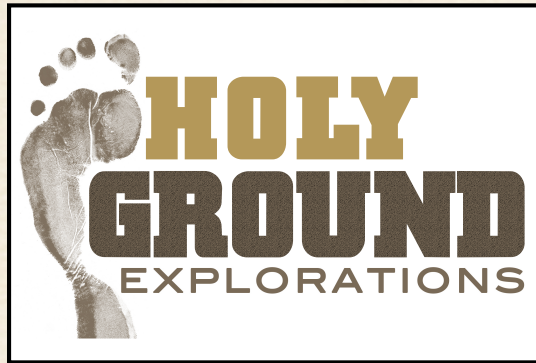




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SELAH

A SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

FEB. 11 – MAR. 2, 2016
LIMITED AVAILABILITY

SELAH – A School of Discipleship is a 21-day sojourn in the Land of Israel. When you think of SELAH, don't think TOUR for we will be traveling in vans and will only accept 12 participants. Our purpose will be to slow down and soak in the sights and sounds of the Land. We will be studying the book of Psalms for our morning devotions. In the evening, Dan will be teaching through the Book of James, and the epistles of both John and Peter.

SELAH will be for those who need some serious God-Time; it is a time to ponder...what God is saying to you, where you are in life, or simply to marinate in His love. Our pace and the amount of daily sites will be much slower, providing us with ample time for personal reflection. Our trip will be comprehensive as we will be on all the borders: the northern and southern most boundaries as well as the eastern and western borders of the Land of Israel.

On this trip, we will stay in hotels, hostels, guesthouses – it's truly our goal to give you a feel for what it is like to live in Israel. This feature has always been the delight of our former participants.

This sojourn has sold out both in 2014 as well as 2015, so do not delay, send in your application today. We will select our participants based on your answers to the Information Sheet, but the date you send this in is also taken into consideration.

INCLUDED:

- All overnight accommodations for 20 nights
 - Jaffa – 1 night
 - Jerusalem: Inside the walls of the Old City! – 4 nights
 - Dead Sea – 3 nights
 - Eilat – 3 nights
 - Galilee (Migdal) – 6 nights
 - Ashkelon – 2 nights
 - Jerusalem: We end in Jerusalem, a city which will now be like home to you – 2 nights
- All sightseeing / entrance fees for the sites listed
- Breakfast and one other meal daily
- Gratuities wherever services are included



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This Week's Headlines

Happy Sukkot - I will be filming our Outdoor Old Path segment from Jerusalem this week to get you a glimpse of this Feast from Israel. Make sure to see the brief explanation at the end of the pdf.

- ❖ The Times of Israel on Monday, reported, that Abbas does plan to give Israel a "deadline" – as yet unspecified – for "meeting its obligations" lest the Palestinians go ahead and announce the Oslo Accords null and void.
- ❖ Republican presidential candidate Sen. Lindsey Graham says in Fox News interview : Iranian self-inspection is a 'dangerous joke' "This deal with Iran is dangerous to the region; it's a death sentence to Israel,"
- ❖ New York City public schools closed for the first time on Thursday to observe the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha. It marked the first time the schools serving 1.1 million pupils closed for a Muslim holiday.



- * Following Palestinian Media Watch's report that Nablus placed a monument in a city square to honor a Palestinian terrorist involved in the murder of at least 23 Israelis, a Norwegian councilman proposed his city cut its sister city ties with Nablus.
- * Errant rocket launched from Syria hits Israel's north. Rocket hits open area in Golan Heights, causing no damage or injuries. Israeli residents of border-adjacent towns report hearing loud explosions following heavy fire in Quneitra. Last month, four rockets were intentionally fired from Syria into Israel.
- * Report: Syria arming Hezbollah with 75 Soviet-era tanks
 - ❖ Moscow enters the Syrian fray, but to what end? Putin smelled American weakness in the Middle East and was only too happy to step in. Is his endgame a Little Russia instead of IS, or is he just protecting Assad's rump?
 - ❖ The United States did not attack, Assad is still in power, and an ominous nuclear deal has been signed with Iran. It is no wonder that there is a new kind of atmosphere in the region, under American auspices. There are no more good guys and bad guys; everyone is a partner. And thanks to this new reality, Assad now has a renewed license to rule, after having received a license to kill.



Israel's Biggest Fears are Materializing

- ❖ Washington is reaching out to Russia, which is openly helping Assad in Syria, who is working in conjunction with Iran, which in turn supports Hezbollah. Europe (Angela Merkel), in the meantime, startled by its refugee crisis, is already prepared to talk with Assad; the same Assad who was compared to Hitler only two years ago. But what about us, for heaven's sake?
- ❖ Regretfully, Israel's biggest fears are now materializing. Instead of being the architects and shaping a new reality in the Middle East, Washington is falling into line with the existing reality. Russia, Syria and Iran are enjoying the consequent vacuum. When the cat is away, the mice will play. Now, all of a sudden, even Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah is letting himself go on television, beaming with joy. Aside from the 75 tanks Damascus is giving him, he now sees his two patrons (Damascus and Tehran) become partners with the West, without having to change one bit.



