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Dear friends,

During the winter time in Israel, days get shorter and the awesome brightness of the sun fades away. We therefore choose to cover in this magazine an international art exhibition held at the Old Jaffa Museum of Antiquities which attempts to explore around the idea of winter celebrations and to connect cultures for peaceful purposes.

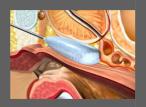
We choose to expose you in this magazine to Haifa, a beautiful city in Israel that attracts million visitors every year, with the country's largest port, the nearby beaches along the Mediterranean coast and the Bahá'í Gardens.

In addition, we have put together a couple of updates on the latest health and environmental technologies developed in Israel.

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Safer radiation therapy

An Israeli company's biodegradable 'balloon' radically reduces the negative side effects of radiation in cancer treatment.

http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/InnovativeIsrael/Safer radiation therapy-Jan 2012.htm



Diagnostic device for liver failure on FDA fast track

The world's first non-invasive liver function diagnostic device can save lives and eliminate unnecessary surgery. http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/InnovativeIsrael/Diagnostic device liver failure 1-Feb-2012.htm



Israel leads way in making saltwater potable

Scarce rainfall and abundant seawater prompted Israel to find desalination solutions now getting a 'green' makeover and being shared globally. http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/InnovativeIsrael/Israel leads saltwater potable-Jan 2012.htm



Building engineers, one LEGO brick at a time

This year's Youth Business International (YBI) Entrepreneur of the Year competition award went to an Israeli startup that teaches children the fundamentals of engineering and robotics as they play with toy building sets. http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/InnovativeIsrael/YBI Entrepreneur of the Year 2011.htm



Bahá'í Gardens crown northern Israel

The lush Bahá'í Gardens in Haifa and Akko are 'sacred, special places for all of humanity. http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/IsraelExperience/Bahai Gardens crown northern Israel-Jan 2012.htm



Jaffa lights up winter

The eight-day Lights in the Winter exhibit at the Old Jaffa Museum of Antiquities included 38 artists from 12 countries. http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/IsraelExperience/Jaffa lights winter-Jan 2012.htm



Martial artists gather in Israel

Jerusalem's Malcha Stadium was the setting for the 30th European Traditional Karate Championship in November. http://www.mfa.gov.il/MFA/IsraelExperience/Martial artists Israel-Jan 2012.htm

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