

Summer In Israel



Jerusalem is joy for joggers such as Joseph Zias, an American who made aliyah nearly 15 years ago with help from the Jewish Agency. Zias, an archaeologist at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem, loves not only the hilly terrain but what he sees along the way. "I'm running through history," he told UJA Press Service photographer Richard A. Lobell.

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"For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of the birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
And the vines in blossom give forth their fragrance..."

Sons of Songs 2:11-13

JERUSALEM — Summer in Israel. Every year it returns like a miracle — cloudless blue skies, golden sands, the sea ribboned with bands of aqua and indigo.

The kibbutzim are fragrant with the scent of freshly cut hay. Beautiful children, released from school, fill the country — dark eyes and long suntanned limbs.

In Upper Galilee, there are still carpets of wildflowers even after Spring has fled. The pendulous pink carnation raises its lovely flowers from the

grey-yellow summer foliage of the dry season. The wild snapdragon hangs its purple corolla from the rocky walls of wadis, and adorns Safed's old houses of mud and stone. The voice of the turtledove — the gentle-eyed, grey creatures that King Solomon enjoyed — can be heard cooing.

Summer is the time for reaping the rewards of the hard months of labor on the kibbutz and moshav. The vines hang heavy with juicy grapes, ripe for picking. Plump red tomatoes hide under green leaves. The outdoor markets — shuks — are full of juicy peaches, apricots, plums and nectarines.

Summer is a tourist's delight in Israel, with its high share of this country's 3,300 hours of sunshine each year. Summer is also fun time for Israelis. Together, they climb the winding path to the summit of Massada, overlooking the Dead Sea that resembles silver glass from the famous mountain's top. Together, they float in the Dead Sea, hike, sip iced coffee in outdoor cafes under striped umbrellas along Tel Aviv's fashionable Dizengoff Street.

Together, they stroll along the pedestrian mall on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street, listening to street musicians strum guitars and play flutes, their melodious notes lifting gaily into night skies. By day, palms are read, portraits sketched, and hand-made jewelry, leather belts and sandals sold.

Summer is special in Israel. The windows are flung wide, day and night. The alte-zachen, old-clothes peddler, calls his wares. Ice cream carts churn Greensleeves on street corners. Gardens display a rainbow of color and bees sip honey from the vivid flowers.

Summer is a good time for an archaeological "dig." Sink a spade into the earth almost anywhere in Israel and you strike antiquity. Israelis love their land with a national passion, including the soil and what it reveals about their Biblical heritage.

Volunteers work side-by-side with hired labor, usually men and women ages 18 to 35 but from at least 28 countries, all thrusting, picking, hoeing, pulling, lifting. They toil under a hot sun, sometimes having to spit out flying dust, and they sleep in primitive huts or tents — but they love it.

There's always a dig in progress in Israel — here,

up north in the Golan Heights and Upper Galilee, over on the Coastal Plain, in Caesaria, Acre, down in the Negev and toward Eilat. All in the hope of finding an ancient coin or pottery shard — a chance to touch ancient history with your own dusty fingers. Eureka!

For us Israelis, summer helps us forget all the problems of this new and ancient land we love so much.

Americans, spend some of your summer with us. Only 15 percent of today's American Jews have walked on the land of our fathers — what a shame. Jews have been dreaming of our own country for 2,000 years. Now that we have it, all Jews should see it in their lifetime.

AJC Urges Warm Response To NAACP Overtures

NEW YORK (WNS) — The American Jewish Congress has called on the Jewish community to "respond warmly" to the call by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for a strengthening of ties between the Black and Jewish communities.

"We welcome the NAACP's call to its members to retain the close historical ties between Black and Jewish communities," AJCongress executive director Henry Siegman said. "At a time of tension and mistrust, it is an impor-

tant reminder that the stake of Blacks, Jews and other minorities have in a responsible and mutually respectful political discourse far transcends the differences that we may have." The NAACP, which met in Kansas City, Mo. for its 70th annual convention, adopted a resolution at its closing session July 6 calling on its local branches to create coalitions and help "our Jewish counterparts in all areas of relevance to our communities, civil rights in general and human rights in particular."

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