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Our Roots are in Jerusalem
One City-One Capital-One People
 This Tu B'Shvat help us secure the Roots of Israel's Eternal Capital

Rooftop Playgrounds* IDF Lone Soldiers* Shabbat Hospitality* Security Projects* Beit Wittenberg Children's Center* Mark Twain Heritage Visitor's Center in Beit Wittenberg* Educational Tours* Kidmat Tzion* Israel Advocacy Kfar HaTeimanim // Yemenite Village* Flower's Gate Playground* Kotel Compass* 4 Nurseries of Yaldei Zion V' Yerushalayim

This is our Mission
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As our communities (and children) continue to grow, the need for more structured activity follows. Up ahead for Tu B'Shvat the following programs will be taking place:

Kindergarden activities - Rhythm workshop with Sivan Cordova

School aged children field trip to [Givat HaTanach](#) (Near Mt Zion Hotel)

To help sponsor a program [click here](#)

Jerusalem Divrei Torah

The centrality of Jerusalem to the Jewish People is indisputable and is the core of our mission. Our Divrei Torah by [Rabbi Yosef Bronstein](#) focus on Jerusalem and its connection to the weekly Torah portion. For a pdf to discuss at the Shabbat table, please [click here](#). To sponsor a Dvar Torah please [click here](#).

Flower's Gate Playground



Our children need to get outside, run and play and be children. Our Flowers Gate Children's Playground is the perfect antidote to escape from the stones and rocks (human missiles) thrown at them as they venture outside to enjoy some time in the sun. Our playground is in need of a drastic facelift.

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Help us improve the safety and purchase more toys and equipment so our children can be children.

Thank You

Security Continues to be a Major Concern

In the last 6 months from July-December 2014 - there were 907 officially recorded attacks by Arabs on the families, students, buildings, and vehicles of Kfar HaTeimanim.

We have identified a number of projects that will help our security team protect our families and children.

Security projects include:

- Emergency medical kits - \$1800 each (Total of 8 required for Kfar HaTeimanim, Kidmat Zion, Abu Tor)
- Security cameras (hidden in street) - \$2200 each including labor (Total of 10-12 cameras required for alleyways in Yemenite Village)
- Unique fire extinguisher using water: suit and machine - \$6500

and the children above (and their parents) are who we are protecting:

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Join the efforts to assist terror victim

litigation against Palestinian terrorist organizations, their leaders and financial patrons. Help the survivors of terror attacks to seek justice and compensation through the court systems around the world, and to aid in protecting our Jewish brethren and

Parashat Beshalach

Yerushalayim conjures two distinct sets of associations in our minds. On the one hand, Yerushalayim is "Mikdash Melekh" – the sanctuary of the King of all kings, the home of Hashem. It is the spiritual capital of the world. The divine word in the forms of prophecy and Torah emanates from the heart of the city, attracting the spiritually sensitive from across the globe. As Yeshayahu prophesizes, in the end of days those who will want to learn the ways of Hashem will stream into Yerushalayim, "Ki mi-Zion Teizei Torah." The Rambam so beautifully describes that the source Yerushalayim's unique holiness is the "Shekhinah, which is never neutralized."

But Yerushalayim is not just a place of prophets, priests and Torah scholars. It is also "Ir Melukha" – the city of royalty. In addition to housing the throne of Hashem, it also contains the throne of Dovid, the human king of Israel. Yerushalayim is a place of politics, governance and military prowess. From the royal throne emanates security, stability and a just ordering of society.

What emerges is a seemingly strange coincidence of holiness and politics, of otherworldliness and mundane affairs. The story of Yerushalayim seems to be the story of two disparate cities.

But, explains Rav Avraham Yitzhak Kook, this is exactly the point. While other ideologies might drive a wedge between spirituality and the material world, the Torah has the opposite agenda. Everything in the world is a manifestation of divinity and therefore needs to be used to reveal Hashem's glory. In this sense, spirituality and regular human affairs are joined at the hip. Our goal is to sanctify the mundane, the prosaic, the seemingly secular. We need to demonstrate that when one is guided by the Torah and is in the presence of the Shekhinah, even practical governance can be elevated to a level worthy of Hashem's abode. The heavenly and earthly Yerushalayims need to be united.

The notion that Hashem's choice of Yerushalayim as both the spiritual and political capital should be seen as deliberately unified is a theme of Tehillim perek 132. After depicting Dovid's sustained efforts to find a home for Hashem and how he was rewarded with an eternal dynasty, we find the following pesukim:

For Hashem has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation.
This is My resting place forever and ever, here I will dwell, for I have desired it... There I shall cause pride to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. His enemies I will clothe will shame, but upon him, his crown will shine.

Hashem's choice of Yerushalayim as His home flows directly into Dovid's human kingdom and military victories.

In another passage, Rav Kook elaborates on this theme. He writes that, ultimately, the goal of a Jewish society is to fulfill similar functions as a non-Jewish society, but do so in a way that mirrors Hashem's ideals. By fulfilling this mission, a Jewish society will be able to bring the Shekhinah down to this world.

As Rav Kook beautifully describes:

The foundational inheritance of Israel is this gift: that their social life should be a model of Above, that the kingdom of Dovid is a model of the supernal Kingdom of Heaven.

May we merit to see this speedily in our days.

1. Yeshayahu 2:1-4
2. Rambam Hilkhoh Beit ha-Behirah 6:16
3. Ma'amarei ha-Re'iyah Volume 2, 299.
4. Tehillim 132:14-18. Translation is from The Stone Edition, 1996.
5. Shemonah Kevazim 7:68

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institutions in Israel and abroad.

DEFEND ISRAEL AGAINST WAR CRIMES ALLEGATIONS

It's time to fight back!

Mahmoud Abbas has signed the Rome Treaty and seeks to join the ICC so as to indict Israel for war crimes. The Palestinians, however, have overlooked the jurisdiction of the court. Their gambit has opened them up to being charged with war crimes themselves, over the Hamas and Fatah rocket attacks on Israeli population centers and other terrorism against civilian targets.

Shurat HaDin is unleashing a tsunami of complaints against the Palestinians.

So far, claims against **Mahmoud Abbas, Khaled Mashaal, Jibril Rajoub, Majid Faraj and Rami Hamdallah** have already been filed.

We accuse these Palestinian leaders of terrorism, war crimes and torture, which are all international law offenses and actionable under the ICC.

For decades, Israeli soldiers and officers have risked and given their lives to defend the Jewish homeland.

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In 1891 the Yemenite Village of Shikma already consists of 66 homes and 4 Batei Knesset.

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Our current projects in the Old City of Jerusalem and areas adjacent to the Old City actualize our mission of "Making the Old City, Young Again"

Donate Now Today, the walled city of Jerusalem (the Old Yishuv) and the areas immediately adjacent to it, have come back to life with children and families due to the work of Ateret Cohanim. The miracle that was the rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948, the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967 and the continued growth of the Jewish community in these areas, are constant reminders of the eternity of our religious belief. Help Us Continue Our Work.

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Chaim Mordechai Golub and daughter Rachel Leah.

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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 nearly four decades, 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.



5775 תשע"ה-ה May it be the year of "The City - Jerusalem" (ה' עיר), of Hashem. (ה')

May G-d's City - Yerushalayim, be rebuilt and restored to its previous glory for Am Yisrael.

Next year in a united Jerusalem with flourishing Jewish life centred around religious educational institutes.

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