

JEWISH DEAF ASSOCIATION TOUR TO ISRAEL &
FIRST WORLD JEWISH DEAF CONGRESS - AUGUST 1977

SATURDAY 30 JULY 1977

Left Manchester 9.00 am. Stopped in Motorways twice. Arrived Golders Green 1.40 pm. Shopped and ate late lunch at Stage. Went to Golders Green Park. Visited to Gladys and Sidney's house for Salad Supper. Left after 9.30 pm arrive Club, after 10.14 pm. Went to bed at about 12.00.

SUNDAY 31 JULY 1977

Got up at 7.30 am. Packed and checked everything. Had breakfast in the J.D.A. Canteen. Mini-coach left 11.15 am. Arrived Heathrow Airport 12.45 pm. Delayed till 4.30. then 5.15 pm. Given token valued £1 for snack. Went into the waiting room for snack. Walked around duty free shops. After and through search by the EL AL Staff. Finally into the EL AL departure for the flight. We boarded on a Jumbo 747. Fabulous plane, we took off 5.45 pm. had drink and meal - Fish with white sauce with salad, chicken, vegetables, potatoes, pineapple/cherries, bread roll, orange drink and coffee. Later on free lemon/orange drink. Bought a bottle of 'No 5 Chanel' Toilet Water perfume cost £7.80. At British Time arrived Tel-Aviv Airport at 10.00 pm. - 4 hours flying time. Clock forwarded by 1 hr. Long wait at the Passport check out. One JDA was being detained for a long time. Passport trouble!!

Finally got - to claim out luggage. Found mine damaged (small) - Irene, Issy, Anne and Sidney - departed to Lost/Damage Enquiry Desk. Long wait - American woman claimed her case was stolen - Later she found it!! Our cases were examined, and we have to fill in the details and claimed for money. After 1 hr. we got cleared. We left airport (Lod) after 12.00 (British time) - 1.00 am (Israeli time).

MONDAY 1 AUGUST 1977

Got up at 7.30 am. Had first Israeli breakfast at Moss Hotel, Tel-Aviv - Grapefruit juice, cottage cheese, cream cheese, anchovies, tomatoes, eggs in sauce, red/green peppers, bread rolls, coffee or lemon tea. After breakfast, went upstairs to get things ready for swimming. Irene received a telephone message from her friend Leora (she lives in Tel-Aviv) to say she will meet her in the Lobby at between 5.30 - 6.00pm. if any difficulty ring her.

Walked to Pal Hotel where the Congress was to be held. Stopped at Post Office on the way to get a stamp for postcard for Mam. Swim by the lovely pool all day. Walked back to the hotel with 2 deaf Israeli boys.

Changed and showered for the evening. Leora came to the hotel, and took us and Jean Edwards to her apartment - Lovely apartment and had cold drinks. After went to 'ARMY CENTRE' for Opening Ceremony. Leora took us back to the hotel, dropped Jean on the way before arrive to the hotel at about 11.00 pm. Some of us went in a taxi to PLAZA SQUARE to look for missing girls - can't find them. Sat down in the Square for drinks, and then went back to the hotel.

(At Breakfast time, Jessie Jessel (the interpreter) gave me 100 I.Lira as a compensation for a damaged case. When we return to England have the cases repaired and if the bills come to more than what we received we must write to Peltours to claim the refund of the difference via Lloyds Insurance.)

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 1977

Went to Pal Hotel again - Walked along the Street, had first real grapefruit juice, and went to the Bank to changed our Travelling Cheques. Looked in few shops for 'Chaim' necklaces - Very expensive. Stayed by the pool - Neville Nethan from South Africa came to see me for 1 hour, and Leora came too for a few hours, prior to a meeting. Left Pel Hotel about 3.30 pm and caught a bus to our MOSS HOTEL - followed by an Israeli deaf boy. Got to the hotel - Washed our hair and got ready for the Reception at CITY HALL. Had cold drink and few cakes, and few speeches, then went on a coach to night seeing tour around TEL-AVIV and JAFFA by night for 1 hour. Return to CITY HALL, Leora, Irene and I walked to PLAZA SQUARE for 30 mins, Leora went back home - Irene and I stayed in, had Ice-Cream and tea, then went back to the Hotel by taxi.

