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Candle Lighting in Jerusalem 6:20PM

March 28, 2014 Adar II

26, 5774

A Special Mezuzah Adorns the Doorway to Our New Mechina

Arzei HaLevanon (Cedars of Lebanon) The Mezuzah from Lebanon

The head of our new Mechina HaYerushalmi - Aharon Tzohar - was a soldier during the last Lebanon war. At some point during a fierce battle, a Hezbollah fighter from Iran was killed. The fighter was wearing a red head band on his forehead, with the words "Al Kuds" (Jerusalem) printed on the band.



Aharon was moved by the fact that an Iranian fighter had joined Hezbollah in Lebanon in order to "Liberate Jerusalem" from the "Jews".



Aharon decided to take some bark from the Arzei Halevanon tree in the area and over the next few days he cut the piece of bark-wood with his knife into the shape of a Mezuzah. He wanted to bring back the

Mezuzah from Lebanon and affix the mezuzah in Jerusalem.

The opening of this unique Ateret Cohanim Mechina facility gave Aharon the opportunity to affix this symbolic mezuzah in the heart of Jerusalem. This special mezuzah will stand in opposition to any attempt by Iranians, Hezbollah or anyone else who wishes to take away Jerusalem from Am Yisrael.

There are many rooms that require mezuzot. Please [click here to donate](#) and if you have a special story relating to your donation, please email us by [clicking here](#)

Good News from Shaar Haprachim-The Flowers Gate

The [Jerusalem Municipality](#) has agreed to "partner" with Ateret Cohanim in Israel to revamp and repair the Flowers Gate (Shaar Haprachim) Compound Playground. The Municipality has approved "matching funds" with Ateret Cohanim and will therefore match any funds that we raise within the next few months. This important children's project has been estimated to cost approximately \$75,000 and so we are looking to raise \$37,500 as soon as possible and that will be matched by the Municipality.

This is an opportunity to double your donation without feeling it. To make your dollar go farther and bring smiles to the faces of the many children who play on our swings and jungle gyms, please [click here](#)

Did You Know....

Arab League Officially Rejects 'Jewish State' (Arutz Sheva)

Arab League summit backs Abbas in refusing to recognize Israel as Jewish, says Israel responsible for 'tensions in the Middle East'.

By Ari Yashar 3/26/2014

At the conclusion of the two-day Arab League summit in Kuwait on Wednesday, Arab leaders announced their rejection of Israel's request for recognition as the Jewish state.

The final statement of the summit declared its "total rejection of the call to consider Israel a Jewish state," reports AFP. The summit further stated "we hold Israel entirely responsible for the lack of progress in the peace process and continuing tensions in the Middle East."

In making the announcement, the Arab League backed Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who has led the peace talks to a loggerhead by adamantly refusing to recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people.

Abbas told the summit the PA "rejects even discussing the issue," claiming it undermines the PA demand to have descendants of Arab residents who fled Israel during the foundation of the modern state in 1948 to "return."

But Israel hit back that Abbas's stand on the issue "could torpedo the peace process."

The PA leader had "boasted that he refuses to even discuss recognizing the Jewish state, once again parading rejectionism as virtue," a senior Israeli official said.

"By reiterating his adversarial maximalist position, Abbas is undermining President (Barack) Obama's vision of peace and torpedoing Secretary Kerry's efforts to move the process forward," he added

[Something We Can All Be Proud of](#)



A One Line Dvar Torah from Jerusalem

Courtesy of Michael Lourie (Rights Reserved)

Tazria תְּזַרִיעַ

פרק יב

ג. וּבַיּוֹם, הַשְּׁמִינִי, יִמּוֹל, בְּשָׂר עֶרְלָתוֹ.

Moral: ברית מילה

Hashem is reminding us to perform a מילה ברית on every Jewish male on the 8th day of his life. Thank God, today most Jews are circumcised – a statistic in which we can all take pride. This is an expression of Jewish identity that has kept us together for thousands of years and will continue for many years to come. Please see Masechet Nedarim Chapter 7 Mishna 11 for an elaboration on the critical importance of the מילה ברית.

Jerusalem Tours



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



Maos Chittin Appeal



What's Cooking in the Old City

This week we take a break from our recipes to ensure that all of our Ateret Cohanim residents have enough for Pesach. [Click here](#) for our annual Kimche D'Pischa Appeal.

- \$360: Family Passover Package
- \$250: Medium Passover Package
- \$180: Small Passover Package
- \$ 50: Contribution
- \$ 36: 1 pound Hand Shmura

To View Past Recipes [click here](#).



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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

...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](#)

Our Kotel Compass

Always Pointing in the direction of Jerusalem



Did you know that when one gets to Israel, the direction to pray changes. Our Smart Phone App "knows" the direction using GPS technology.

Use our App as a companion for your next trip to Israel. The Kotel Compass App (Available in the ISTORE or ANDROID MARKET is free and you can book your tour from the App. IPHONE [Click here](#) and Android Users [Click here](#)



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

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