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SUPPORTING ISRAEL - BULLETIN #6

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There are many ways Americans can support Israel, our ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East. Below please find a list of suggestions. We welcome other ideas from you for future editions. Please send them to Joseph Varon at: jvaron613@aol.com.

I. POVERTY SPREADS IN ISRAEL-Nearly one in five Israeli is poor according to a government report The National Insurance Institute reported that 19.3 percent of Israeli lived under the poverty line, earning less than \$400 per month. Jerusalem continued to be the poorest city, with one-third of the city's households living below the poverty line. There are many extraordinary organizations working to assist those in need. Consider doing a fund-raiser for one of these vital, crucial organizations listed below. Hold a bake sale, make a quilt (and sell the squares) , host a cocktail party or dinner party, put together a bowl-a-thon, softball game or other sporting event or invite people you know to a movie screening.

The following organizations provide daily aid to thousands of Israel's needy without compromising their dignity

1. The Jerusalem Open House, US Office, 1276 46 Street, Suite 203, Brooklyn, NY 11219
2. Yad Eliezer, American Friends of Yad Eliezer, 1102 East 26 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210
3. Hazon Yeshaya, 2001 East 7 Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223
4. Meir Panim Soup Kitchens in Israel, US Office, 5314 New Utrecht Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219

***Our Executive Director Gail Eisenberg has visited The Jerusalem Open House and was extremely impressed with their work.

II. COME TO THE SALUTE TO ISRAEL PARADE - Mark your calendars! This year's parade will take place on Sunday, June 5th, 2005. As our council did last year, we have formed a committee to plan our participation in the parade. Buses will be leaving from many synagogues in the council. Your synagogue and / or organization is welcome to join with us. Come march or cheer on those who are marching. Show the world we continue our unwavering support for Israel! Our next planning meeting will take place at Marathon Jewish Center on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:45 p.m. For participation information, contact Rabbi Greene at Marathon Jewish Center at 718-428-1580.

Northeast Queens Jewish Community Council Members:

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III. PURCHASE BRACELETS - Appoint a bracelet chairperson in your synagogue, yeshiva, religious school or Y, to order and sell, "Am Yisrael Chai - The Jewish Nation Lives On" bracelets. These blue silicon bracelets are being sold by the Chai Center of Dix Hills as a fund raiser for Israeli victims of terrorism. Cost-\$2 each. The bracelet can be viewed at www.thechaicenter.com. To purchase the bracelets, call 631-351-8672.

IV. ISRAELI MADE HIGHLY VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS - Can your house numbers be seen in the dark? Most cannot. What if there is a medical emergency or a fire? You and your family can be at risk. When every second counts, emergency personnel need to find your address quickly, day or night. Yeshiva Har Torah is selling EZ View solar powered house numbers to purchase equipment for YHT's playground. These numbers are visible for over 100 feet. They charge all day and glow all night. They are weatherproof and maintenance free. They install easily in your house, fence or mailbox. Best of all, ***they are made in Israel!*** Cost \$18 per digit. To order or for more information, call Gail Hay at (718) 343-1418.

V. WORTH NOTING: CURTAIL AIRLINE RELIANCE ON ARAB FUEL- \$18 per digit. To order or for more information call Gail Hay at 718-343-1418. LOOSE WEIGHT! According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) bigger luggage is not the only thing weighing down airliners and causing them to burn more fuel. The CDC said, the average weight of Americans increased by ten pounds during the 1990s, requiring 350 million gallons to fly them around during 2000. Every bit of added weight increases the amount of fuel you are going to be burning. For that reason airlines in recent years have bumped metal forks and spoons replacing them with plastic, and have ditched bulky magazines.

VI. SHOP ISRAEL, BUY ISRAEL: -KOLI -The Kehilla of Long Island and the Jewish Week are hosting "Shop the Shuk," an Israeli vendors fair, Saturday and Sunday, February 26 & 27th, at the Mid-Island Y /JCC, 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview. Proceeds will go to support the vendors whose shops and galleries are still suffering from the decline in Israeli tourism. On Feb.26th, the fair will take place from 7:30PM to 10:30PM. The next day the hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. There is no fee, but a \$2 contribution is suggested. Volunteers are needed. For directions or to volunteer, call Ruth Deane at 516-822-3535 Extension 332.

VII. Watch ofr its rescheduled date: AMBASSADOR ARYE MEKEL TO SPEAK: - ISRAEL'S CONSUL GENERAL TO SPEAK. Hear Ambassador Mekel speak at the Queens Jewish Community Council Delegate Assembly This enlightening and informative presentation was set for Utopia Jewish Center, 64-41 Utopia Parkway, Flushing, New York 11365. EVERYONE IS INVITED! Keep informed, don't miss this very interesting talk. Call QJCC at (718) 544-9033 for the new date

VIII. TREAT YOUR EARS! ATTEND "THE CONCERT -VOICES FOR ISRAEL." Don't miss this outstanding concert! Hold the evening of Wednesday, March 23rd, 2005 - 7:30 p.m. for this spectacular evening. The concert to be held at The Town Hall, 123 West 43 Street (between 6th Avenue and Broadway) , will support the invaluable programs of Emunah of America. Tickets may be ordered by calling, 212-564-9045 or online at www.israelconcert.com. Group rates are available.

IX. 5K RUN/WALK TO AID ISRAELI VICTIMS OF TERRORISM: - AND THEIR FAMILIES. The run/walk will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2005 in Cunningham Park. Proceeds will support emergency first aid and security for children. Mark your calendars! More information to follow as we get closer to the date or call the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates at 718-479-7500.

If your synagogue or organization is running an event to help Israel please send us the details. If you know of a store which carries Israeli products please inform us so we may publicize in a future edition of this bulletin. Feel free to use parts of this bulletin in your newsletters.