Reflections From the Community Trip to Israel

By Stuart Cohn, JCNCF Board Member

_The Chronicle_ has asked for the impossible — to capsize an unforgettable kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, tastes and emotions. The Gainesville Plus Community Trip to Israel was only 10 days, but spanned centuries from the ancient City of David (not to be confused with the later Old City) to the remarkable Roman port of Caesarea to a marvelously entertaining lecture on current Israeli TV and cinema.

Each day was filled with diverse experiences. One day, for example, we were at an art market in a large Arab village listening to two articulate Arabs discussing their backgrounds and experiences living in Israel, while later that day we were on the shore of the Sea of Galilee examining ancient synagogue excavations and listening to Christian missionaries explaining the importance to understand the historical connections between our two religions. The next morning, we stood on the Golan Heights on the border with Syria, listening to a former IDF Colonel describe the strategic situation in that area while hearing explosions in distant areas of Syria, while later that day we enjoyed a tour and wine tasting at one of the Golan Heights many vineyards.

Emotions were frequently on a roller coaster. In Gush Etzion in the West Bank near Jerusalem, we watched the moving story of the bravery of the early settlers there as they heroically, but futilely, defended their small kibbutzim against overwhelming forces in the war of 1948 and the eventual reestablishment of the kibbutzim in their memory by their children and grandchildren. The devotion of the early settlers and now their descendants to the land and history was powerful, however one feels about the settlement issue. Equally emotional were visits to the Palmach Museum and to Independence Hall in Tel Aviv. The latter involved a re-enactment through actual recording of Ben Gurion’s Declaration of Statehood in May 1948, the ceremony ending then and for us with the singing of _Hatikvah_. When we rose to sing, some thought this a bit melodramatic, but by the end of the song, there were tears in many eyes.

Other beautiful moments were the sunset Shabbat service led by Connie Stern on Mt. Scopus overlooking Jerusalem, the following Shabbat gathering of everyone at the home of Joel and Gail Rosenfeld (Joel was the principal tour director and is Charna’s first cousin through Gail), the beauty and joys of the Tel Aviv beaches, and a raucously fun evening as we were taught body and percussion dancing, like “stomp” dancing, by members of a popular Israeli dance troupe. And, of course, the food was a never-ending topic of wonderment at both the quality and quantity. Even our great tour guide, Yoav, remarked that he had never been on a tour as diverse and interesting as ours.

Of course, we visited both Beit Ruth in Afula (stopping on the way at the nationally-famous “flipping falafel” stand in Afula) and the Jaffa Institute.
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Founder of Interfaith Encounter Association to Visit Gainesville

Dr. Yehuda Stolov, founder and executive director of the Interfaith Encounter Association in Jerusalem, and Ibrahim Mustafa, a board member and former chair, will be in Gainesville July 25-28 to spread their message of reconciliation and promote interfaith encounters as a way to create understanding between Muslims, Christians and Jews.

Dr. Stolov, a Ph.D. physicist from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, founded IEA in 2001 “to build peaceful inter-communal relations in the Holy Land by fostering mutual respect and trust between people and communities through active interfaith dialogue.”

Dr. Stolov has lectured on the role of religious dialogue in peace-building throughout the world, including Jordan, India, Indonesia, Turkey, South Korea, North America and Europe. He has also published many papers on related issues.

In 2006, he was awarded the Immortal Chaplains Foundation Prize for Humanity, which honors those who “risked all to protect others of a different faith or ethnic origin”; and in 2015 he was awarded the IIE Victor J. Goldberg Prize for Peace in the Middle East. (Shown in photo above accepting the award with colleague Salah Alladin.)

Among other activities, Dr. Stolov is a member of the International Council of the International Association for Religious Freedom and was a member of the steering committee for the United Nations Decade of Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace.

Dr. Stolov and Mr. Mustafa will speak at Congregation B’nai Israel on Wednesday, July 25, and at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Thursday, July 26, both starting at 7 pm, followed by an Interfaith Encounter session and Q & A. Admission is free to the public.

