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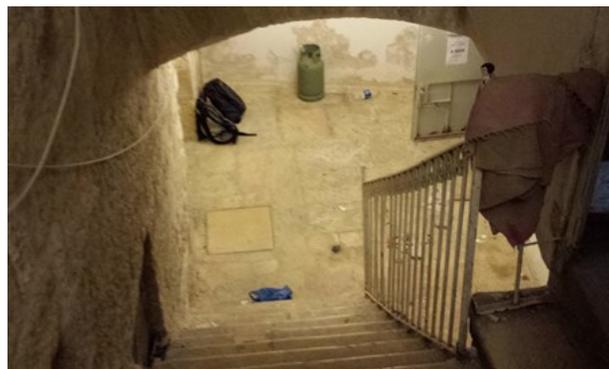


(Arutz Sheva) **Zionist response: Jews reclaim house at site of terrorist murder**

Jewish residents move into redeemed house in Jerusalem's 'Muslim Quarter', near site of recent terrorist murders.

By Hillel Fendel
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An old residential building in the northern part of the Muslim Quarter in Jerusalem's Old City is now under Jewish ownership, following its purchase facilitated by the Ateret Cohanim association.



The purchase is billed as a traditional "true Zionist response" to the terrorist murders of Rabbi Nechemiah Lavi and Aharon Bennet in the vicinity of the building last year.

In a statement released today, Ateret Cohanim announced that as a result of the purchase, "more Jewish families and Yeshiva students will move into the old Jewish Quarter (Moslem Quarter) of the Old City." No date has yet been set for the move, nor has the building been given a name.

The building will house three or four Jewish families, as well as a number of Yeshiva students. Over 1,000 Jews, including many Yeshiva students, currently populate what is now known as the Moslem Quarter. Some 4,000 Jews live in the Jewish Quarter.

This most recent acquisition, which as passed all the legal requirements, is situated not far from Flowers Gate, in the northern part of the Old City. It originally belonged to Jews, but



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Thanking Hashem in Yerushalayim

In Hallel note that we are obligated to offer a thanksgiving sacrifice in deference to all of the good that Hashem bestowed on us:

To You I shall slaughter a thanksgiving offering, and I shall call out in the name of the Lord. I shall pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, In the courtyards of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Yerushalayim. Hallelujah![1]

The Netziv[2] notes several anomalies regarding these verses. First, if one is praising Hashem in His courtyard, presumably a reference to the Beit ha-Mikdash, then why the sudden shift to the entirety of Yerushalayim? Second, why the emphasis on the public nature of the thanksgiving sacrifice if it is to be offered in the Beit ha-Mikdash, a relatively private location?

The Netziv explains that in fact that the pesukim are delineating two different stages in the thanksgiving process. One brings the korban in the Beit ha-Mikdash as a form of private expression of gratitude to Hashem. But then meat and bread of the korban is eaten as part of a large and festive meal in the more public areas of the city to afford the opportunity to thank Hashem in front of others.

Perhaps we can add that in addition to the second stage of the process facilitating a more public expression of gratitude, there is significance to the specific location of this thanksgiving meal. The ideal location for this meal is "in your midst, O Yerushalayim."

After experiencing a miracle we are obligated to not only thank Hashem but also to reciprocate the good He did for us by "returning the favor" and "helping" Hashem according to our abilities. The sacrifice itself is an expression of our gratitude. But having a large and festive meal specifically in Yerushalayim can also be a way of furthering Hashem's goals. Hashem desires His city to be full of life and vigor.[3] Having a large public meal dedicated to thanking Hashem can do much to add to the religious and social lives of the inhabitants. This is a unique way of taking one's personal gratitude and channeling it to enriching and enhancing the lives of the inhabitants of Hashem's holy city by creating a unique atmosphere in the streets of Yerushalayim.

If this is true of every thanksgiving sacrifice it is all the more true when thanking Hashem for the State of Israel. We all need to thank Hashem for the miracles of 1948 in our personal and communal prayers. But in addition to the element of expressing gratitude, Hashem's bestowed goodness obligates us to reciprocate – to further Hashem's goals of fully redeeming His people and His land. And what better method can there be than investing in Hashem's city and its inhabitants. Strengthening and beatifying Yerushalayim from a physical and spiritual perspective is a unique way of passively thanking Hashem but actively reciprocating to the best of our abilities.

[1]Tehillim 116:17-19. Translation from Chabad.org.

[2]End of Ha'amek She'alah.

[3]See, for example, Beitzah 5a that halakha is invested in even the aesthetics of the city.

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was seized by Arab settlers during the 1930s.

Rabbi Nechemiah Lavi and Aharon Bennett were murdered nearby this past October. "Arab incitement, terror and hatred, only increases Jewish resolve," Ateret Cohanim announced, "and now yet another building is in Jewish hands in the Old City."

"Arab terror and ongoing Arab incitement and violence aims to drive Jews out of Jerusalem," Ateret Cohanim declared, "to keep Jews away not only from the Temple Mount, but also from the Western Wall and the entire Old City. It also intends to weaken the resolve of the Jewish people, especially of the families and students in and around the Old City. However, the Arab are mistaken on all fronts. We will not be driven out of our Jerusalem, and their acts of violence have only strengthened our resolve, strength of conviction, faith and fortitude."

On Saturday evening, October 3, 2015, Rabbi Lavi heard from his apartment the screams of Aharon Bennett and his wife and baby as Arab terrorists attacked them. He ran down to help, and was himself stabbed to death by the same terrorists, as was Aharon Bennett. Rabbi Lavi, an IDF reserve officer and father of seven, was armed with a gun, but the terrorist stabbed him from behind and seized his weapon.

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