Sorted ourselves out in the bedroom, one of the porter caught Irene in the nude, and waited outside our door for a long time. He came to put the "Air Condition" right!! (He invited himself to settle in our bedroom), and he brought coffee in the bedroom. We had a lot of good fun, but we can't get rid of him. Few minutes later the lights went out, so we went downstairs to report the trouble, and the same porter came up with a torch, and we explained to him, what happened on the previous day on the same floor, and showed him to one of the others bedroom - Sandra's room, there were no light on. Sandra woke up as she has only just come in a few mins and came to our bedroom and found our beds were bigger then hers and complained that their pillows were very thin. A few mins later, the lights went on and later this porter brought 2 pillows for Sandra and one pillow for me. He was waiting, and won't go out, so we had pushed him out again. Sandra went back to her room. We wrote our letters in our bedroom. The lights went out again, so we had to go downstairs again, and reported the same trouble. Found the 2 porters giggling so we were suspicion of their tricks. They explained it was a fuse faulty!! After a few words exchanged they show us what to do when the lights go out - He pursuanced us to sleep with him and again we refused. Went to sleep.

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 1977

Got up at 6.35 am. Had breakfast. Left Hotel after 8.00 am. for a full day trip. ASHDOD, ASKELON, YAD MOREHAEI, THE MUSEUM & NATIONAL PARK.

After visiting the Museum we stopped at ASKELSHON for lunch (1st proper lunch) - Tomato soup, fish, rice and potato, cucumber, jelly/yoghart, coffee and grapefruit juice. After lunch, went to a SMALL MUSEUM to see 2 recent discovered old ROMAN COFFINS. After that onto NATIONAL PARK and saw the OLD RUINS OF ASHKELON. On the way back picked up 2 Israeli Soldiers. Arrived back to the hotel, to get ready for the DINNER/DANCE. Got ready for the dinner/dance. Coach came for us at 6.45 pm. but we left 7.15 pm. Lost on the way! Arrived few mins later. Lovely dinner - Had hot's serve: Meat blinzes, chicken, roast potatoes, peas, strawberry gateaux, and coffee, plenty of drinks. Dance afterwards. I danced with one of Mime dancer. Enjoyable evening. Back to the hotel about 1.00 pm. to start packing for the next day. Went to sleep at 1.45.

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 1977

Woke up at 6.35 am. Packed everything. Took our cases down. After breakfast, Coach came and left $\frac{1}{2}$ hour late - because Mrs Margulies overslept and Jessie Jessel was feeling unwell. Travelled to JERUSALEM - Saw many places of interest, VIEW OF MOUNT OF OLIVES, New part of Jerusalem. Went to the WAILING WALL at 11.00 am. - Very emotional scene at the Wall. Afterwards went inside the WAILING WALL to an adjoining area to the Wailing Wall. CHIEF RABBI appeared and spoke for a few mins.

Met up with the others at 12.15 pm. Went back to the coach. Little squabble with Mrs Margulies about Leora/Jean over the coach. They went away in their own. From there, we went to a cafe for our lunch. After lunch, went on a Sightseeing hour of the OLD CITY - Visited HERZL'S TOMB AND THE CEMETARY AND GARDENS. Good view of Jerusalem. Back to the coach - Lost Llana, and found her again then picked her parents up again. Visited RACHEL'S TOMB & SOUVENIER SHOP. Arrived to JERUSALEM TOWER HOTEL. Unpacked everything and took first easy evening.

