

Rabbi Gold

I hope this finds you and all those that I have met doing well. I have been reeling from my recent visit to Israel and have been reflecting on all that had transpired. The trip to Israel has awakened a part of me that I didn't even realize had become dormant. From the beginning when I arrived and you came out to greet me, not with a welcome to Israel, but "Welcome Home", I knew this was going to be special. The entire time spent there felt like home. While in Israel I took a lot of pictures and short video clips everywhere I went. Since my return I have been able to spend time with some of my children. As you may recall, most live a good distance from me. During our visits, I have been showing them pictures video's and providing commentary. They all noted after the "show", of the excitement in my voice and tone as I described the scenes I had showed them and wanted to know when I was going to return. The presentation of the pictures and video's took quite a long time to go through each time.

Returning to Israel has become a goal that I will be working towards. First as another visit, and from then, lets say, "to be determined".

As you may recall, I spent some time with Ephraim. He also wanted to ensure that I had what I needed to move forward and further my understanding and noted that he would like me to stay. He was kind enough to provide me with some light reading. I have attached 2 pics.

I had the opportunity to view all of the videos that were posted to the website that involved the celebration of my brother. Even though I was there and heard them first hand, there was an impact that I had to stop and reflect on. I created links to all of them and sent them to my 4 children. They all watched them and were also touched. They knew my brother, but not as well as they might have wanted to, because he lived a few thousand miles away.

Everyone I met during the trip had treated me as though they had always been my friend and not just a simple new acquaintance. I enjoyed the conversations and time that I was able to spend with each. The warmth and openness of those that welcomed me into their homes for Kiddish was not something that I have experienced before and left me in awe. The time you and I spent together and especially the conversation that we were able to have while relaxing on your roof deck was an important time and learning of your history made me aware that it is never too late to make positive changes in ones life.

Please let everyone know that I am well, thinking of them, and anxious to return.
Be well, and I hope to see you soon.

Best regards,

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