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From the Desk of the Rabbi...

From the JEWISH CHRONICLE:

Soft boycott: How the news of a revolutionary new cancer treatment was spun to hide its Israeli origins: **The news of an amazing new treatment for prostate cancer shot around the world this week - but it was missing one important detail...**

The past 24 hours have seen wall-to-wall coverage of an amazing breakthrough on prostate cancer. Newspapers, TV, radio and social media have all carried reports of the research. According to the BBC report:

“Surgeons have described a new treatment for early stage prostate cancer as ‘truly transformative’. The approach, tested across Europe, uses lasers and a drug made from deep sea bacteria to eliminate tumours, but without causing severe side effects. Trials on 413 men - published in The Lancet Oncology - showed nearly half of them had no remaining trace of cancer...”

But let’s leave the science aside and look at another aspect of the story. Guess where the breakthrough happened,...– because from almost all the coverage, you would indeed have to guess where the research was carried out: the Weizmann Institute of Science, in Israel. Not once in the Today program report was it mentioned. And in this BBC report there is a throwaway line right at the end detailing the originators of the science.

I wish I could believe this is just an honest mistake – that, purely by chance, the Israeli origins of a medical breakthrough had been left out. But I’m afraid I don’t think that – and I don’t think you will, either. It happens too often and too regularly for it to be pure chance. It’s what I call the soft-boycott strategy.

The campaign for BDS is so obviously racist and antisemitic, singling out the Jewish homeland alone in the world for boycott, that some of those who would rather Israel doesn’t exist choose an alternative approach – ignoring anything remotely positive about Israel and focusing only on bad news that fits their anti-Israel agenda.

And it is an unfortunate fact that many of those Israel haters work in the media and have the ability to shape perceptions. So the huge and entirely disproportionate number of Israeli scientific breakthroughs are reported as if they have simply happened by magic, with their Israeli origins ignored.

The discovery of this drug called TOOKAD – meaning light in Hebrew - was the result of over fifteen years of painstaking research by Avigdor Scherz and Yoram Salomon at Israel’s Weizmann Institute of Science. It was disappointing, but not entirely surprising, that the news providers should consider that fact unworthy of a mention.”

Fred M. Raskind, Rabbi

UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 10:00 a.m.

Lifelong Learning, Text & Trends

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2:00 p.m.

Sisterhood, *Anne Frank Exhibit*, MOSH

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 7:15 p.m.

Sisterhood Book Club,

The Jew Store by Stella Suberman

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 6:00 p.m.

Deli Nite

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1:00 p.m.

Sisterhood Meeting: Discussion by Israeli

Shlichah Gender Equality in Israel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 11:30

a.m. LifeLong Learning, *Brown Bag Series*

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 11:00 a.m. PURIM

Hard Lox Cafe Brunch & Hamantaschen Cook

Off THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 6:30 p.m.

Men’s Club: Discussion with Dr. Stu

Soroka Men’s Health

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 7:15 p.m.

Sisterhood Book Club, *Sister Carrie* by Theodore

Dreiser **THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 11:30 a.m.**

Sisterhood Spring Luncheon and Fashion

Show, Serenata Beach Club

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic / Talent Show

February Dates to Remember

(all events to be held at Temple Bet Yam unless indicated otherwise)

Wednesday, February 1

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Lifelong Learning:
Text & Trends

Friday, February 3

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service, Tu B'Shvat

Sunday, February 5

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School
Tu B'Shvat Celebration

Monday, February 6

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 7

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting

Thursday, February 9

7:15 - 9:00 p.m. Sisterhood Book Club
The Jew Store by Stella Suberman
Moderators Ruth Kurlandsky & Elaine Stecker

Sunday, February 12

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 13

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 16

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Deli Nite

Monday, February 20

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Dining with Dignity
St. Paul's A.M.E. Church
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, February 21

1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sisterhood Meeting
Discussion with Israeli Shlichah Dana Marmari:
Gender Equality in Israel

Wednesday, February 22

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Life Long Learning
Brown Bag Lunch

Friday, February 24

7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Religious School

Monday, February 27

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Open to all TBY members:

Anne Frank Exhibit, Sunday, February 5th, 2017

The exhibit is at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH) in Jacksonville:

[1025 Museum Cir, Jacksonville, FL 32207](http://1025MuseumCir.com)

As there are some people who do not want to have a meal before going to the Museum, we will meet at 2:00 PM at the main front entrance to the MOSH. There are docents throughout the exhibit, and Cathy will serve as ours.

Please write directly to: Cathy Kasriel

Life Long Learning Off-Campus Opportunity

Father Charles Gallagher S.J. will speak on **Monday, February 6th, 2017 at 7:00 pm** in Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College. The talk is part of the Usdin Lecture Series, which is endowed to explore issues within the Judeo-Christian traditions from an interdisciplinary perspective. **His topic is: Espionage and Anti-Semitism: Nazi and British Intelligence in Wartime Boston**

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Temple Bet Yam presents **Deli Nite**

Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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or email templebetyam@gmail.com

Deli Nite Reservation Form (RSVP by February 7, 2017)

Name: _____ Address: _____


Phone (home): (cell): _____ Email: _____

of tickets: # of Pastrami: # of Corned Beef:

of Turkey: Amount enclosed: \$ cash \$ check #

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Hosted by Temple Bet Yam Sisterhood

Date: Thursday, March 24, 2016
Time: 11:30 a.m.
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\$30 per person
Tickets must be purchased by March 14, 2016
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The MURRAY WEISS MEMORIAL FUND is a new fund for members of our congregation to help members in need. In order to spearhead this fund, the Murray Weiss Trust will match your dollars until the fund's goal is reached.

Helping our fellow congregants is the mission of this fund. Its success will be determined by the congregation. It will be a real Mitzvah to know that your dollars were spent on someone who was in need of help for tuition, or medicine, or food, or hurricane damage, or hospital care, or anything else that is needed.

This fund was created for Temple Bet Yam so that it may continue to bring caring and assistance to those in need. Anyone wishing to apply to the fund should get an application from the front office or contact a member of the funding committee (Karen Selig, Stu Soroka, or me).

Shalom, Mimi Selig

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