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 1977

Got up early. Had breakfast. Left hotel 8.30 am. instead of 8.00 am. delayed by the young deaf people. I left behind with swollen feet! They went in $\frac{1}{2}$ day tour of the OLD CITY. Through JEWISH QUARTERS - to the DOME OF THE ROCK/WAILING WALL. No entry to the Dome of the Rock - MOSLEM'S HOLY DAY. After to the ARAB MARKETS HOLY SPELCHURE and back through the Market to one of the OLD CITY GATES where they waited for coach. The driver and the guide have done their work for today, but they were willing to take them to a Restaurant for lunch. Irene had grapefruit juice, fruit salad and yoghurt. Souvenir Shop below the restaurant. (bought 6 Messulas 3 for me). Went back to the hotel. After I had a little rest, Irene and I went out for a little walk near our hotel - found a NICE PARK. Return to the hotel and changed for the evening. Met in the Lobby at 6.45 pm, but we left at 7.15 pm. as usual with other deaf people being late. Walked to and nearby RESTAURANT for our SHABBOS DINNER - Vegetable Salad, soup, chicken or veal, rice, carrots, lemon mousse and orange juice. Half of our party walked out through our meal to catch taxis to TEL-AVIV. Mrs Margulies was very upset about it. Afterwards few of us walked around and back to the hotel. Irene and Issy walked by themselves. We had coffee at the hotel. Went to bed at 1.00.

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 1977

After breakfast, walked to the PARK near hotel. Return to hotel, Leora and Jean came from TEL-AVIV. Went to the ARAB MARKET. Bought scarves for 7 IL. per each. Return to the hotel for Lunch. After lunch, went back to the OLD CITY. Split up in 2 parties 4 of us, Sidney, Issy, Irene and I went to the DOME OF THE ROCK. Back to the hotel again, and changed for the party in Steve's room, at KING DAVID HOTEL, but Steve (USA) did not want us to go, because short of boys, so we stayed behind! Went to JERUSALEM DEAF CLUB. Return to hotel for tea.

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 1977

Full day out at MASSADA. Walked through EIN GEDI first. Had a refreshing swim in DAVID'S TOWER. Very wonderful. After Ein Gedi had lunch in MASSADA RESTAURANT. Went up to the top by Cable Car. Fantastic View from the top. Afterwards we went for a swim in the DEAD SEA. 30% SALT & OTHER MINERALS & SULPHUR. Very strong smell of Sulphur. Return to the hotel and changed. Had meal in one of the Restaurant. Walked to the CITY WALL. The beautiful lights went off! Walked with 2 Israeli deaf boys to guided and show us THE CITY.

MONDAY 8 AUGUST 1977

1 Deaf Israeli boy took 13 of us all over JERUSALEM. Visited to YAD VASHEM, then to KENNEDY BUILDING and to the HOSPITAL SYNAGOGUE to see CHAGALL WINDOWS. Had lunch. After lunch, went to KNESSETT, but it was closed. Went to the SHRINE OF THE BOOK & MUSEUM. Return to hotel - Changed and packed our cases. Then went out for a meal. Some of us went to the CITY WALL to see the floodlight. Went inside DAVID'S TOWER, Nr Jaffa Gate - Very beautiful evening. Return to Cafe at hotel for Ice-cream and Coffee. Went to bed at 2.00 am. I did not join with them.

TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 1977

Left Jerusalem at 8.10 am. All day travel to TIBERAS. Stopped at JERICHO OLDEST CITY IN THE WORLD, again stopped at other place - RUINS DAMAGED BY AN EARTHQUAKE. Had lunch at one of the services. Passed through NAZARETH, then visited to a KIBBUTZ - guided by a deaf couple who lived there for 30 years, show us around the Kibbutz. Had tea and lovely home made cakes. Then travelled to the hotel - GANEI HAMAT HOTEL (4 Star), TIBERIAS. - As soon as we arrive the hotel, most of us went in the SEA OF GALILEE for a swim before Dinner. Lovely dinner. After dinner, I went out for a long walk with George (from Belgium). We had drinks in a little bar. Lovely evening.

WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 1977

Left TIBERAS after 8.00 am. Travelled through AFULA, to the LABANESE/ISRAELI BORDER Vised CAVES/GROTTERS at ROSH HANIKRA. Afterwards stopped at a restaurant for our dinner. Had chopped liver/red cabbage/coleslaw + orange drink. Then onto ACRE visited the OLD RUINS OF ACRE then places of interest in HAIFA - Saw the famous NOSQUE TEMPLE. Jewish Couples just married were taken all over HAIFA. Then arrive HERZLIA to TADMOR HOTEL. Lot of deaf people were complaining about their rooms!! The dinner was very nice and well serviced - this hotel is for training waiters and services. After dinner Irene went out for a small walk to a nearby cafe to join other deaf people, but did not stay very long. Return to the hotel - had coffee and English Biscuits in our bedroom with Issy and Leslie. I didn't go, because I was too tired, but I enjoyed to have coffee with them!