Anyone Listening?

- ❖ An Iranian military parade that took place in Tehran on Tuesday served as another opportunity for the country's upper echelon to promise to destroy Israel and attack the United States.
- ❖ "We will certainly destroy Israel," declared the commander-in-chief of the Iranian Army, Maj. Gen. Ataollah Salehi.
- ❖ "We long for Israel to take action against us as soon as possible so we will be able to destroy it before 25 years are up," Salehi said, referring to a recent statement by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei predicting that Israel would not exist in another quarter century.



Here we go Again!

Israel is executing the
Palestinian people by
"Judaization",
decapitating
the Dome of the Rock

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10-year-old Tourist Finds Rare Seal

- ❖ "The discovery of the seal testifies to the administrative activity which took place upon the Temple Mount during those times," said Barkay. "Other seals with similar stylistic designs have been found at sites in Israel, among them Tel Beit Shemesh, Tel Gezer and Tel Rehov, and were dated to the 11th to 10th centuries BCE [the era of David and Solomon]," asserted Barkay. "I have been working on the site for almost 10 years, and this was the first time I discovered such a rare seal; this was like finding a hidden treasure," he added. What made this discovery particularly rare was the fact that this was the first time an archeological find from the Temple Mount could be traced to David's conquest and the early part of the First Temple period. "It originated in the Temple Mount, which was the main administrative and religious center of the city," Barkay said.



The EU - BDS Plan

- ❖ The European Union (EU) will start labeling Israeli products manufactured in Judea and Samaria as well as in the Golan Heights "next month," an unnamed "senior EU official" told IDF Radio Sunday.
- ❖ By labeling the products, the EU is singling them out for boycotts in an attempt to generate pressure on Israel to accept a diplomatic process that could endanger its security.
- ❖ The official said that the program has been under deliberation for two and a half years and will finally come into effect in October.
- ❖ EU labeling of West Bank goods is a 'red line,' Israel's top diplomat warns



Ooops

- ❖ A local Chicago news station used a graphic of a yellow badge, like those the Nazis forced Jews to wear during the Holocaust, to illustrate its report on the start of Yom Kippur.
- ❖ Shaped like the Star of David and featuring the word "Jude," German for "Jew," the badge appeared on WGN-TV Tuesday night, ahead of the Jewish holiday. Behind the badge in the graphic were concentration-camp-uniform stripes; below it were the words "Yom Kippur."
- ❖ On Wednesday, the station apologized for the error with the anchor of the Yom Kippur report saying on air: "Major correction tonight."



The Feast of Tabernacles

Sukkot is a wonderful, joyful holiday - one of the three Torah festivals on which Jews everywhere were required to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. It is a seven-day holiday, with the first day being observed as a holy day, similar to the Sabbath, upon which no work is permitted.

Originally, Sukkot was more of an agricultural festival, as the Torah itself calls it: The Feast of Ingathering... when you gather in your labors from out of the field. (Exodus 23:16; Leviticus 23:40-43; Deuteronomy 16:13). It was a thanksgiving festival to God for the year's harvest. Today, it is observed more as a holiday of rest and reflection for the miracles that God did for the Jewish people when He led them in the desert for 40 years.

What is a sukkah? The word "Sukkot" means "huts" or "booths", referring to the booth-like structures that Jews are to eat their meals in over the course of the holiday, and preferably to sleep in too! What's unique about these booths is that they are walled structures, usually from wood or canvas, but their roofs must be made of "schach" - organic material grown from the earth such as bamboo shoots, branches, or palm fronds.

Eating and sleeping in the sukkah is intended to remind us of the booths that the Jewish people built for themselves while wandering in the desert for 40 years. It also recalls the "clouds of glory" that accompanied the Jewish people throughout their desert trek, protecting them from the elements and other dangers that lurk on the desert floor.



Another prominent feature of Sukkot is the Lulav and Etrog bundle, also referred to as the "Four Species." These four specific plants that are used during the course of the Sukkot prayers: the Lulav (a tall frond from a date palm tree), the Hadas (myrtle leaves), the Arava (willow leaves) and the Etrog (a citron fruit).

It is taught that the four species represent the four character-types among Jews:

The Lulav is a plant that has taste but no smell, symbolizing those who study the Torah but do not do enough good deeds; the Hadas has a good smell but no taste, symbolizing those who do many good deeds but neglect to study Torah as much as they should; the Arava has neither taste nor smell, symbolizing those who are lacking in both the study of Torah and the performance of good deeds, and the Etrog has both a good taste and a good smell, symbolizing those who both study Torah and perform good deeds.

May the holiday of Sukkot be a time for happiness and spiritual growth.

CHAG SAMEACH! Happy Sukkot to all of you!

By Rabbi Ari Enkin, rabbinic director, United with Israel

