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חדשות האגודה – אפריל 2018 The Israeli Society for Science Fiction and Fantasy

- המועדון בירושלים יעסוק בספר "יושרה שניוניית" מאת אן לקי, אורחת הכבוד של אייקון 2018 (הוצאת סיאל, 2015), ויתקיים ביום ראשון 29.7, ב-20:30 בבית פרטי בשכונת הקטמונים. כתובת מדויקת תינתן לנרשמות ולנרשמים למועדון. מנחה: **שירה אבנת**. (ובפייסבוק)

- המועדון בת"א יהיה הפעם מועדון שמיעה! נאזין יחד לאלבומו של אלי בר-יהלום "משוטט בין עולמות", ונשוחח על השירים. אין צורך בהיכרות מוקדמת עם הדיסק. שיר לדוגמא מתוך הדיסק - **ספירלה**. כאן ניתן לקרוא את כל השירים והאקורדים וליצור קשר עם בר-יהלום לרכישת הדיסק. המועדון על "צד שמאל של החושך" שהיה אמור להתקיים ביולי נדחה לאוגוסט. מועדון יולי יתקיים ביום חמישי, 26.7 בשעה 19:30, בבית פרטי ברמת אביב. כתובת מדויקת תינתן לנרשמות ולנרשמים למועדון. מנחה: **דפנה קירש**

המועדון בחיפה יעסוק בספר "חיי קסם" מאת דיאנה ווין ג'ונס (כתר, 2003). המועדון יתקיים ביום רביעי, 25.7, ב-19:00, בבית פרטי ברחוב אבא הלל סילבר, חיפה. כתובת מדויקת תינתן לנרשמות ולנרשמים למועדון. מנחה: **טניה חייקין**.

*** חדש: המועדון הגליל מערבי בכרמיאל-משגב - **במהלך יולי לא יתקיים מפגש**

כל האירועים של האגודה מופיעים ב**לוח האירועים** (שפע אירועים מעניינים, הרצאות, סדנאות, מפגשים ועוד)

או לדף האגודה בפייסבוק. לקבלת עדכונים שוטפים על מפגשי מועדון הקריאה ברחבי הארץ ניתן להצטרף ל**רשימת התפוצה**

Society information is available (in Hebrew) at the Society's site: <http://www.sf-f.org.il>

This month's roundup:

- I've been very busy with various projects, personal, and work and family issues, so we'll have to suffice with interesting stuff from various sources and websites. Hopefully more book and TV/movie reviews next month
- Also, sorry, no "Sheer Science" this month. – Hopefully, something dedicated ... soon

– Your editor, Leybl Botwinik

Feel Free, Feedback Forum:

[LB: About last issue being a bit late – What will he think about me, this time 'round?]

Leybl Shalom!

I think you're doing a SUPER Job!

What does everybody else think?

-Reuven F.

at the Electrons, J-m

Some fun from the Websites:

WOW ! ! ?

'Star Wars' Universe Will Come to Life in New Immersive Disney Theme Park

By Amy Thompson, Space.com June 10, 2018

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Disney is getting closer to fulfilling every "Star Wars" fan's dream: [a real-life immersive "Star Wars" experience](#). At a special event on May 27 at Disney's Hollywood Studios, the team behind the project regaled visitors with new details on the upcoming expansion to Disney World set to open in 2019.

Actor and mega "Star Wars" fan Warwick Davis was on hand to welcome attendees and introduce a special panel devoted to the largest single land

Sample pics from the planned park "Batuu"



expansion Disney has attempted yet — "Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge."

A long time ago, in a galaxy not so far away, a 7-year-old Davis journeyed to the cinema and was enthralled by George Lucas' epic space opera "Star Wars." Davis then acquired a small band of action figures that he would use to stay immersed in the world he'd come to love on screen. Several years later, fantasy became reality when he was cast as the Ewok Wicket, who first appeared in "Return of the Jedi" (1983). [[Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge! Photos of Disney's 'Star Wars' Park Plan](#)]

Davis has since played numerous roles in the "Star Wars" universe, but that first experience of walking on set, playing a part and even battling Stormtroopers left a lasting impression, he said. Like many fans of the iconic space saga, he dreamed of being immersed in a real-life "Star Wars" experience. And he was. That is, until the director would call cut.

To read more, see: <https://www.space.com/40842-star-wars-galaxy-edge-theme-park.html>

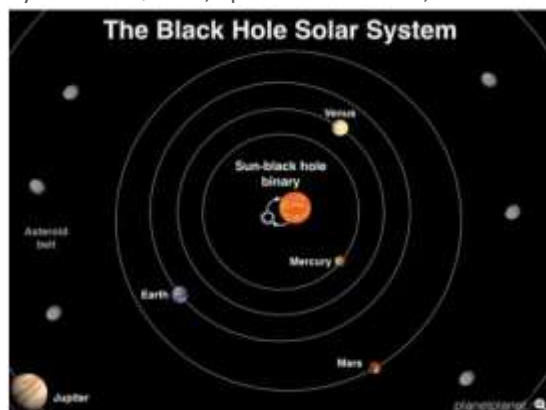


See more here: <https://www.space.com/40843-star-wars-galaxy-edge-disney-preview-photos.htm>

Don't like crowded cities? Buy a planet!

1 Million Habitable Planets Could (Theoretically) Orbit a Black Hole. Here's How

By Charles Q. Choi, Space.com June 11, 2018



Huge numbers of potentially habitable planets could theoretically exist in stable orbits around a supermassive black hole, such as the fictional Gargantua from the 2014 film "Interstellar."