For more information, please contact Steve Kalishman at 352.494.0246 or steve@gnvsistercities.org or Elinor Robin at 954.415.5645 or at elinorobin@aol.com.

in Jaffa, both institutions being supported by JCNCF. We provide a very small portion of their budgets compared to other donors, but they are both extremely gracious and appreciative of our help. Beit Ruth, which provides a home away from home for young women at risk, has a very impressive assortment of services and accommodations, and plans are underway to expand their facilities. At the Jaffa Institute, Mitch Chupak, who is well known to many of us in Gainesville, met us, gave a brief presentation and then led us to a packing house where we packed boxes of food to be distributed to needy Jewish and Arab families in Jaffa.

Charna and I are very grateful to everyone in the group who helped make this trip possible. As I said at our wrap-up session the final night, we could easily have gone to Israel on our own, but it was so much better experiencing everything in the company of such a great collection of travelers. And how many tour groups to Israel can boast someone who fought in the 1948 War of Independence (Ralph Lowenstein) and the former Chair of the Center for Jewish Studies at UF (Ken Wald)? On a bus trip from Jerusalem to the north, Ralph took the microphone and regaled us with the riveting story of his experiences as an 18-year combat soldier in Israel. And Ken gave a very informative post-dinner talk on the various elements of Israeli society and politics. There is so much more to comment on, but hopefully, the contributions of others will round out the entire picture.

However one may regard the current Israeli government and its policies, and it is probably fair to say that most, if not all, of us have major concerns, Israel is an electrifying, impressive and emotion-laden country. If you haven’t yet visited, there is no time like the present. If you have visited (as almost everyone on our trip had), there is much more to see and do that a single visit cannot accomplish.

We are grateful that we made this trip and thank all of our participants for making it such a special experience.

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By Stuart Cohn,

A hardy group with a ‘48 fighter
A Kibbutznik as our tour guider
Impossible to be a dieter
All hope lost to return one pound lighter.

As the sun was setting on the Kotel
We made our drive to our hotel
But a voice cried out from the bus’s well
Yoav, is there time for a last falafel?

Ten days with old King Saul
We walked and sweated at the Western Wall
It’s been a blast, an unforgettable ball
Good bye is hard, shalom to all.

Michelle Jensen enjoying one of many delicious falafels.
Gainesville Group Meets Israeli Partners in Tikkun Olam

By Charna Cohn

Highlights in abundance. Loads of wonderful memories. Photos galore. Although I have been to Israel several times and lived there for five months, this trip was filled with outstanding new museums I had never experienced, people who educated me about various aspects of Israeli life, and opportunities to be inspired. I want to offer a few details about three inspiring experiences.

How can we not be inspired by the Hadassah Hospital? Walking through the hallways and seeing the multitudes of people being served, including Arabs who come from afar, I felt great pride in being part of such an important Middle Eastern institution. Hadassah may be the only medical research facility anywhere that mandates its research be shared openly. In addition to a tour of various parts of the hospital, we also enjoyed a docent explanation of the beautiful Chagall windows. Like Hadassah Magazine, Hadassah Hospital is a valuable life-affirming asset for all of us.

The Jaffa Institute continues to grow as it serves more and more needy families in Jaffa. The after-school program it began thirty years ago has evolved into a major public service non-profit. Mitch Chupak put us to work filling boxes to be delivered to elderly Holocaust survivors and needy families. We also learned that Mitch is slowly and steadily educating Israelis about the importance of supporting local non-profits in a substantial way. Israel is a country of immigrants, most of whom came with practically no resources except their willingness to work hard and make a new life in a place where they could be fully accepted as Jews. The Jaffa Institute still needs us, but it appears that Israelis will contribute more to support it.

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The group posing with Iris Twerski, Village Manager of Beit Ruth, in front of their new school building.

