What are the Prospects for Peace between Israel and the Palestinians Today?

by well-known author and speaker Professor Yitzhak Reiter
Regarding the battle in Gaza.

As well as his family, Noam and Eitan also answered many questions to prevent civilian casualties. Noam also talked about himself a bit as clothing. Noam spoke of how careful the Israeli military had to be in order methods used by the Israeli military when confronted with booby traps.

Next to speak was paratrooper Noam. He told the audience of the actual battle in Gaza.

First to speak was paratrooper Eitan. He spoke of the successful military operations that kept the place going. The goal is to create a dialogue and long-lasting bond between the participants.

To speak was paratrooper Eitan. He spoke of the successful military procedures implemented in Operation Cast lead in the Gaza Strip. Eitan spoke of the many months of careful planning to ensure the utmost minimal casualties of the Gaza civilian population. He further talked about the tactics implemented by Hamas, such as using women and children as human shields. Eitan also provided some personal information about himself and his family.

Next to speak was paratrooper Noam. He told the audience of the actual methods used by the Israeli military when confronted with booby-trapped homes, tunnels dug underground, and terrorists dressed in civilian clothing. Noam spoke of how careful the Israeli military had to be in order to prevent civilian casualties. Noam also talked about himself a bit as well as his family. Noam and Eitan also answered many questions regarding the battle in Gaza.

We are in the midst of Sefirat Haomer, the Counting of the Omer. Each passing day brings us closer to Shavuot, Zman Matan Toratenu. The time of Revelation when we received the Torah at Mount Sinai. The Counting of days and weeks, reminds us each day, that our liberation was not complete until we received the Torah.

The same can be said of our life as Jews today. We celebrated Pesah, marking our freedom with the family Seder and Pesah services. To complete the cycle we need to show our appreciation, by participating in the Shavuot services, and confirm our acceptance of Torah as we relive the Giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Services for Shavuot will be held Friday and Shabbat, May 29 and 30 and 9:30 a.m.

New This Year:
Shavuot Family Dinner and Tikun Leil Shavuot, Thursday evening, May 28, Festival Maariv at 6:30 p.m. followed by Dinner and study session with guest to be announced. Make your reservations early.

Welcoming our New Members
We will recognize new members as well as new parents. There will also be Yizkor services.

Wishing you and your family— Hag Sameah— Happy Shavuot!
Avraham Ettdgui, Rabbi

Israeli Paratroopers Speak at Sharel Chessed Saturday, April 25th proved to be a special occasion when two Israeli paratroopers spoke at the Shul during the Shabbat Kiddush. This was made possible thanks to the Paraleil Lives program hosted by Noga Shavit, Minneapolis’ Community Shlishch.

The program establishes ties between young Jews from all over the world and their Israeli peers in the military. The goal is to create a dialogue and long-lasting bond between the participants.

First to speak was paratrooper Eitan. He spoke of the successful military procedures implemented in Operation Cast lead in the Gaza Strip. Eitan spoke of the many months of careful planning to ensure the utmost minimal casualties of the Gaza civilian population. He further talked about the tactics implemented by Hamas, such as using women and children as human shields. Eitan also provided some personal information about himself and his family.

Next to speak was paratrooper Noam. He told the audience of the actual methods used by the Israeli military when confronted with booby-trapped homes, tunnels dug underground, and terrorists dressed in civilian clothing. Noam spoke of how careful the Israeli military had to be in order to prevent civilian casualties. Noam also talked about himself a bit as well as his family. Noam and Eitan also answered many questions regarding the battle in Gaza.

Yitzhak Reiter is a Schusterman visiting professor of Israel Studies to the University of Minnesota (Center for Jewish Studies).

He teaches at the Conflict Studies Program of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and he is a senior lecturer at the Department of Political Science of Ashkelon Academic College. Reiter served between 1978 and 1986, as the Deputy Advisor on Arab Affairs to three Israeli Prime Ministers and he is very active in projects of Jewish-Arab dialogue inside Israel. His most recent book is: National Minority, Regional Majority: Palestinian Arabs versus Jews in Israel. Syracuse University Press, forthcoming in May 2009.

Come and hear this dynamic speaker on the topic; "WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS TODAY?"

When: SHABBAT MORNING MAY 16, 2009
Services begin at 9:30 a.m. Kiddush luncheon honoring Professor Reiter follow services. Please come.

Thank you so much for sponsoring the Kuddush lunch!

• Sue and Sol Awend, in honor of the Israeli soldiers who joined us for Yom Haatzmaut
• Cindy and Mommy Benzaken in honor of Cindy’s birthday
• Francelyne and Richard Lurie
• Klaudia and Lejzor Przeczycki in memory of Tania and Mendel Rubin

Dear Friends,

Just a quick note to say Hi . . .

