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Candle Lighting in Jerusalem 5:15PM

March 21, 2014 Adar II

19, 5774

Our New Jerusalem Mechina Torah Learning Center-Otzmat Yerushalayim



Mechina boys from the Pre Army Academy of Otzem in Cholot Chalutza (also known as the Mechina from Atzmona in Gush Katif - once under the leadership of HaRav Rafi Peretz) are the first group of boys who have come to the newly renovated premises in the

massive building complex on the main intersection near the Flowers Gate (Also known as Herod's Gate) of the Old City.

Yeshiva students enrolled in Pre Army Academies from around the country will have the opportunity to come to "The Jerusalem Mechina" for a 7-14 day Torah Learning experience in Jerusalem. Ateret Cohanim, with the help of generous donors from Israel and abroad, have established this beautiful center that will have all facilities on-site, including a Beit Midrash, dining room, kitchen and dormitory, which can hold around 30 students from various Mechinot.

In addition to learning, the Pre Army Academystudents will also participate in educational tours in and around the Old City.

The new Mechina facility is in the massive building complex of the Israel Post and Bezeq, on [Sultan Suleiman Street](#), in very close proximity to the [Rockefeller Israel Museum](#). The



post office is one of the busiest postal offices in the country. The Israel Police and the Israel Border Patrol Police both have offices and stations in the building complex, which will now also have a different "Jewish flavor and atmosphere" with Pre-Army Yeshiva students learning and living in the building complex.

Your gift will help us continue to make this a reality. [Click here](#) to donate

Did You Know...

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry Last Thursday contradicted Israel's position that the Palestinian Authority must recognize Israel as the Jewish state in order to move the peace process forward. (unitedwithisrael.org)

Following similar statements by White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki several days ago—American Secretary of State John Kerry, who is leading the Israeli-Palestinian Authority peace negotiations, opposed Israel's oft-stated position that in order to advance the peace process, the PA must recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people.

"I think it's a mistake for some people to be, you know, raising it again and again as the critical decider of their attitude towards the possibility of a state and peace, and we've obviously made that clear," Kerry told the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The statement was not a complete surprise; on Saturday, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told Arabic-language newspaper Al-Quds:

"The American position is clear; Israel is a Jewish state. However, we do not see a need that both sides recognize this position as part of the final agreement." to read more [click here](#)

What's Cooking in the Old City

An original Yemenite recipe for Lachouch – Yemenite pita bread

By Shira Tan'ami (of the Yemenite village)

and [click here](#) to read more

Mishloach Manot to the Front Lines Kidmat Tzion



Purim is a time of joy, a time to be with family and a time to give gifts to one another. Rubin Margules, Executive Council member of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim/Jerusalem Chai travelled to Kidmat Tzion, (the area that is adjacent to the protective wall that guards Jerusalem from terrorists and suicide murderers) to deliver Mishloach Manot. Your gifts to our Mishloach Manot Fund, made this possible. On behalf of the families and the security guards we say Thank You. Notice, the smile on Rubin's face is as big as the childrens'.



A One Line Dvar Torah from Jerusalem

Courtesy of Michael Lourie (Rights Reserved)

Shmini

שְׁמִינִי

פרק י

ט וְיִזְכָּר אֶל-תְּשֻׁבַת אֶתֶּה וּבְנִיד אֶתֶּךָ, בְּבֹאֲכֶם אֶל-אֶהֱל מוֹעֵד--וְלֹא תִמְתּוּ: חֻקַּת



Lachouch is the most famous Yemenite pita bread, which is usually eaten with Yemenite soup and dipped

in Hilba ([see recipes click here](#)).

As you begin to prepare your home for the Pesach Holiday, here is an opportunity to use up all the flour and chametz and at the same time satisfy your palate

For the pitas you will need:

1 kg wheat flour

1.5 liters water

1 tablespoon dry yeast

1 tablespoon Hilba (Fenugreek seed) powder, available at health food stores - optional.