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The group met with Mitch Chupak, Director of Development for the Jaffa Institute (pictured above at right, in the center of the group photo), and worked together to pack boxes of food to be delivered to elderly Holocaust survivors and poor families.
An Original Lone Soldier

By Ralph Lowenstein

It has been my good fortune to be an unlikely eye-witness to some of the most important events in the history of the Jewish people during the past 70 years. In 1947, when I was a freshman at Columbia University, I was only a few miles from Flushing Meadows, where by a very narrow vote the United Nations approved the “Partition Plan” to divide Palestine into two states, one Jewish and one Arab. In 1948, when I was 18 years old, I held the official papers of a survivor of the Holocaust, although I was a native of a small town in Virginia, and not a victim of that epic horror. Using those papers, I was one of 1,700 passengers, mostly real death camp and slave labor survivors, making the five-day voyage from Marseilles to Haifa aboard an ancient Central American fruit ship built to carry a load of bananas and a crew of only 13. During Israel’s War of Independence, I was an American volunteer driving a 10-ton World War II halftrack, the nearest thing my “armored” battalion had to a tank. At the end of the fighting, before returning home for the spring semester of my sophomore year at Columbia University, I had a chance to visit Jerusalem for the first time – it took eight hours on the back of a truck loaded with wheat sacks to reach from what is now Ben Gurion Airport to Western Jerusalem over what was called the “Burma Road.” From an Israeli look-out nest in the rooftop of the Dormition Church, just outside the Old City Walls, I could see the complete devastation of the Jewish Quarter, with Trans-Jordanian troops patrolling the grounds.

Bronia and I and our two children returned to live in Israel for a full year immediately following the Six-Day War in 1967. I was visiting professor at Tel Aviv University, and we, like other Israelis, could then drive, for the first time since 1948, to any part of the original Holy Land, including Eilat, and Jericho. We even drove once into downtown Gaza. We returned again to Israel in 1998 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Jewish State with the citizens of Israel and the primarily British, South African, American and Canadian military volunteers in the 1948 war – all of us getting much older.

Stuart and Charna Cohn, who worked so hard to organize the recent nine-day trip to Israel for the Gainesville-Ocala community, made it possible for me to witness with my own eyes what the Jewish people – Israel and the Diaspora – have been able to achieve in 70 years. I emphasize “the Diaspora,” because the evidence of our partnership is obvious in the visible and invisible aspects of Israeli daily life and surroundings.
From 1948 to 2018

It was impossible to go into any Israeli art museum – the Israel Museum or the Tel Aviv Art Museum, for examples – without finding most of the famous paintings or works of art gifts of Americans. Almost all the rooms and special labs in the new Hadassah Hospital are funded by Americans and Canadians.

Thanks to careful planning by Charna and Stuart, we had a chance to see an art gallery in Umm-al-Fahm, an Israeli Arab city of 50,000 in the Galilee – it would hardly be distinguishable from a Jewish city; we visited a Circassian town, whose inhabitants are Moslem, but whose male members mostly work for the Israeli police forces throughout Israel; we saw the Golan Heights, in its spectacular beauty (we also learned something about wine-tasting in one of its modern wineries); we saw the beautiful quarters of the Beit Ruth Educational & Therapeutic Village in Afula, a special project of Gainesville donors to the annual JCNCF drives, and worked filling boxes for the poor at the Jaffa Institute in Jaffa, another project of JCNCF. And we drove past the new American Embassy in Jerusalem.

Since our last trip to Israel a dozen years ago, there seems to have been a fantastic improvement in the highway system, with beautiful multi-lane highways to every major city. All the inter-city highways are lighted at night. A light railway system is now operating in Jerusalem, and an inter-city high speed rail line from Jerusalem to Ben-Gurion and Jerusalem to Tel Aviv will be in operation late this year or early next year. Passengers on this electricity-driven line will be able to complete the Jerusalem-Ben Gurion route in 20 minutes, and the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv route in 28 minutes.

*Kol HaKavod to Stuart and Charna. They could easily go into the travel agency business.*
Ken Wald’s Top Sixteen Moments from the “Gainesville Plus” Israel Tour  

By Ken Wald, JCNCF Board Member

We did not merely visit Israel, but experienced it. On a tour designed to expose us to a wider variety of people and ideas than the usual Israeli excursion, all our senses and emotions were fully engaged. These are the moments and experiences that registered most vividly for me:

1. Feeling the concussion from mortar cannons firing in Syria while standing atop the Golan Heights. (Photo at left)

2. Hearing our feet crunch loudly on the gravel path at the Atlit Detention Center, wondering if the illegal immigrants detained there by British authorities heard the same sound seventy years earlier. (Photo at right.)

