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## AFHU E-Connections

August 2013



### Upcoming Events

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September 11, 2013

[The Bel Air Affaire 2013](#)  
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[The Greater New York Region Scholarship Luncheon](#)  
October 7, 2013

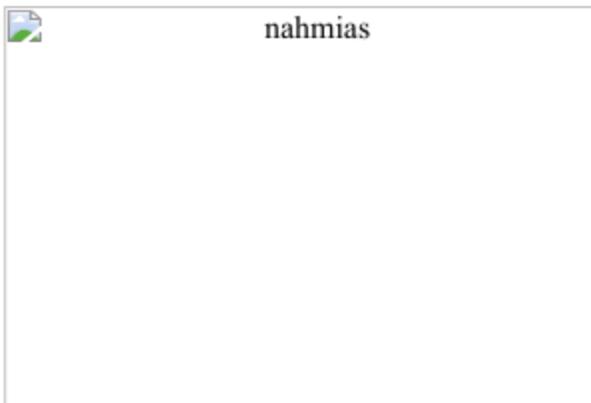
[The Torch of Learning Award Dinner honoring Jonathan L. Goldstein, Esq.](#)  
October 24, 2013

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### Hebrew University in the News

[Another Biodesign: Medical Innovation start up: A gastric sleeve to help diabetics and the dangerously obese](#)



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**Dr. Yaakov Nahmias**, the director of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Center for Bioengineering, partnered with **Professor Chaim Lotan**, the director of Hadassah Medical Center's Heart Institute and Dan Galai, the former Dean of the Business School, to establish The Hebrew University's Biodesign: Medical Innovation program. The initiative is the first academic medical innovation accelerator in Israel, and has spurred four start-ups in its first year.

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The impression procedure for dentures is over 100 years old. Using an optical system, Hebrew University Biodesign students have developed **3D tomography**



One of the projects in the Biodesign: Medical Innovation program, called **SAGIV**, is a semi-automatic handheld device for rapid and safe IV

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**prototypes** to reconstruct dentures, distinguishing between soft and hard tissue, enabling denture wearers to avoid painful ulcers.

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insertion, using infrared sights and electrical sensing. SAGIV targets a \$900 million market with elements already tested on difficult IV insertion cases at the Hadassah Medical Center.

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**Dr. Aviv Zohar and Dr. Ariel Procaccia**, graduates of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, have been named among "AI's 10 to Watch" by IEEE Intelligent Systems magazine. Published every two years, the list recognizes ten researchers who are rising stars in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).

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**Amar'e Stoudemire**, who has founded educational projects in the U.S., has joined forces with The Hebrew University's Youth Center for Advanced Studies. HU's Youth Center is dedicated to children from peripheral areas in the country and teaches science and education through sport. The program serves youngsters from grades 3-12.

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Does the so-called wisdom of crowds produce unbiased information that helps us make better decisions? Or does subtle online peer pressure create a group think mentality with negative consequences for markets, politics and health? To quantify how social influence affects online decision-making, **Dr. Lev Muchnik** designed a large-scale experiment on a popular news aggregation website similar to [redacted] and Reddit.

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**Forty-eight Chinese students** are learning to speak Hebrew and are developing insights into Israeli history and culture while enrolled in the Jerusalem Ulpan at Hebrew University's Rothberg International School. Professor Mimi Ajzenstadt, provost of the Rothberg School, was part of an HU delegation led by President Menahem Ben-Sasson that recently traveled to China to further ties with Chinese universities and to encourage their students to study in Jerusalem.



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