

SPRING IN JERUSALEM: CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND CELEBRATION

Dear friends,

I am excited to share my recent trip to Israel with you, especially my wonderful experiences this spring.



On March 2nd, I had the opportunity to immerse myself in the rich tapestry of Israeli culture, encountering people from diverse backgrounds and witnessing countless acts of kindness. You can read more about my journey on my blog, **Spring Encounters**.



One of the most memorable moments of my trip was experiencing <u>Shabbat in Jerusalem</u>. I was deeply touched by the sense of community and tradition in neighborhoods like Kiryat Menachem and Katamon, from the lively Purim parades to the warm hospitality of the locals.



I also had the privilege of partaking in Jerusalem-style Purim celebrations, where I learned about deeply rooted traditions, participated in lively festivities, and appreciated the spiritual significance of Purim in this holy city.

As Passover, also known as Hag HaAviv, the Festival of Spring, draws near, it offers an opportunity for renewal and reflection, regardless of one's faith. Whether you celebrate Passover, Easter, or Ramadan or simply enjoy the beauty of the spring season, I extend my warmest wishes for a meaningful and joyous time ahead.

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