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This month's roundup:

Our usual, interesting tidbits from various websites.

– Your editor, Leybl Botwinik

Readers' Remarks:

1) Have you seen this?:

[jews-in-space-on-the-unsung-history-of-jewish-writers-and-the-birth-of-science-fiction/](#)

2) Today, while sorting donations at the Malden Public Library, I came across a silly little book by David M. Bader, called *Haikus for Jews*. Flipping through it, I encountered the following:

Shatner and Nimoy
observing Shabbos---"Scotty,
beam up a minyan." (*)

Oy!

All the best,
Devra

Thanks for the link and the Jew-Haiku,

(*) For those not familiar: A "minyan" is a quorum of 10 male Jews (13 yrs or older) that is required for specific religious prayers and services, such as for reading of the Torah on specific days, or for reciting the mourner's prayer "Kaddish".

Leybl

Virgin Galactic Success: 88+ Miles above Earth

Virgin Galactic announced today (July 11, 2021) that VSS Unity successfully reached space, completing the Company's fourth rocket-powered spaceflight.



<https://www.virgingalactic.com/articles/virgin-galactic-successfully-completes-first-fully-crewed-spaceflight/>

Fun from the Web

- How Virgin Galactic's SpaceShipTwo passenger space plane works (infographic)
<https://www.space.com/17994-how-virgin-galactic-spaceshiptwo-works.html>
- Judaism and Life on Other Planets
<https://www.aish.com/ci/s/Judaism-and-Life-on-Other-Planets.html>
- Jews in Space: The Unsung History of Jewish Writers and the Birth of Science Fiction
<https://lithub.com/jews-in-space-on-the-unsung-history-of-jewish-writers-and-the-birth-of-science-fiction/>
- Israel's SpaceIL secures funds – to the tune of \$70 Million – for new lunar mission



<https://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/israels-spaceil-secures-funds-lunar-mission-78783828>

- New (4th) Matrix film coming up
<https://gizmodo.com/jessica-henwick-fulfills-her-dreams-starring-in-fourth-1847088021>
- New teaser trailer for 'Star Trek: Picard' season 2 is here and it's Q-tastic
<https://www.space.com/star-trek-picard-season-2-trailer-q-surprises>
- 51 New Sci-Fi and Fantasy Books to Add to Your Reading List in July
<https://gizmodo.com/51-new-sci-fi-and-fantasy-books-to-add-to-your-reading-1847149169>
- Earth's fifth ocean just confirmed
<https://www.space.com/earth-fifth-ocean-confirmed.htmlx>
- Did a comet strike 13,000 years ago change human civilization as we know it?
<https://www.space.com/comet-impact-neolithic-period-human-civilization?>
- 4,000-Year-Old Stone Monolith Likely an Astronomical Marker
<https://www.space.com/15050-ancient-monolith-astronomical-marker.htmlx>
- Haunting Photos: The Spookiest Nebulas in Space
<https://www.space.com/13264-spooky-nebulas-space-halloween-photos.htmlx>
- The 10 weirdest moons in the solar system
<https://www.space.com/10-weirdest-solar-system-moons?>
- Could we really terraform Mars?
<https://www.space.com/can-we-really-terraform-mars>
- Will Humans Ever Fly? Israeli's Discovery May Hold the Answer
<https://unitedwithisrael.org/will-humans-ever-fly-israelis-discovery-may-hold-the-answer/>

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