

WHAT'S IN AN OUTING?

by Uri Deblinger

Need a travel tip? The Chol HaMoed Tiyul (holiday outing) is an informal tradition among Jewish families the world over. It is even mentioned in the halakhic literature dealing with those activities which are permissible during Chol HaMoed (the intermediary days of the festival). Many community groups here in Israel rent a bus, and travel together to see the many famous historical and/or natural sites in this Holy Land.

My wife, Sheryl, and I moved from Manhattan two years ago to Zichron Yaakov, where I have been studying Torah in Yeshiva Ohr Yaakov. The tiyul this past Chol HaMoed Pesach was to the far north: Mount Hermon and the Baniyas Falls. The bus left Zichron, and all the children were buzzing with excitement. (Of course, it's quite amazing how loud some children can buzz). I must admit that for myself as well, after the long winter of study and the exhausting Pesach preparations, the leisurely tour appeared very attractive. I had no idea at the time, however, that it also held forth the prospect of being a significant spiritual experience as well.

The Baniyas Falls is mentioned by our Sages as a source of the Jordan River, and as containing unusually pure waters. We arrived there after a ten minute climb down a stone path and found a striking scene. From a modest height of about twenty five feet, the waters cascade into two narrow streams and collect in a small pool. Surrounded by overhanging trees and lush greenery, it makes for a charming natural landscape. The Torah's description of a "good land... a land with flowing streams and underground streams gushing out in valley and mountain" (Deut 8:8) resonated within me. One of my friends, originally from Canada, mentioned Niagara Falls.

On the surface, the Baniyas would suffer greatly in comparison, a single sparkling diamond in a simple setting placed next to a vast treasure trove of royal gems. So now I had quite a problem. The quote, describing the ultimate beauty of Eretz Yisrael, which moved me so deeply, is followed in the Torah in the very next verse with the promise, "a land... where you will not lack anything."

And yet here I was looking at the Baniyas, and comparing it to Niagara! Niagara, the grandeur of her mighty millions of tons of roaring waters falling hundreds of feet, stretches in width for miles across the borders of two massive nations! This same Niagara, where millions of eager tourists flock, has contributed to the development of an entire industry of souvenir makers. The visitors return home with everything: hats, shirts, key rings, massive plaques and miniature models, all emblazoned with the image of the falls. No one can visit Niagara without being struck by the extraordinary commercial exploitation.



It suddenly dawned on me, that perhaps this commercialization can serve as a possible solution to my scriptural difficulty. "Where you will not lack anything." The Creator's promise is true! He placed Niagara on the American continent, but to Israel He gave the Baniyas. In Israel we can find a firm place to stand and look and strive, and attune ourselves to the Creator by being inspired by the beauty and wisdom of His creations. But what hope do we have to achieve that state of being in the shadow of Niagara's deafening roar? Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb of Yeshiva Ohr Somayach made the point this way, "A sensitive person will realize that it is not the outer appearance that counts, but the presence of Kedusha (inner sanctity)".

The lesson of the outing continues. When I shared my thoughts with a companion, he responded that he once heard a Torah discussion in Canada where it was suggested that Niagara was created so the Jews could

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get an idea of what the walls of the Red Sea looked like when they split. I later saw a comment of the Ramban which may support this line of thought. The verse in Ekev (Deut 8:9) ends with, "a land whose stones are iron and from whose mountains you will quarry copper." Notice the absence of silver and gold. The Ramban anticipated this question and commented, "the lack of silver and gold in a land is not a deficiency."

We see that our land does not contain things that the world values highest, but rather those items necessary for an

environment in which spiritual attainments are of ultimate importance.

What can a Jew do who lives outside the Holy Land? Plenty. Look for a voice (Torah, of authentic Yiddishkeit that speaks to you, whether it be in a Yeshiva or a vibrant synagogue or outreach center. And when you find it, as you will, make sure you live close enough to make Torah a daily reality. For "It [Torah] is a tree of life for those who grasp it."

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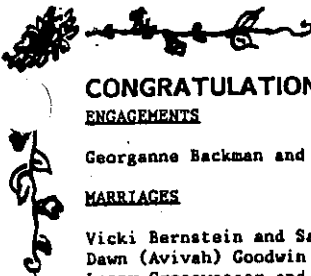
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This letter was written on July 11, 1988.
Rabbi Reuven Kruger, his wife Elyse and their
4 children live in Quito, Ecuador, where
Rabbi Kruger has successfully introduced many
of Lincoln Square outreach programs in his
congregation.

Dear Rabbi Buchwald,

Exactly ten years ago, Elyse and I were
participants in the L.S.S. Kollelet program.
That summer, at age 27, I heard the word
Halacha (Jewish Law) for the first time in my

life!! Last week, I walked into the seat of
the Chief Rabbinate and paid 10 Shekels for a
Sofer (scribe) to letter my name on my
"Smicha" (Rabbinical Ordination Certificate).
I passed two of the four mandatory exams
"behatzlacha" (with success) and one
"behitztaynut" (excellence). The other one I
just plain passed. For your help and
encouragement at the beginning of this long
and difficult process, I can never thank you
enough.

