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Candle Lighting in Jerusalem 6:20PM

April 4, 2014 Nissan

4, 5774

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## 10th Anniversary of the Yemenite Village brings a Special Gift back to the Community

This week (8th of Nissan 5774 – April 8, 2014) The Yemenite Village will celebrate its 10th anniversary of renewal of Jewish life in its old neighborhood. The community, established in 1881 and unfortunately abandoned in 1938 due to actions of Arab rioters, has come back to life with families and Yeshivot from our Ateret Cohanim community.

Divine Hashgacha, (always a product of in the neighborhoods surrounding the Temple Mount) produced the kablani (builder) to work on renovations of Beit Volero-Dolgin. He is a Yemenite Jew. During a conversation with an Ateret Cohanim staff member, he discovered that his ancestral family lived in the Yemenite Village and owned the property next door to the old Yemenite Beit Knesset. Further

## Did You Know....

### Fourth Terrorist Release Officially Cancelled

*Tzipi Livni announces cancellation, given PA unilateral moves 'new conditions have been created.'*

(Arutz Sheva) Hezki Ezra, Ari Yashar



Justice Minister Tzipi Livni, who has been the Israeli negotiator in the peace talks with the Palestinian Authority (PA) since their initiation last July, announced Thursday morning that the fourth and final batch of terrorist releases has been officially cancelled.

The release was meant to be carried out last Saturday but was put on hold, given the widespread protest of the unpopular move and the total lack of progress in the peace talks, which hit a dead-end in PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas's refusal to recognize Israel as the Jewish state.

The last batch of 26 terrorists, part of the 104 total promised as a "gesture" to promote talks, was cancelled due to the unilateral requests by Abbas on Tuesday to join 15 United Nations agencies, in breach of conditions of the talks.

"New conditions have been created, and Israel cannot free the prisoners of the fourth batch," announced Livni.

The announcement comes after Livni held a meeting with PA Chief Negotiator Saeb Erekat on Wednesday night. Reportedly the talks included an "unprecedented" loud shouting match between the two, including threats and curses.

US mediator Martin Indyk presided over the talks, and was forced to stop the talks several times in order to give both time to cool off – but to no avail, as the arguing and eventual shouting began almost immediately when the talks resumed.

Livni reportedly threatened sanctions on the PA if it walked out of the talks, while Erekat demanded the release of 1,000 terrorists and a complete building freeze in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem in order to continue talks. Reportedly

conversations with family members discovered that a Sefer Torah from the Yemenite Beit Knesset was saved during the pogroms and riots in the 1930's and for over 70 years has been at the back of an Aron Kodesh waiting to return one day to the Village.

The family did not realize that Ateret Cohanim had reestablished Jewish life in the area and is on the verge of reclaiming the old Beit Knesset. *Shortly, The Sefer Torah will be returned to its home in the near future.*

## A One Line Dvar Torah from Jerusalem

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Metzora מְצֹרָע

פרק טו

כִּזְוֹל־הַנוֹגֵעַ בָּם, יִטְמָא; וְכִבְּסַ בְּגָדָיו וְרֵחָץ בַּמַּיִם, וְטִמָּא עַד־הָעֶרֶב.

Moral: Purifying power of water

The concept of cleaning one's clothes and one's body is mentioned many times in this week's parsha. One who is proclaimed unclean, such as a leper, a person inhabiting an infected house, a person suffering from gonorrhoea, man and woman after having marital relations, and a woman during her נידה period, must undergo a purification process. Water symbolizes all that is simple and pure, and it is essential for our survival, and hence the Torah has also prescribed for us that it is water we must use to become transformed to a spiritually clean and pure state.

## Jerusalem Tours (click image for a larger view)

## Pesach Tours - We Left Egypt Now 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

the talks lasted until 4 a.m., at which point Indyk had enough.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, who initiated the renewed peace talks, admitted on Thursday that there was little he could do to save the process.

## Mazel Tov:

To: Tali Harnoy and her husband on the birth of a baby, their second child. Tali is the head of our Wittenberg Children's Activity Center.

## Maos Chittin Appeal



## What's Cooking in the Old City

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## Pesach Recipe: The Mother of All Pesach Cakes "holy" and flourless (courtesy of MMCC)

8 eggs - seperated  
200 grams of caster sugar  
230 grams of dark grated chocolate  
230 grams of ground walnuts  
1/4 cup icing sugar for dusting after the cake is baked. ([continue, click here](#))

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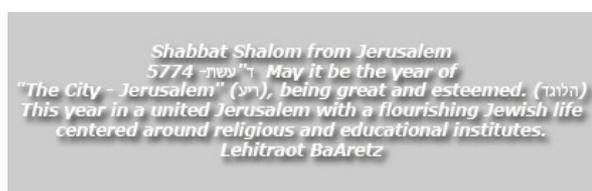
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The Old City is home to nearly 35,000 people..

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.

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