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חדשות האגודה – נובמבר 2020 The Israeli Society for Science Fiction and Fantasy 2020

תל אביב: לציון 100 להולדתו של אייזק אסימוב, המועדון יעסוק ב"מחר כפול תשע" (מסדה, 1973, אודיסאה, 2005), ביום חמישי, 26.11, בתוכנת זום. מנחה: דפנה קירש. קישור יתפרסם בדף האירוע בפייסבוק. ירושלים: לפרטים על המפגשים הבאים ניתן להצטרף לקבוצת הפייסבוק מועדון הקריאה הירושלמי של האגודה. ניתן גם ליצור קשר במייל עם מרכזת המועדון בירושלים - גלי אחיטוב, ולהצטרף לקבוצת הוואטסאפ של המועדון. כל האירועים של האגודה מופיעים בלוח האירועים (שפע אירועים מעניינים, הרצאות, סדנאות, מפגשים ועוד) לקבלת עדכונים שוטפים על מפגשי מועדון הקריאה ברחבי הארץ ניתן להצטרף לרשימת התפוצה או בדף האגודה בפייסבוק. Society information is available (in Hebrew) at the Society's site: <http://www.sf-f.org.il>

This month's roundup:

- A note (and revelation) about last month's review of "Anthem" and the author Ayn Rand.
- Our usual, interesting tidbits from various websites.
- Your editor, Leybl Botwinik

Fun from the Web – Lots of goodies:

- **An Ode To Mettle: Women Of Classic Sci-Fi Franchises Through The Decades**
<https://www.syfy.com/syfywire/an-ode-to-mettle-women-of-classic-sci-fi-franchises-through-the-decades>
- **Ben-Gurion U Joins UN Outer Space Affairs Program for Emergency Response**
<https://unitedwithisrael.org/ben-gurion-u-joins-un-outer-space-affairs-program-for-emergency-response/>
- **Bill Nye to flat Earthers and science deniers: 'It affects all of us'**
<https://www.space.com/bill-nye-speaks-out-flat-earthers-science-denial>
- **The Day After an Iranian Nuclear Strike (on Israel)**
<https://besacenter.org/perspectives-papers/iranian-nuclear-strike/>
- **8 nations sign US-led Artemis Accords for moon exploration and beyond**
<https://www.space.com/eight-nations-sign-artemis-accords-moon-exploration>
- **Very important binge: The best TNG episodes to watch before Star Trek: Picard**
<https://www.syfy.com/syfywire/very-important-binge-the-best-tng-episodes-to-watch-before-star-trek-picard>
- **International Space Station at 20: Former astronauts about living & working in space**
<https://www.space.com/space-station-20-years-astronauts-celebration-viking-tv>
- **What's next after the International Space Station? Plans for more off-Earth outposts**
<https://www.space.com/international-space-station-future-off-earth-outposts>
- **What do movies get wrong about the international-space-station?**
<https://www.syfy.com/syfywire/international-space-station-movies-accurate-wrong?>

Books:

- **'Leviathan Falls': The 9th and final book of epic 'The Expanse' sci-fi series revealed**
<https://www.space.com/leviathan-falls-the-expanse-book-9-cover-revealed>

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...Wow... **WOW...** **OW... OW... OW!!!**

Ayn Rand vs. the Individual

Looks like I got burnt – through no fault of mine, of course...

Soon after publishing the previous issue of CyberCozen (October 2020) one of our readers brought to my attention a very disturbing article concerning Ayn Rand (the author of the book “Anthem” that I reviewed last time) and her followers. There is a link to that article at the end of this write-up. It was quite an eye-opener.

Ironically, and in my defense, my review began with the following words:

“I recently picked up Ayn Rand’s novella “Anthem” and didn’t know what I was getting into. I had never heard of her or of her books.”

I literally “didn’t know what I was getting into”. If you had read my review, you will have seen that I was very impressed by the contents and messages of the story: importance of individualism, freedom of thought and expression, fight/struggle for liberty and against oppression. However, as I read the article, I was shocked to find out that Ayn Rand and her clique and followers of the 1960s, represented the exact opposite of what was expressed in “Anthem”. This was a sharp 180 degree about-face, and her followers were indoctrinated, akin to a cult, to NOT think for themselves and to fear expressing any ideas that may even slightly stray from the group’s doctrine (just like in “Anthem” – the story she herself wrote in 1938!).

According to the article below – in a very scary way – the repressive society depicted in the book – that the hero fought against and broke away from – is the exact (if not worse) environment that was – apparently – set up to control the members of Ayn Rand’s entourage. This is quite frightening, and reminiscent of the exact same society, societal structures and suppressive forces that “Anthem” speaks out against.

What they say is true: Life is stranger than fiction!

The article in question:

<https://www.lewrockwell.com/1970/01/murray-n-rothbard/understanding-ayn-randianism/>

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

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