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Monthly Bulletin of Kehillat Ma'arav



Meet, Greet, Eat and Learn.

Sunday, April 8 6-8pm

Rabbi Avi Novis Deutsch

on the topic

Israel at 70: Beyond the Headlines

A NEW VIEW OF ISRAEL - PART II JOEL KRISCHER, PRESIDENT

At the end of Part I we promised to report on how gratifying it was to see our Catholic friends making their first visit to Israel “for the first time . . . really understood the threats and dangers that Israel faced and [that they] started to understand the modern and political Israel.” This began when they visited the Golan Heights and continued through the rest of the trip.

On our way from the Galilee to Jerusalem we stopped at Kibbutz Degania. First established in 1910, the kibbutz was a direct target of a Syrian tank column in the 1948 War of Independence. Although the kibbutz had no heavy weapons of any kind, the attack failed and one of those tanks (French-made by Renault) symbolically stands at the entrance to the kibbutz. As the line of tanks approached, a concentration camp survivor at the kibbutz ran towards the lead tank and hurled a Molotov cocktail at it. When the tank became engulfed in flames, it stopped, the soldiers inside fled and the rest of the tank column turned and ran. Why? The theory of our guide, is that while the attacking soldiers were fighting because they were ordered to, they were more concerned about getting back to their own families. The Israelis, on the other hand, were fighting to protect the lives of their families. That is probably a correct assessment and also probably why the fledging, under-armed, under-manned and over-matched Israelites managed to win the entire war. This is an important lesson to anybody, but especially to first-time visitors to Israel.

Our friends’ introduction to secular Israel was underscored throughout our Jerusalem visit as they saw and experienced the bustling lives of the demographic diversity, the obvious youth of the IDF soldiers in the city and the palpable joy of everyone they saw and interacted with. How, they wondered, could the entire population be so ordinary, energetic and alive given the external threats they faced? Because that is how they have chosen to live, we answered.

As we experienced other non-religious aspects of modern-day Israel and it’s environs – the Dead Sea, Yad Vashem, Hadassah Hospital at Ein Kerem, the security wall between Bethlehem and the town of Gilo (not the famous border wall/fence/boundary at the West Bank), Mitzpeh Ramon, Eilat (where we could see Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia from our hotel rooms), Petra (and walking back and forth across the Jordanian border) – their appreciation for the country and their understanding for the progress it has made against the unimaginable challenges it has faced only increased.

A couple of days in Tel Aviv made the education complete. On the first day, with a guide, we visited a number of places, including one of the my favorite spots, the Ayalon Institute, where from 1945-1948, the Jews secretly made about 3 million bullets in an illegal, underground factory on a kibbutz adjacent to a British military station, built under a working commercial laundry

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and bakery, complete with a moving washing machine and a moving oven that could be right out of Hogan's Heroes. An amazing story of foresight, ingenuity and chutzpah.

On the next day – our final day of the trip, free time without a guide – it turned out they were eager to see Independence Hall. There they heard, and were moved, by the story of the modern state's founding. They were surprised to see small and disjointed (“unfair” was the term they used) areas were that the United Nations had allocated to the Jewish state. And they were astonished to hear that the Jews still accepted the proposal but that the Arabs did not. With that

their understanding of the subsequent history of the coming wars, “armistice lines” and who did what to whom and when seemed to fall more fully into place. They came away understanding in their heads, and feeling in their (still Catholic) *kishkes*, that while Israel is by no means perfect (and no society in the history of world has been), it is a wonderful place that has earned its right to exist on an even playing field with, and to be treated with the same respect as, the other nations of the world.

It is pretty hard to ask more out of a trip. For them or for us!

ANNIVERSARIES *Mazel Tov!*

We celebrate the milestones of our community members!