3. Observing a gesture made repeatedly by Israelis—Jews and Palestinians alike—as they brought their hands together in a circle and drew them inward when discussing unity and togetherness. (Photo at left)

4. Drinking in the aroma of fresh zatar at a spice stand in the Carmel Market and then getting yelled at by the owner for buying such a small quantity.

5. Discovering striking visual images in the architecture of the Tel Aviv Museum of Modern Art after hearing the docent describe the building as a work of art. (Photo at right.)

6. Marveling at the hospitality of our Muslim hosts in several venues who served us food and beverages even as they went hungry and thirsty during the daily Ramadan fast.

7. Listening to the Episcopalian priest of the Arab school in Haifa, an Israeli citizen, complain bitterly about how he had to work and pay taxes so that Ultra-Orthodox Jewish men could spend full time in Torah study.
Ken Wald’s Top Sixteen Moments from the “Gainesville Plus” Israel Tour

8. Laughing at the realization that the espresso machines in our hotels observed Shabbat.


10. Feeling tears in my eyes as I sang along with *Hatikvah* in Independence Hall, not caring a whit that my emotions had been shamelessly stirred up by a cheesy program that is repeated every hour on the hour. (Photo at right.)

11. Viewing the last ten minutes of a film at the Begin Museum describe the final crisis of the late Prime Minister’s political career without ever mentioning the word “Lebanon.”

12. Watching hysterically funny clips from Israeli television and movies during a lecture in the somber setting of the Palmach Museum and feeling that it was entirely appropriate.

13. Tasting sumptuous breakfast buffets wherever we stayed but, realizing that I still prefer Mark Newman’s weekend brunch at Leonardo’s 706.

14. Praying to the east during the Kabballat Shabbat service on a terrace on Mount Scopus, but realizing that the Temple Mount, to which we direct our prayers, was actually visible due south from our perch. (Photos above and at left.)

15. Noticing on Mount Bental, in the Golan Heights, the tragic juxtaposition of beautiful purple wildflowers with strands of barbed wire meant to keep us from stepping on landmines. (Photo at right.)

16. Being told by two native Israelis that they needed a tour like ours.
By Elaine Morrison

I first visited Israel in 1963, and then again in 1974. So when I read about the trip the Gainesville group was putting together, I jumped at the opportunity to make what most likely would be my last journey there.

On a whim, I found a telephone number for the wife of my husband’s first law partner in New York City, they having moved with their young family to Israel many years ago. The number had a Brooklyn area code, but I counted on the fact that whoever answered the phone might know the whereabouts of the family. What to my wonder when the person who answered was actually the person I sought. She was as happy as I was and I told her the dates I would be in Jerusalem and how eager I was to see her. The last time I had, was during that 1974 visit. She arranged a private English speaking tour guide for me and Mary Pat Giffin, my fellow traveler from Ocala, and that was how we were able to have a very special visit to Yad Vashem, two days before the tour began. It was with great delight that I learned about her 32 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren, most of them residing in Israel and enjoying, meaningful, fulfilling lives.

On the back end of the tour, in Tel Aviv, I was able to catch up with my granddaughter who has been in Israel since September, in an English teaching program. It was a thrill to see how through this experience she has blossomed into a beautiful, independent young woman, full of the enthusiasm and vitality I saw in the population in general. She was able to join the group for its last day of activities and thoroughly devoured the sumptuous dinner we enjoyed on our last night.

There is no doubt that this trip was very special, due in large measure to the makeup of its participants and the thoughtfulness of putting together an itinerary which was inclusive of every aspect of modern day Israel, replete with all its wonders and worries. I will treasure every moment forever.

Pictured from left to right are: Samantha Morrison, Elaine Morrison and Mary Pat Giffin in Tel Aviv.

The group visited Hadassah Hospital where they experienced the legendary Chagall windows.
Israel, An Experience of a Lifetime

By Mary Pat Giffin

From historic religious sites and excavations in the City of David to meeting with a Human Rights organization and Israeli officials, the Gainesville Plus tour was like no other. You could feel religious fervor in Jerusalem; the peacefulness of Haifa; and liveliness of Tel Aviv.

It was an experience of a lifetime. The Mediterranean diet was both satisfying and healthy, but at one point, I longed for a cheeseburger and fries.

