



Carnegie Shul Chatter

April 25, 2019



Amazing Israel

And so we are back in Pittsburgh after nearly three weeks in Israel.

It is good to be back home, but leaving Israel is never easy. Our son lives there in Hertzliya, and it is, of course, our Jewish homeland.

Israel is an amazing country. Modern Israel has a construction boom with new housing and office buildings going up everywhere. And yet it is the antiquities that are so much of our Jewish heritage.

In Jaffa we visited an old city with so much history for Jews, Christians, and Armenians alike. For Christians, it is the place where their St. Peter had a dream in which God told him that the Jewish dietary laws were no longer necessary, and from which he left to go to Rome and help convert the Roman Empire to Christianity. For Armenians, it is a place where they stopped Napoleon from taking over a city that they were occupying. And for Jews, it was an important trade port and the place from which Jonah set out on his journey to Ninevah.

Am Yisroel Chai!

I hope that you are all having a wonderful Pesach.

Participating in a Seder just an hour from Jerusalem came ever so close to answering the prayer, "Next year in Jerusalem."

While in Israel we visited Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust Memorial and Museum. It was a sad reminder of how our people have been mistreated and abused so often in our history, as was our visit to Masada, and our visit to the Kotel, where the Holy Temple once stood.

And yet, as we observed Passover in the Holy Land, we knew that all of these attempts to destroy the Jewish people ultimately ended in failure, and just as the Jewish people were delivered from Egypt, so too will we always be delivered from those who attempt to destroy us.

Israel will always prevail. The Jewish people will always prevail. It is the message of Passover.

Chag Sameach!

In Masada we saw a place where Jewish zealots made a desperate stand against the Romans who had seized control of the Holy Land, and where they committed mass suicide rather than yield to Roman rule.

And then there was Jerusalem, where we prayed at the Kotel, explored the Western wall Tunnels and prayed outside of the



closest walls to the Temple's Holy of Holies, and witnessed young members of the IDF at a ceremony outside of the Kotel, and sang along with them as they sang Hatikvah at this wonderful place.

And there were so many other incredible stops along the way as we explored excavated ancient remains in our historic homeland.

This was my second visit to Israel, and I pray that it will not be my last.

And if you have never been to Israel, it is a trip that you will never regret taking.

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