Emanuel & Judith Baker
 47th anniversary

Charles & Miriam Hamrell
 47th anniversary

Benjamin Lewin & Judith
 Levine
 35th anniversary

David & Elizabeth Ricanati
 23rd anniversary

Thomas & Shelly Vedres
 56th anniversary

Thomas & Sidne Erdosi
 46th anniversary

Ellis & Gloria Kirschenbaum
 37th anniversary

Dave Klevens & Cheryl Lorenzo
 12th anniversary

David & Libby Silverman
 15th anniversary

Ted & Roselynn Wolfberg
 53rd anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am 2nd Day of Passover Services	2 7:30pm Investment Comm Mtg	3 NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK 7:15pm KM Choir	4	5 NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK	6 9:30am 7th Day of Passover Services 5:00pm PJ Library 7:00pm Candle Lighting	7 9:30am 7th Day of Passover Services & Yizkor 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
8 6:00pm Meet, Greet, Eat and Learn - Rabbi Deutsch	9	10 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	11	12 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	13 7:05pm Candle Lighting	14 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
15 9:00am RS 2-7 12:30pm Kadima	16 11:00am Yiddish Class 7:00pm Men's & Women's Club Event- AIPAC	17 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 3:45pm RS Open House Yom Ha'atzmaut	18	19 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn 6:00pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Seudah Celebration	20 7:10pm Candle Lighting	21 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
22 9:00am JWW Walk to End Genocide 3:00pm Westside Chai	23	24 3:45pm RS 2-7 4:00pm RS K-1 7:15pm KM Choir	25 6:15pm Exec Comm Mtg 5:30pm B'nai Mitzvah seminar (3 of 3)	26 12:00pm Rabbi's Lunch n' Learn	27 7:16pm Candle Lighting	28 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Unplugged 11:00am Tot Shabbat
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR CONGREGANTS!

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			Sharon Pushkin	Bruce Sultan	

CONDOLENCES TO

Jessica and Michael Sacher on the passing of Jessica's brother, Jeff Bernstein, on Wednesday, March 14.

MAZEL TOV TO

Susan and Bernie Bronstein on the marriage of their son, Aaron Bronstein, to Stephanie Rodriguez, on Sunday, March 18.

Barbara and Richard Levy on the birth of their twin granddaughters, Ela and Oriana born on Friday, March 23.

Marilyn and Izzy Freeman on the marriage of their daughter, Marissa, to Brandon Nadel, on Saturday, March 24.

CONTRIBUTIONS *(as of March 30, 2018)*

GENERAL FUND

Donation by

Marvin Shapiro

Speedy recovery to

Tammy Steinsapir, by Mimi Klein, Stan Ziegler

In honor of

Les Eber's birthday, by Michael and Ellen Gold

Brana Hall's birthday, by Cheryl Toff

Mazel Tov to

Marilyn and Izzy Freeman on the marriage of their daughter, Marissa, to Brandon Nadel, by Sue and Paul Hoffman

Barbara and Richard Levy on the birth of your granddaughters, Ela and Oriana, by Sue and Paul Hoffman, Sharon and Joel Krischer

Rachel Nagler and Taku Yamazaki on the birth of their daughter, Julie Enid Nagler Yamazaki, by Ronnie and Stan Rubin

In memory of

• DANIEL ANDREW,

father of Gary Andrew, by Gary Andrew

• BARAK BEN-TOR,

son-in-law of Gail and Irv Rosenfeld, by Gail and Irv Rosenfeld

• MAX BERG,

father of Rachel Berg, by Rachel Berg

• BESSIE BERGER,

mother-in-law of Evelyn Berger, by Evelyn Berger

• HERB BERGER,

husband of Evelyn Berger, by Evelyn Berger, Judy and Manny Baker

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brother of Jessica Sacher, by Sue and Paul Hoffman, Sharon and Joel Krischer, Suzanne and Stuart Schweitzer, Tammy Steinsapir

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father of Stuart Warren, by Stuart Warren

• CHANA WEINSTEIN,

grandmother of Shelly Vedres, by Shelly and Tom Vedres

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CAMP RAMAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of

Charles Abrams, father of Chuck Abrams, by Chuck and Carol Abrams

PRAYER BOOK FUND

In honor of

Michael Norman's birthday, by Marion Schraub

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mazel Tov to

Barbara and Richard Levy on the birth of your granddaughters, Ela and Oriana, by Connie and Mark Goldberg

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation

For all you did for the Auf Ruff and wedding of our son, Aaron, and daughter-in-law, Stephanie, by Susan and Bernie Bronstein



Happy 70th, Israel!

Yom Ha'atzmaut Seudah Celebration

Thursday, April 19

Seudah \seh-ü-da(h), -ōs\ : a festive Jewish feast or banquet

6:00pm Prepare Israeli dishes & challah

6:45pm Share an Israeli style seudah with our community

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB EVENT

AIPAC UPDATE

REVIEW OF EVENTS FROM THE 2018 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MONDAY, APRIL 16 7PM

The current situation in the Middle East will be reviewed by Tafia Bunstein (Los Angeles Development Associate for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee [AIPAC]). The National Conference in Washington D.C. took place from March 3rd to March 6th, 2018. Whether you were at the Conference or not, you will want to hear this insider's review of events. Please RSVP to the KM Office.

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