A black hole could have 1 million planets orbiting near it that are potentially capable of supporting life as we know it, an astrophysicist suggests.

Since there is life virtually everywhere liquid water exists on Earth, astronomers often judge a world as potentially habitable if it orbits within a

Why, some of my best friends are Martians...

Life on Mars? Top 10 Martians of All Time

By Newsarama Staff | June 17, 2018

This month, NASA [released news](#) that its Discovery Rover had discovered organic matter on Mars. While that's not necessarily proof of life on Mars, it's more evidence that such a thing is or could have been possible. With that in mind, we're paying tribute to fiction's most iconic denizens of the red planet.



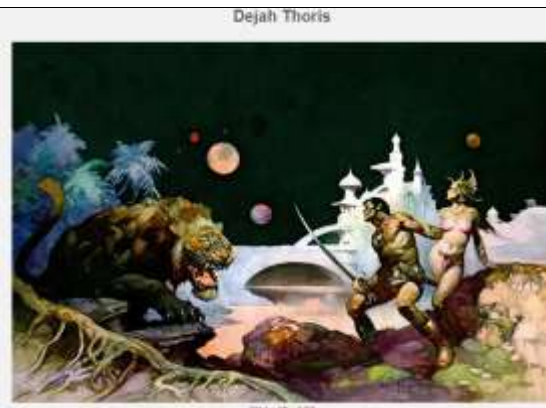
zone where liquid water could survive on its surface. Our sun's "habitable zone" hosts just one planet (Earth), but the story could be different for other stars. For example, the TRAPPIST-1 system has [three Earth-size planets within its habitable zone](#).

Sean Raymond, an astrophysicist at the Observatory of Bordeaux in France, researches how planetary systems form and evolve. As part of a column Raymond writes called "[Building the Ultimate Solar System](#)," he set out to see how many planets could orbit a black hole. [[The Strangest Black Holes in Space](#)]

"I think we can learn from the extremes ... they are basically the boundaries of the box in which we are searching," Raymond told Space.com. "This system is one extreme — the most packed imaginable. It's a fun blend of imagination and science."

Read more here:

<https://www.space.com/40846-black-hole-million-habitable-planets.htm>



See more here: <https://www.space.com/40887-top-fictional-martians.html?>

NOT the "REAL" SF stuff – but fun nevertheless ☺

Will anyone from the cast of 'The Lord of the Rings' movie return for the TV series? (Photo: New Line Cinema)



'Lord of the Rings' TV series hopes to be the new 'Game of Thrones'

Amazon vying to be the home of new genre-defining shows.

by Benjamin Cohen | Thursday, May 24, 2018

With HBO set to air the final season of "Game of Thrones," fans of the dramatic fantasy series will soon have to look elsewhere for their weekly fix of magic and mayhem. Thankfully, it appears a new contender is arriving just in time.

Amazon is making a TV adaptation of the popular "Lord of the Rings" books and movies.

The move falls in line with a broader strategy by Amazon. Earlier last year, Bezos brought on board Sharon Tal Yguado to help run the company's TV division with the goal of producing more genre-defining shows with mass appeal and an international audience. By all accounts, the Israeli Tal Yguado – who studied at both New York University and Tel Aviv University – seems to have the pedigree Bezos is looking for. After all, she was one of the masterminds behind TV's most popular cable drama – "The Walking Dead."

While the deal for "The Lord of the Rings" is being ironed out, Tal Yguado is already spearheading a new superhero drama for Amazon called "The Boys." Based on a popular comic book series, the story revolves around a team of vigilantes that take down corrupt superheroes. Comedic actor Seth Rogen is on board the project as well. "In a landscape saturated with superhero shows, 'The Boys' is the next evolution in this popular genre," said Tal Yguado.

It's unclear if the Amazon version of "The Lord of the Rings" will mimic what's in the book and movie series or if it will be a spinoff that simply takes place somewhere in the "Rings" universe. This would be a similar approach to "Fear the Walking Dead," a show that takes place on the West Coast, while the action on the original "Walking Dead" happens on the opposite side of the country. And unlike "Game of Thrones," all of the "Lord of the Rings" books have already been written. Its author, British novelist J.R.R. Tolkien, passed away in 1973.

Read more here: <https://www.fromthegrapevine.com/arts/lord-rings-tv-show-hopes-be-new-game-thrones>

To complete this issue, it was a toss-up between robot feet that can see... and this. Guess who won ☺ ?

5 Space Forces From Sci-Fi and What We Can Learn From Them

Can Starfleet and the U.S Colonial Space Marines tell us something about Donald Trump's Space Force? - By Joe Pappalardo, July 2018

Donald Trump says he's serious about a Space Force: A sixth branch of the U.S. military to handle America's off-planet affairs. Nobody knows quite what that force would look like. But we do have the examples of science fiction, which has given us many examples of military organizations in space.

1. Star Trek: Starfleet

You need good partners in a complicated world

Star Trek hit the airwaves in 1966 with the radical idea that the planet would come together as a single global government and venture forth toward the stars. Roddenberry's future was certainly idealistic, but the diverse crew of the USS *Enterprise* pointed the way to a brighter future.

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See more at: <https://www.popularmechanics.com/space/satellites/a22071881/sci-fi-space-force/>

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the above topics and with your OK, we may publish them!

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