely interact in Israel.

LEARNING AND STUDENTS

NEW course for aspiring Social Workers

The school of Social Work offers a new course in [Financial Management in Families Living in Poverty](#). The course aims to provide future social workers with essential skills and knowledge to add to their toolkit while working with families experiencing poverty

and economic hardship.

Social Struggles and the Growth of the Modern Welfare State

A new course by Dr. Ami Vatouri will explore the development of the modern welfare state through labor struggles and other political conflicts that led to the formation of the Modern Welfare State. The course is taught as part of the [Eshcolot program](#).

‘Ahavat Olam’ students visiting Jerusalem (Credit: University of Haifa).

OPERATIONS

‘Ahavat Olam’ Memorable Weekend

Students participating in the ‘Ahavat Olam’ scholarship program, organized by the Scholarships Unit in the Dean of Students Office, spent a memorable weekend in Jerusalem as part of the scholarship’s requirements. The students stayed at a hotel, toured the Western Wall and its tunnels, listened to fascinating lectures, and enjoyed the pleasures of a Shabbat experience.

Writing Marathon for Research Students

The Division for Diversity, Inclusion and Community, in collaboration with the Research Authority, the Bloom School of Graduate Studies, and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Poverty and Social Exclusion, hosted a writing marathon for research students and early-career researchers who are first-generation academics. The writing marathon included time management workshops and sessions to overcome writing barriers, as well as personal consultations aimed at creating a quiet and distraction-free environment conducive to research.

