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Did You Know?

- Israeli scientists have discovered that hair can be used to diagnose stress levels, drug intake and even your risks of a heart attack.
- US President Barack Obama praised Israeli solar company BrightSource Energy, for building the world's largest solar energy plant in California, calling its technology "revolutionary."
- Forbes magazine has listed Tel Aviv as one of the world's top party cities, along with Bangkok, New York, Berlin and London.
- The doctor (Dr. Abraham Jacobi) hailed as America's father of pediatrics, was a Jew.

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“A Chanukah Story”

by Rabbi Yossi

A story is told about Israel Solomon, a Jewish soldier at Valley Forge during the Revolutionary War. During Chanukah, in the midst of the freezing cold, Israel lit his Chanukah. All of a sudden, General George Washington startled him and said, “What is this? What are you doing, are you mad? Are you a spy?” Israel replied, “No General, but let me explain.”



“Over 2,000 years ago we Jewish people were fighting a war very similar to yours. The Jews won that war because we fought for the truth. We fought for our freedom. We too were greatly outnumbered, but we won because we believed in God and He helped us to victory.” Then Israel smiled at General Washington and said, “And you will win tomorrow also, God will help you just as He helped us and we will win!” General Washington replied, “You are a Jew from the nation of prophets. I treat what you have said as a

prophecy from God Himself.” What happened the next day is now history: Washington’s forces scored a great victory and America won independence. This reminds us of Zechariah 4:6 read during Chanukah, “Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD Almighty.” A few years after the war, Israel Solomon heard a knock on the front door of his home. To his surprise, it was President George Washington. The President handed Israel a gold medallion engraved with a Menorah. Inscribed were the words, “A Token of Gratitude for the Light - George Washington.”

The President continued, “Mr. Solomon, you don’t know what you did that night at Valley Forge. I was sure we had no chance of winning. We lacked ammunition, we were outnumbered, and we had insufficient food and clothing. I was planning to surrender, but your lights and your prophecy changed all that. If it wasn’t for you and your Menorah, I don’t know if we would be standing here today as free men.”

Chanukah, known as the “Festival of Lights” and the “Feast of Dedication,” is also the “Season of Miracles.” We say on Chanukah, “Nes Gadol Hayah Sham – A Great Miracle Happened There.” As we continue to “Dedicate” our lives to God, may we proclaim the words, “Nes Gadol Hayah Po - A Great Miracle Has Happened Here!”

– Chag Sameach!

Cheers! A Wine that’s Good for You

(Israel 21c) At Rosh Hashana (the Jewish new year), the fruit of choice is the pomegranate. High in antioxidants that are said to combat a range of health problems ranging from diabetes, to cardiovascular diseases and even cancer, eating the fruit isn't just about tradition.



Now an Israeli winery in the northern Galilee is producing a new kind of wine, made exclusively from pomegranates. The

Rimon Winery was founded by Gabi Nachmias, from Moshav Ben Zimra in the Galilee, and is one of very few wineries around the world making this tasty and healthful wine. Six years ago he made 2,600 bottles. Today, the winery bottles over 750,000 liters a year and sells its four kinds of pomegranate wine to markets in Japan, the US, Europe and Singapore.

World's Biggest Mezuzah at Ben Gurion Airport

(Arutz 7) The world's biggest mezuzah has been placed on a wall at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. In a special ceremony attended by top Airport Authority and Transport Ministry officials, Kobi Mor,



director of the airport, along with other officials, hoisted the 1.01 meter square box containing the holy parchment on a wall in the airport. The scroll, which is kosher, was written over a three year period by scribe Yitzchak Krichly. Most such scrolls require about two hours of a scribe's time. “Ben Gurion Airport is the gateway to Israel so it is a suitable place for a special mezuzah,” airport officials said. Mezuzahs contain the Torah passage from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 which includes the *Shema* (Hear O Israel), and the commandment that you shall write these words “on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

“They [the Jews] are the most glorious nation that ever inhabited this Earth. The Romans and their empire were but a bubble in comparison to the Jews. They have given religion to three-quarters of the globe and have influenced the affairs of mankind more and more happily than any other nation, ancient or modern.”

