

Events



Visual Israeliness



The Open University offers a range of symposia, concerts, lectures, conferences and other cultural activities. Most of the events this year were held on the Dorothy de Rothschild campus in Raanana and thousands of people attended them. They acquaint the general public with OUI activities, research and academic courses. Dozens of symposia were filmed and posted on the OUI website.

Student Day

Approximately 3,500 students and guests took part in a colorful Student Day event held at the OUI that included performances by well-known artists.

Academic Symposia

- US Foreign Policy: Gulliver in Handcuffs
- The Theater in its Own Eyes: A Lecture/Performance with Actors and Demonstrations
- Rashi – His Character and Work
- Bach, Mozart and Beethoven: Tracing Connections
- The Adventures of the Maccabees and the Shaping of Heroism Consciousness in Israeli History
- The 2007 Budget – Growth or Deepening Poverty?
- Logistics in the Global Age
- Inventing a Nation – The Case of Israel
- Genocide in the East and Genocide in the West
- The Politics of Science Journalism
- The Wild Earth: Natural Disasters and Extinction
- Saudi Arabia – An Oil Kingdom in the Labyrinth of Religion and Politics
- Eugenics, Race and Racism
- Gender and Status in Nation-Building Processes
- The Armenian Genocide – Forgetting and Denial
- Learning Disability and Attention Disorder: Treating and Supporting Children and Adolescents
- The Middle Ages Now!
- "Here and Now" Public Policy – Implications for Future Generations
- Beethoven: Romantic Rebel (symposium and concert)
- Negative Income Tax and its Effect on Labor Relations: Is it Good or Bad, and for Whom?
- Revival of the *Shia*: From Concealing the Faith to Spreading the Revolution
- Well-Read Individuals – Books, Writers and Readers in a Historical Perspective
- The Age of Innocence – Children and Childhood in History and Art
- Forty Years Since the Six Day War – 40 Years of Immigration from the USSR
- The World of Opera: Perspectives and Voices
- Rashi's Commentary to the Torah
- The Meeting of Cultures: Conflict and Discourse
- The Advances of Data Mining
- The Rise and Fall of Learning Strategies
- Higher Education in the 21st Century: Do We Learn Differently? Marking 30 Years of Teaching at the Open University



Conferences

- "Learning in the Technological Era" – **The Second Chais Conference on Instructional Technologies Research**, in collaboration with EDEN – The European Distance and E-Learning Network
- This spring, the OUI organized and hosted the **23rd Annual Conference of the Association of Israel Studies (AIS)**. The AIS is an international scholarly society devoted to the academic and professional study of Israel. The conference included about 100 sessions and was attended by hundreds of researchers from Israel and abroad. An art exhibition, "**Visual Israeliness**," curated by Dr. Alec Mishory, accompanied the meeting.

This year, the OUI Raanana campus also hosted the conferences of various organizations, among them, the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the Israel Astronomical Association, the Ministry of Education, the Israel Communication Association, the Israel Meteorological Society, the Academic Committee for Research in Language Testing (ACROLT), Associations of Academic Librarians and the Zoological Society of Israel.

Symposia and Events for the General Public

- War, Terror and Hatred: The Internet as a Battlefield
- Knowledge and Truth in the Technological Age

- Motives, Motivation and Incentives for Public Participation on the Web
- Human Interactions in Online Learning Environments: A series of lectures by Prof. Terry Anderson, Athabasca University
- e-Chat – Dialogs on the Internet
- Leading Brands in the Technological Age
- Health Day at the OUI: On Body and Soul
- The Delicate Nature of Relations with Israel: European, Irish and Vatican Historical Perspectives, in collaboration with the Embassy of Ireland in Israel
- Jewish Ireland in the Age of James Joyce, in collaboration with the Embassy of Ireland in Israel
- The exhibition "**Sisters**," part of the series, "Gesture to an Alcove"
- **A Series of Concerts**, with explanations by Dr. Ron Weidberg
- Cantorial Concert: Music from the Soul

Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies were held for the first time on the Raanana campus. Due to limited space in the plaza, two separate ceremonies were held on consecutive days. At one ceremony, Bachelor's degrees were awarded to graduates in the various Humanities and the Social Sciences tracks, and in the second ceremony Bachelor's degrees were awarded to graduates in other disciplines and Master's degrees were awarded.