I believe spring has finally sprung around here and our synagogue is taking on a wonderful personality, both inside and out.

Come by some evening for services and see the warmth that shines through the windows in the afternoon, like a mother’s embrace. Ever so slightly the woods around the lake are beginning to blush in green, and in a few weeks our yard will be in bloom. Also, more and more people are joining us and are so pleasantly surprised, at least that’s what they’re saying to me.

In response to programming, we are planning to hold Friday night services that will include dinner and musical entertainment until sundown. Look for notices in the upcoming bulletins. Later on this summer we’ll hold our annual picnic, so keep an eye out for that too. By the time you get this, it will be Mother’s Day. I hope it’s a sunny wonderful day and that it’s enjoyable in every respect.

Your staff and leadership are working hard to keep the pace going, or is that keep the place going . . .

In any event, come see us when you can. It’s always a pleasure to visit and kibbitz with our extended family . . .

Sol

WHAT IF:

Sitting in our beautiful sanctuary looking out on our spectacular view of the “lake” and our amazing sunsets my mind starts to wander and dream . . .

- Our sanctuary became too small to hold all of our congregants on Shabbat . . .
- Rabbi Ettdgui ran out of Aliyot to the Torah and could not honor all . . .
- Our Torah study sessions on Tuesday nights had to be held in a conference room to accommodate all who wanted to attend . . .
- If we had even more devoted volunteers who would help wherever needed . . .
- If our Rabbi’s incredible Divrei Torah on each Shabbat and holidays were heard by hundreds and enhanced our lives with his insights . . .
- If Zemirot after Shabbat lunch could be heard all over the land!

But there would be no “What IF”, if there was YOU! Extraordinary efforts create extraordinary results.

Have a great summer and come join us . . .
Francelyne Lurie

Our deepest condolences to the families of:
Tania and Mendel Rubin . . .
Bob Tenner

TSUKERMAN, NESYA
ODESSKY, ARNOLD
GERBER, DAVID
GOULDBERG, HAROLD
GRINBERG, AZHIEL
GULFAN, BOB
KERN, SAJAH
LEVINE, DICK
LEVINE, SHELDON
MILLER, LEWIS
MOSKOWITZ, JACK
ODESSKY, ANNALEE
PERI, DELILAH
RICHTER, SHARMAN
SHMUNIK, YAKOV
WEINGARDEN, BARBARA
ZILBERMAN, RAKHIL
ZVONOVA, ALEXANDRA

Zvonova, Alexandra
Odessky, Arnold
Fridman, Mikhail
Levine, Sheldon
Kern, Sarah
Goldberg, Harold
Miller, Lewis
Moscowitz, Jack
Gerber, David
Kern, Sarah
Kern, Sarah

Budilovsky, Yefim
Fushman Tanya
Fushman, Nina
Glass, Annette
Goldberg, Rivi
Grinberg, Ricki
Grinberg, Tikva
Jonas, Miriam
Lebachi, Abram
Levine, Lorraine
Malamudman, Alex
Miller, Morris
Neft, Daniel
Odesseny, Arnold
Richter, Grace
Rubinstein, Fanny
Tsukerman, Nesa
Zevelaya, Yelizaveta
Zuckman, Clarice
And All Who Need Healing

Refuah Shelemah

Aaron, Sybille
Burton, Ron
Fridman, Mikhail
Gerber, David
Goldberg, Harold
Grinberg, Azhziel
Gulfan, Bob
Kern, Sarah
Levine, Dick
Levine, Sheldon
Mallman, Alex
Miller, Morris
Moskowitz, Jack
Odessky, Annalee
Peri, Delila
Richter, Sherman
Shmunic, Yakov
Weingarden, Barbara
Zilberman, Rakhill
Zvono, Alexandra

Zvonova, Alexandra
Odessky, Arnold
Fridman, Mikhail
Levine, Sheldon
Kern, Sarah
Goldberg, Harold
Miller, Lewis
Moscowitz, Jack
Odessky, Annalee
Peri, Delila
Richter, Sherman
Shmunic, Yakov
Weingarden, Barbara
Zilberman, Rakhill
Zvono, Alexandra

Our sanctuary became too small to hold all of our congregants on Shabbat . . .
Rabbi Ettdgui ran out of Aliyot to the Torah and could not honor all . . .
Our Torah study sessions on Tuesday nights had to be held in a conference room to accommodate all who wanted to attend . . .
If we had even more devoted volunteers who would help wherever needed . . .
If our Rabbi’s incredible Divrei Torah on each Shabbat and holidays were heard by hundreds and enhanced our lives with his insights . . .
If Zemirot after Shabbat lunch could be heard all over the land!

But there would be no “What IF”, if there was YOU! Extraordinary efforts create extraordinary results.

Have a great summer and come join us . . .
Francelyne Lurie