Some of the highlights of our trip included a Palestinian woman in an Israeli/Arab town enlightened the group on the role of women in her community. A strong, independent woman, she stressed her desire for peace.

Learning about the Circassian population in a small village (photo, above right) in northern Israel was a real treat. They are experts in a form of Russian dancing and lacemaking. In spite of their fasting for Ramadan (religious holiday), our hostess offered refreshments to our group.

Our visit to St. John’s School, (photo left), an Anglican Church founded in 1868 CE, was another one of my favorite stops. We met with an Arab Anglican priest, who stressed peace education at the Haifa school. Born in Israel and raised as an Arab, the Christian priest wishes to be treated as an equal. As the only Christian in our group, I asked the priest to bless my Jerusalem cross.

The individuals in our group made all the difference. Each and every one had so much to offer. It was an educated group and I learned as much from them as our tour guide. We bonded beautifully. No one dominated conversation and everyone took a real interest in one another. I felt like I’ve known some of these people for years. I am looking forward to our reunion.

Gainesville’s support of Hadassah Hospital
By Ann Heft

Prior to the trip with Gainesville Plus, my first and only sojourn to Israel was in 1966. I was a seventeen year old high school student. My trip was sponsored by the Junior Hadassah Institute, and I spent the entire summer traversing the verdant Judean Hills. We were housed at Bet Hakerem, a teacher’s seminary in Jerusalem. From there, we cruised the small country in Egged buses, sometimes wondering if we would live to tell the tale! From Eilat to Haifa, with stays at a kibbutz, a children’s village, a pre-dawn climb up Masada, in addition to seeing many other beautiful towns and sights, our group of about 40 teens were introduced to the splendor of the young Israel. Little did we know the change that was just around the corner!

Fast forward 52 years. I am now a gray-haired grandmother of two. My husband and I have lived in Gainesville for 34 years, where we have raised our family, worked, and made many friends through our wonderful synagogue, Cong. B’nai Israel. The pull of Israel was strong, yet marriage, motherhood, work and just general life had gotten in the way of our ever returning. Until we received an e-mail from Stu and Charna, telling us about the upcoming trip they were planning. It felt so right! What better way to travel than with people from our very own community!

Well, the decision was made to travel, and it turned out to be one of the best ones we have ever made! The congeniality of our group was fabulous. Most people had been to Israel many times, lived and worked there. Their stories offered up a depth of knowledge and understanding of the country that was equal to what our great tour guides provided. But more importantly, such a communal spirit existed that throughout the trip I felt as if I was being embraced and loved by family.

Now concerning my spiritual journey: The Kotel was not accessible in 1966. This was my premier destination. Once I laid my hand on the Wall, and left a note within its crevices, I felt a sense of peace and well-being overtake me. I was home, and my sojourn was complete.

Thank you so much to Charna and Stu for organizing this special trip. And to all our fellow participants, it was a joy and privilege to travel with you!
Transitions: Community Life Events

Do you have a life cycle event you would like to share with our JCNCF community? Please submit items to chronicle@jcncf.org. Submissions may be edited as space allows. Pictures are welcome and encouraged! Transitions may include birth, engagement and wedding announcements, bar and bat mitzvah, graduations, promotions and honors, and memorials.

In Memoriam

Our community mourns the passing of these beloved friends and family members:

Dr. Jayne Dunagin

Robert Morton,
Husband of Bernice Morton, z’l
Father of Ann and Bill Eisenstadt,
Grandfather of Abigail and Sarah Eisenstadt.

Bruce Siegel,
Father of Kevin and Jennifer Siegel
Grandfather of Noah and Jacob.

May their loved ones find solace in their memory.

Mazel Tov to Sylvia Haller on her retirement after 48 years of teaching!
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Community Calendar

Summer Hours - Starting Friday, June 1, the JCNCF office will be closed on Fridays.

Wednesday, July 25
Shofar Tutorial with David Pawliger and Rabbi Joseph at TSS, 7 pm

Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18
The Norm Holland Film Festival at Oak Hammock, Fri 3 pm to 8 pm, Sat 1 pm.
For more information please visit https://infoh.us/film-festival/

Sunday, August 19
Open House at Temple Shir Shalom, 10 am
Sisterhood Opening Brunch at CBI, 10 am to 11 am
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