Shalom V'kol Tuv (all good),
Reuven Kruger

 * **HOLIDAY SERVICES** *
 * Rosh Hashana *
 * Wed evening, Sept 19, 6:50 PM *
 * Thurs morning, Sept 20, 9:00 AM *
 * Thurs evening, Sept 20, 6:45 PM *
 * Fri morning, Sept 21, 9:00 AM *
 * Yom Kippur *
 * Kol Nidre, Fri, Sept 28, 6:30 PM *
 * Yom Kippur, Sat, Sept 29, 9:00 AM *

 * **Beginners Shabbat Luncheons** *
 * Sept 8, Nov 3, Jan 5, Feb 2, *
 * Mar 2, May 4, June 1 *
 * cost \$10 *
 * **Beginners Schmooze 8:15 PM** *
 * Oct 1, Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, *
 * Mar 4, May 6, June 3 *
 * **Beginners Shabbaton** *
 * Dec 7 - 8 *
 * March 22 - 23 *

 * **Beginners Intermediate Parties** *
 * **Succot: Simchat Bet Hashoeva** *
 * Mon, Oct 8 *
 * **Chanukah: Wed, Dec 12** *
 * **Purim: Wed, Feb 27** *
 * **"Turn Friday Night into Shabbos"** *
 * **Friday, Oct 26, 6 PM** *
 * **Reserve the dates** *
 * **Details to follow** *

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, September 16th
 Morning Services.....7:15 & 8:30 p.m.
 Daily Selichot and Morning Services.....6:45 & 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18th
 Erev Rosh Hashana
 Selichot.....9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19th
 Eve of Rosh Hashana
 Selichot and Morning Services.....6:00 & 7:00 a.m.
 Kindle Rosh Hashana Candles.....6:41 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Rosh Hashana.....6:50 p.m.
 Remember to make an Eruv Tavshilin

Thursday, September 20th
 Rosh Hashana Services.....7:45 a.m.
 Beginner's services.....9:00 a.m.
 Tashlich Walk.....5:45 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:45 p.m.
 followed by Maariv and Daf Yomi
 KINDLE ROSH HASHANA CANDLES NOT BEFORE.....7:40 p.m.

Friday, September 21st
 Rosh Hashana Services.....7:45 a.m.
 Beginners.....9:00 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:40 p.m.
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....6:37 p.m.
 followed by Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

Saturday, September 22 Haazinu
 Shabbat Shuvah
 Morning services.....8:45 p.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:00 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:00 p.m.
 followed by Rabbi Brander's Shabbat Shuva Discourses on
 "These I Remember": Ten Martyrs, An Historical and
 Philosophical Perspective.

Sunday September 23
 Fast of Gedalia
 Fast Begins.....5:30 a.m.
 Selichot and Morning services.....6:40 & 8:00 a.m.
 Mincha.....6:30 p.m.
 Fast ends.....7:23 p.m.

Daily Selichot and morning services.....6:40 & 7:15 a.m.
 Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:35 p.m.

Friday, September 28th
 Eve of Yom Kippur
 Selichot and Morning Services.....7 & 7:40 a.m.
 Mincha.....3:00 p.m.
 Kindle Shabbat, Memorial and Yom Kippur candles.....6:26 p.m.
 Kol Nidre Services.....6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29th
 Yom Kippur
 Main Sanctuary.....8:00 a.m.
 Auditorium.....9:00 a.m.
 Beginners.....9:00 a.m.
 Final Shofar Blast.....7:24 p.m.
 Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3rd
 Eve of Sukkot
 Morning Services.....7:15 & 7:50 a.m.
 Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....6:17 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....6:30 p.m.

Eruv Tavshilin

Thursday, October 4th
 Sukkot Morning Services.....8 & 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:25 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:25 p.m.
 KINDLE YOM TOV CANDLES NOT BEFORE.....7:17 p.m.

Friday, October 5th
 Sukkot Morning Services.....8 & 8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:25 p.m.
 Kindle Shabbat Candles.....6:14 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:25 p.m.
 followed by Kabbalat Shabbat & Maariv

Saturday, October 6th
 Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:15 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:15 p.m.

Saudah Shlishit in the Sukkah
 Daily Mincha Maariv.....6:20 p.m.

Sunday, October 7th
 Chol Hamoad Morning services.....7 & 8:30 a.m.

Monday Oct 8th
 Chol Hamoad Morning Services.....7 & 7:40 a.m.

Tuesday October 9th
 Daily Chol Hamoad Morning Services.....7 & 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday, October 10th
 Hoshana Rabba
 Morning Services.....6:30 & 7:30 a.m.
 Kindle Yom Tov Candles.....6:06 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Yom Tov.....6:15 p.m.
 Eruv Tavshilin

Thursday, October 11th
 Shemini Atzeret
 Morning Services
 Including Yizkor Memorial services.....8, 8:45 & 9:30 a.m.
 Daf Yomi.....5:15 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:15 p.m.
 KINDLE YOM TOV CANDLES NOT BEFORE.....6:04 p.m.