2 tablespoons sugar

3/4 tablespoon salt

In a big bowl, mix all ingredients to make a very thin batter (thinner than the usual pancake batter). Put in a warm place for 2 hours, to let the batter rise. Stir every 30 minutes.

Oil a frying pan with a piece of paper towel dipped in oil. Frying of each pita should start with a cool frying pan, so the best is to work with 2 pans alternatively. When the pita is ready cool the pan by overturning it and holding its outside bottom under cold running water so the inside should stay dry. Another method is to put the pan each time into a big bowl of cold water, then dry it and oil it again before frying the next pita. ([see recipes click here](#)).



Hilba

Take a special opportunity and make a whole Yemenite dinner. It is extraordinary and very unique. ([see recipes click here](#)).

Advocacy

עולם, לְדַרְתֵיכֶם.

Moral: Proper behavior

Hashem warned Aharon to be careful when performing sacrifices, e.g., not to be drunk. We can learn from this that we should also maintain proper behavior in each situation and activity on which we embark. **

Rabbi Naftali from Rofshitz points out, however, that there are times where it is commendable to drink wine as an expression of celebration:
1. Marriage 2. Dedication of a new home 3. Thanking Hashem – הודיה
4. Brit Mila 5. Kiddush/Havdala 6. Purim 7. Making a siyum on the completion of a מַסַּכַּת.

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Pesach Tours - leave Egypt and walk with Ateret Cohanim !!

Shield of Jerusalem (Driving and walking tour) -
10 AM from Great Synagogue Sunday 13th April (Pre-Pesach)

Chol HaMoed Pesach - Old City walking tours: 10 AM from Jaffa Gate
(These Ateret Cohanim tours will also include sights in Jewish Quarter, Zedekiahs Cave, in addition to the old Jewish Quarter-Moslem and Christian Quarters of today) Thursday 17th April, Sunday 20th April

Shield of Jerusalem (Driving and walking tour) -
10am from Great Synagogue Tuesday 22nd April (Isru chag)
Old City Walking Tour only for those keeping 2nd day Yom Tov (Meeting Jaffa Gate 2pm. This tour will only be held if minimum of 6 people make reservations.) Tuesday 22nd April :

Ateret Cohanim tours to Hebron and Rachel's Tomb leave every Tuesday - from the Plaza Hotel at 9:30 with a stopover at Efrat for a quick bite after Hebron and before Rachel's Tomb.

Tours range from three hours to a full day. For more information, please [click here](#) or for a personalized tour when you are in Israel please [click here](#)

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Pointing in the direction of Jerusalem

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HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE
MORE THAN SIX MILLION REASONS TO SHOW UP AND SPEAK OUT!

RALLY
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2014
11:30 A.M.
IN FRONT OF THE
U.N. IRANIAN MISSION
622 3RD AVE. & E. 40TH ST., MANHATTAN

THE READING OF MEGILLAT ESTHER THIS PURIM IS OUR STARK REMINDER THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE FACING THE SAME MORTAL ENEMY AND ARE, ONCE AGAIN, IN GRAVE DANGER.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT CONTACT: Yoni Heshoch Mobilization Committee



Our Mission

The Old City is home to nearly 35,000 people..

The Jewish population of the Old City numbers 5000 of which 4000 reside in the Jewish Quarter. The additional 1000 are living and learning in the area of the Old Jewish Quarter (Referred to as the Moslem and Christian Quarters in East Jerusalem)

For the past 35 years, the efforts of American Friends of Ateret Cohanim/Jerusalem Chai, have been instrumental in meeting the social, recreational, and educational needs of the families and Yeshiva students who have returned to areas that were once predominantly Jewish.

Shabbat Shalom from Jerusalem
5774 תשע"ד - May it be the year of
"The City - Jerusalem" (עיר),
being great and esteemed (דגולה)



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This year in a united Jerusalem with a flourishing Jewish life centred around religious educational institutes.
Lehitraot BaAretz

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