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 1977

After breakfast, Irene and I walked down to the Beach for a few hours. Lovely beach. Stayed till 11.30 am. Return to the hotel - Got washed and dressed and had lunch in the hotel. Nice lunch - Vegetable Salad, fruit juice, grapes/plums, chicken with red pepper, potatoes and runner beans, fruit salad with cream. Missed the bus to JAFFA - had to wait for another one for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour but this bus only stopped at TEL-AVIV. Got off at TEL-AVIV and got on another bus for JAFFA. Found our way to MAGEN DAVID, after stopping several people to ask the way. Got there about 3.30 pm. Leora showed us around the place - Very interesting but very complicated. Afterwards, she took us around OLD JAFFA - it was almost deserted 4.00 pm. The Streets were empty! Then a short run to a VIEW POINT OF TEL-AVIV. Then took us to TRAVEL AGENCY to make enquiries about a trip to ELIAT during our 3rd week stay.

Went to Leora's apartment for Supper. Nice meal, wine, egg salad. Issy came after 8.00 pm. vorsht, carrots in orange juice, beetroot, potato salad, bread/butter, apricot flan with homemade parive Ice-cream, and black coffee. Leora showed us some of her colour slides - we all were very tired and sleepy after an enormous meal. Left the apartment about 11.00 pm. and caught a taxi back to our hotel in HERZLIA. Went to sleep at about 12.30 am.

FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 1977

After breakfast, went to the beach and stayed there all day, swim and sunbathing. Early in the afternoon walked back to the hotel, Irene met Jean and Leora who have come to pick Issy up to take him to Jean's Kibbutz for 1 night. Made arrangements with Leora about the trip to ELIAT.

Return to the beach for about 1 hour, and return to the hotel, had a bath and washed my hair, and rest for a while. After dinner, relax in the hotel lobby for a few hours. 2 Israeli deaf girls came in for a talk. All this group gave Mrs Margulies a beautiful Israel Stone Necklace and brooch, and also a small red picture hanger for Jessie Jessel. Mrs Margulies and Jessie were very pleased with it. Went to bed early.

SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 1977

Went to the beach, and stayed all day till about 4.00 pm. Return to hotel for change and had dinner early at 6.00 pm. instead of 7 pm., because we were specially invited to HOD Club for a social evening. One of the member were to come to the hotel to guide us to the Club in TEL-AVIV, but she did not turn up. Leora, Jean and Issy arrived at the hotel, while we were waiting for the bus. We caught the bus while they went in the hotel for something to eat. Arrived Tel-Aviv, but could not find the way. Leora, Jean and Issy arrived at the same time. Eventually Jean found the place. Had first free drink and some cold buffet were laid down for us. More drinks cost 1.50 Il. Ivan bought me another drink. Mime shows were given by the Israeli boy, end followed by Jean and Issy who gave a good performances. Afterwards a dance. Danced with Israeli boys, and Ivan. Very enjoyable evening. Had to leave early to catch the 11.30 pm. bus, but we missed and had to wait another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour for the next one. Arrived back to the hotel. Went straight to our bedroom for final packing for the next day.

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 1977

Got up very early to have early breakfast to see the 2 weeks people off to the Airport for their journey home.

They left after 8.00 am. 11 of us went to the Bank down the road near the Beach to cash our travelling cheques to pay for our trip to ELIAT on Tuesday. Irene collected all the money.

Went back to the hotel. Got our things ready for transfer to a hotel in NETANYA. 2 taxis came on time - 11.30 am. to take us to FELDMAN HOTEL. Very small place out of the way. The rooms were not ready so Irene and I went to TEL AVIV by bus from the Central Bus Station changed our buses in TEL AVIV. Got to the Travel Agency to pay for ELIAT. Caught 2 buses to NATANYA - 4 hours in all! Pretty worn out. Laid on our beds for a few hours before got dressed for the evening. After supper walked around NETANYA. Full of night life - Cafes open in pavements. Return to hotel.