Friday October 12th
 Simchat Torah
 Hushkamat Minyan.....7:15 a.m.
 Yom Tov Morning Services/Family Service.....8:30 a.m.
 Women's Tefillah Group.....9:00 a.m.
 Late Minyan.....9:00 a.m.
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....6:03 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:15 p.m.

Saturday, October 13th (BERESHEVET)
 Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi & Bible classes.....5:00 p.m.
 Mincha.....6:00 p.m.

Daily Mincha & Maariv.....6:05 p.m.

Friday, October 19th
 Rosh Chodesh Chesvan
 Morning services.....7 & 7:40 a.m.
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....5:52 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 20th (Noach)
 Rosh Chodesh Chesvan
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi & Bible Class.....4:20 p.m.
 followed by Chattanis Saudah Shlishaet

Daily Mincha & Maariv.....5:55 p.m.

Friday, October 26
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....5:42 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....5:50 p.m.

Saturday, October 27 (LECH-LECHA)
 Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 a.m.
 Daf Yomi and Bible Classes.....4:40 p.m.
 Mincha.....5:44 p.m.
 Please remember to set your clocks one hour earlier EST
 Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:45 p.m. EST
 Maariv Only Monday-Thursday.....6:20 p.m.

Friday, November 2
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....4:34 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:45 p.m.

Beginning November 3rd
 Daf Yomi will be given at.....8:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 3 (VAYERA)
 Shabbat Morning Service.....8:45 a.m.
 Talnud and Bible Classes.....3:50 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:35 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:40 p.m.
 Maariv only Mon-Wed.....6:20 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6th - Etzion Day
 Morning services.....7:15 and 7:50 a.m.

Friday, November 9th
 Kindle Shabbat Candles.....4:26 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:35 p.m.

Saturday, November 10 (CHAYEI SARA)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.

Talrud and Bible Classes.....3:40 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:25 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:30 p.m.
 Maariv only Mon-Thurs.....6:20 p.m.

Sunday November 11th- Veterans Day
 Morning services.....7:15 & 8:30 a.m.

Friday, November 16
 Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Kindle Shabbat Candles.....4:20 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 17(TOLEDOTE)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Talrud and Bible Classes.....3:35 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:20 p.m.
 Daily Mincha & Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
 Maariv only Mon-Thurs.....6:7

Sunday, November 18th
 Rosh chodesh Kislev
 Morning services.....7 & 8:30 a.m.

Thursday November 22 Thanksgiving Day
 Morning Services.....7:10 and 8:30 a.m.
 Mincha Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
 No maariv only

Friday, November 23
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....4:15 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:25 p.m.

Saturday, November 24(VAYAYEYAV)
 Shabbat Morning services.....8:45 a.m.
 Talrud and Bible Class.....3:30 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:15 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
 Maariv only Mon-Thurs.....6:20 p.m.

Friday, November 30
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....4:11 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:20 p.m.

Saturday, December 1 (VAYISHLACH)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Talrud and Bible Classes.....3:25 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:10 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
 Maariv only Mon-Thurs.....6:20 p.m.

Friday, December 7
 Kindle Shabbat Candles.....4:11 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:20 p.m.

Saturday, December 8 (VAYAYEHEV)
 Shabbat Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Talrud and Bible Classes.....3:35 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:10 p.m.
 Daily Mincha and Maariv.....4:25 p.m.
 Maariv only Mon-Thurs.....6:20 p.m.

Tuesday December 11th Light first Chanukah candle

Wednesday December 12th 1st day of Chanukah
 morning services.....7 & 7:50 a.m.

Thursday December 13th 2nd day of Chanukah
 Friday, Dec 14 3rd day of Chanukah
 Morning services
 Kindle Chanukah candles.....4:05 p.m.
 Kindle Shabbat candles.....4:11 p.m.
 Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat.....4:20 p.m.
 Synagogue's Chanukah dinner

Shabbat, Dec. 15th (MEKAYTZ)
 Shabbat Chanukah 4th Day of Chanukah
 Morning Services.....8:45 a.m.
 Talrud and Bible Classes.....3:25 p.m.
 Mincha.....4:10 p.m.
 Daily Mincha & Maariv.....4:17 p.m.
 Maariv only Tues-Thurs.....6:11

Sunday December 16 5th day of Chanukah
 morning services.....7 & 8:30 a.m.

Monday December 17 Rosh Chodesh Kislev 6 day of Chanukah
 Tuesday December 18 Rosh Chodesh Kislev 7 day of Chanukah
 morning services.....7 & 7:40 a.m.

Wednesday December 19 last day of Chanukah
 morning services.....7 & 7:50 a.m.
 Thursday morning services.....7:10 and 7:50 a.m.