-- John Adams, 2nd President of the US (1908)

New Sinai resort to compete for Eilat-bound tourists



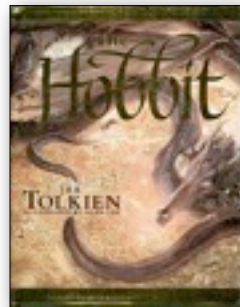
(Haaretz) Sinai Bay Club Med, scheduled to open during the Chanukah holiday, is expected to compete for tourists visiting Eilat and the neighboring resort areas, including Aqaba, Jordan.

Over the past few months, the area has been the target of terror warnings and attacks, including a few rockets. Egyptian police have arrested terror suspects in Sinai. Israelis have been returning to the peninsula despite the warnings: 35,000 visited in September, and nearly 200,000 between January and October of 2010.

The resort will have four- to five-star facilities and 500 meters of beachfront. It will be one of the few hotels in Sinai with direct access to the bay. The Club Med in Eilat still has some advantages, however. It's within Israel and it's kosher.

Hobbit gets a Kosher Dwarf

(Haaretz) Director Peter Jackson's long-awaited two-movie adaptation of The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien, has a kosher flavor to it, in the shape of 26-year-old Jewish British actor Robert Kazinsky. Kazinsky - who is most famous in Britain for his role as Sean Slater in the BBC soap Eastenders - has been cast as the dwarf Fili. He reportedly speaks Hebrew and has appeared in television commercials in Israel.



Targeting tumors without the pain of radiation

(Israel 21c) Israeli scientists have developed an innovative new nano-particle treatment for cancerous tumors that could replace traditional radiation therapy. Developed by a professor at Tel Aviv University, heat is used to kill the tumor cells, while leaving the surrounding healthy tissue intact.

Prof. Israel Gannot, whose method is soon to be published in the journal Nanomedicine, uses a special mixture of nano-particles - already approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - and antibodies to locate individual tumors and bind directly to them. The specialized cocktail is administered safely and simply, through topical local injection or injection into the blood stream.

Once the treatment is completed, the nano-particles are washed out of the body naturally. Aside from being minimally invasive, Gannot says that the treatment is also fast and efficient. The entire treatment lasts only six hours, and can be administered during an out-patient procedure.

56% of U.S. Voters see Israel as Ally

(Arutz 7) Fifty-six percent of American voters believe that Israel is an ally of the United States, while 3% see it as an enemy. A new poll by the Rasmussen organization shows that American perceptions of Israel remained good in recent months. A scientific sample of 1,000 Americans asked that, "Generally speaking, is Israel an ally of the United States, an enemy of the United States or somewhere in-between?" In response, 56% said "ally," down slightly from the previous poll in August, and 3% said "enemy." Thirty nine percent answered "in-between."

In response to a second question, regarding American expectations for relations with Israel in the coming year, only 10% of voters believe that relations between the United States and Israel will be better by next year, while 27% think the relationship will be worse. Fifty-two percent believe that the U.S.-Israel relationship will be about the same a year from now. In August, 34% said that the Israel-U.S. Relationship would be worse in a year. Broken down by party affiliation, 43% of Republicans think relations with Israel will be worse in a year, while just 12% of Democrats and 28% of voters not affiliated with either major political party agreed.

Israel fared somewhat better than the Muslim world in the poll. Twelve percent of U.S. voters expect relations with the Muslim world to be better a year from now, while 39% expect them to be worse. Forty-one percent (41%) expect that relationship to be about the same. In addition, a large percentage of those polled said that the Palestinian Authority must recognize Israel as a Jewish state - but that such recognition is unlikely.

American "Wounded Warriors" visit Israel

(IDF website) A group of American military veterans were brought to Israel recently as part of the Wounded Warriors Project to spend some time with Israeli counterparts. The American and Israeli war veterans spent days cycling through Israel together, sharing combat stories and getting to know



each other and their nations' respective situations.

One of the Americans told an Israeli army reporter that "back in the States, when we see Israel on the news, for example, it seems like a terror stricken country filled with war. But when we arrived here, we stood in front of a beautiful country."

The Israel trip was actually the expansion of a joint initiative between the Wounded Warriors Project and Friends of the Israel Defense Forces that has been bringing Israeli war veterans to the US to participate in scenic bike tours with American veterans for the past four years.

One of the Americans, a Sgt. Juan Arredondo, summed up his feelings about the trip and the strong bond between Israel and the US by stating, "We are both fighting for each other."

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