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## 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](#)

## Visiting the Yemenite Village

Jeff & Barbara Kelman, New Rochelle, NY

Dear Friends,

Yesterday was another totally packed and fantastic day for us. We were privileged to be taken on a very special

## The Unity of the Trumpets

One of the unique mitzvos of Parshas Beha'aloscha relates to the trumpets. The Torah delineates four different times that these trumpets were to be blown: when the people or elders needed to be gathered, when the camp was to travel, when there is a war and when sacrifices are brought. This seemingly disparate array of functions is spread out over ten verses with each function being mentioned independently.

With this in mind, it is fascinating to note that the Rambam<sup>[1]</sup> and Sefer Chinuch<sup>[2]</sup> count blowing trumpets at war and daily in the Beit ha-Mikdash as a single mitzvah. The Rambam writes the following as Positive Commandment 59:

That we are commanded to blow trumpets in the Mikdash at the time of offering all sacrifices of the holidays and that is what it says: "On a day of your gladness, and on your festival, and on your new moons, you shall sound the trumpets over your burnt-offerings..." And these laws are already explained in the Laws of Fast Days because we are commanded to blow the trumpets at a time of crisis and evil when we scream out to Hashem as the verse states: "When you go to wage war in you Land against an enemy who oppresses you, you shall sound short blasts of the trumpets, and you shall be recalled before Hashem..."

The Magid Mishneh<sup>[3]</sup> finds this conflation troubling. Why would the Rambam count these two different blowings as a single mitzvah?

Rav Elchanan Samet<sup>[4]</sup> develops a response based on a deeper understanding of the trumpets' role. He notes that there are literary parallels between the verses that describe the command to build the Mishkan and the verses that contain the command to make these trumpets. Based on these indications he proposes that all facets of the trumpets are intricately linked to the Mishkan and its service. While it is clear from the Torah that the trumpets are a form of prayer, Rav Samet suggests that this connection between the Mishkan and the trumpets adds a dimension to their role.

The verses in Devarim describe the presence of Hashem in the Jewish army: "For Hashem your God walks in the midst of your camp." <sup>[5]</sup> Even as the soldiers leave the area of the Beit ha-Mikdash and go to battle on the outer border of the land, Hashem wants them to remember that He always travels with them. To this end, they are to take part of the Beit ha-Mikdash with them wherever they go as a symbol that He is with them as they do battle. To accomplish this, the Torah tells us to take the very same trumpets that are blown during the service of korbnot – part and parcel of the inner world of the Beit ha-Mikdash - and blow them as well in the army camp.

If part of the function of the trumpets at war is to represent the sanctity of the Beit ha-Mikdash then the categorization of the Rambam is seamless. Despite the apparent glaring differences between the trumpets of the Beit ha-Mikdash and the trumpets of war, the deeper message of the Torah is that they are intricately linked. The Shechina which is centered in the Beit ha-Mikdash spreads from there to all of the Jewish people, no matter where they might be.

<sup>[1]</sup>Mitzvat Aseh 59..

<sup>[2]</sup>Mitzvah 384

<sup>[3]</sup>Magid Mishneh to Hilchot Ta'anit 1:1. See also, Minchat Chinuch to Mitzvah 384.

<sup>[4]</sup>Available at <http://etzion.org.il/vbm/archive/15-parsha/32behaal.doc>.

<sup>[5]</sup>Devarim 23:15.

tour by our good friend Daniel Luria of the Ateret Cohanim organization. Daniel is one of those very special people who has dedicated his life to building a better and safer Jerusalem.



We were picked up at the Dung Gate in a bullet proof vehicle as we would be journeying to a very dangerous and contentious area in East Jerusalem. Silwan is an Arab Village built on the very spot where King David first built the Old City of Jerusalem 3,000 years ago, within easy walking distance of where his son King Solomon built the First Temple.



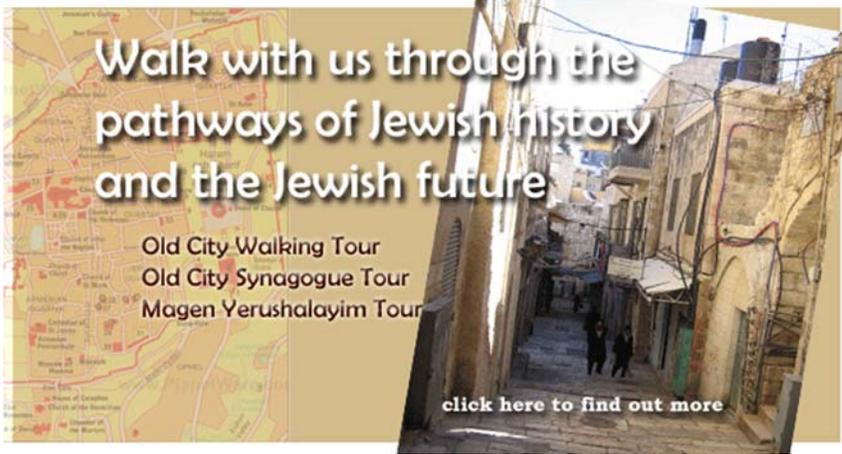
In the late 1800's, when the area was uninhabited, scores of Jewish Families from Yemen chose to move here where they then lived for decades. After the Arab riots of the 1930's, when many were killed and others were forced to leave, this beautiful community was wiped out.

Over the last decade or so, thanks to Ateret Cohanim, and leaders like Daniel Luria, Jewish families are finally returning. There are now over 10 families living there, in several repurchased buildings, totally surrounded by thousands of hostile Arabs. We were privileged to be given a special tour of several of these structures including the recently repurchased original

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Carol & Sol Gold of Deerfield Beach at Beit Hatzalam celebrating the birth of a granddaughter

Synagogue Building, which will be in operation any day now. AMAZING!

Barb and I then traveled on our own to see firsthand the new Waldorf Astoria Hotel near the Old City. *Absolutely Beautiful!* We then walked through the Old City exiting the Damascus Gate into East Jerusalem winding our way around to the Lion's Gate where we re-entered the Old City.



This has long been one of our favorite spots. Finally, we successfully made our way to the Kotel HaKatan, the Small Wall, for the Afternoon Service.

It was then off to Geula for a delicious Ashkenazi home styled dinner. What A Day!

Jeff



**The Beit Kneset complex (partially) has returned to its rightful heirs after 77 years !!**



For more general information about the Synagogue and Kfar HaShiloach (Kfar HaTeimanim): [www.yemenitesynagogue.com](http://www.yemenitesynagogue.com)  
Stay tuned for Dedication Opportunities

**The New Yemenite Village Website**  
click the picture to learn more



Mordy Solomon and Jeff Zoldan of Woodmere, NY with Daniel Luria outside the Old City



And outside Beit Yonatan (named for Jonathan Pollard)



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

*Established in 1978,  
This year is our "double chai" year*



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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.



And Inside the Restored Yemenite Beit Kneset



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May it be the year of "The City - Jerusalem" (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. Lehitraot BaAretz

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