MONDAY 15 AUGUST 1977

Had breakfast. After we caught a bus to HAIFA - 8 of us. Arrived at HAIFA caught the local bus for the BAHAI SHRINE TEMPLE on MOUNT CARMEL. After visited the Temple, we walked, walked up hundred of steps to catch the tube down MOUNT CARMEL. Before we travelling by tube we all had tea and cakes. After reaching the bottom of the MOUNT, we caught a bus to BAHAI SHRINE to see the old CATACOMBS. We all were too tired to walk any further so we returned to the bus stop to catch a bus back to HAIFA where we caught our bus for NETANYA. Very long and tiring day! After supper we sat outside the hotel, Leora and Jean came about 9.00 pm. they were $1\frac{1}{2}$ hr. late in finding this hotel. They slept in the boy's room (IC and JS) as they slept in other rooms because there were no air conditions.

TUESDAY 16 AUGUST 1977

Woke up very early. Had breakfast at 6.00 am. Leora and Jean came in our bedroom for washed and dressed. We had to wait for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour for a bus to pick us up to take us to TEL AVIV to join the Coach Party for ELIAT. The bus came for us at 7.15 am. instead of 6.30 am. Arrived at the Coach Station at 7.55 am. Sandra Israel was supposed to meet us, but we could not find her. After boarding our coach, we told the driver to take us to the Central Bus Station to see if she is waiting for us there. No sign of her, so we all set off without her.

Very long and hot journey but very wonderful trip. Stopped at BEER SHEVA for 20 mins. then stopped at BEN GURION'S HUNT at SDE BOKER. After had lunch at a nice Restaurant in EN AVDAT - Pate stuff, chicken, rice, cucumber in vinegar, salad and tin of Apricots. After lunch, back in the coach for a short trip then got off and walked to the top of AVDAT to visit the old ruins. Our Guide who is with our party of German, Belgians never bothered to explain to us, so we never bothered with him. Very hot day. After AVDAT, stopped again at a road restaurant for drinks. Then visited to SOLOMAN'S MINES, onto ELIAT. Arrived at SCHMULT GARDENS HOTEL in time for an hour's swim in the RED SEA before dinner at the hotel - Very cold sea! Seen the HILLS OF JORDAN. After a swim, returned to the hotel to get dressed, and had lovely dinner. Afterwards a few minutes rest in the lovely lounge, and Fish Aquarium. Went to next door to DISCO but have to pay 30 IL. for a drink, so we all walked out, and walked to the Shops/Cafe. Lovely warm evening, very beautiful place. Bought a cake from one of the cafes and took it back to the hotel with a cup of tea. Lift suddenly broken down, but few mins later the lift was working again. Went to bed.

WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 1977

Woken up by one of the hotel staff at about 6.30 am. Had breakfast. After a tour around new ELIAT, stopped at a factory where jewellery were made. Bought a pair of ear-rings. Went to the FJORD ISLAND, Camel ride for 5IL., CORAL ISLAND, WATER OBSERVERATORY, and WATER MUSEUM. Return to hotel for an hour swim in their pool before lunch. Changed in the bedroom with the party for girls and boys separately. After lunch, back to the Coach for our return to TEL-AVIV. No stops on the way. Straight road to TEL-AVIV, were transferred to a bus which took us back to NETANYA. Sandra was waiting for us at our hotel. She has been waiting at the Central Bus Station and left few minutes before we came to look for her. Had dinner at the hotel. Rest in the evening.

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 1977

Got up very early for JERUSALEM. 7 of us got into a SHURUT TAXI for Jerusalem. 50 IL. each. Arrived at DAMASCUS GATE at about 11.15 am. Walked through ARAB MARKETS via VIC DOLORRSA - I wasn't feeling very well - had diarrhoea. Then we split up into 2 groups. Irene and I went on with our shopping. Bought some presents for the family - 2 pictures of Stone Jerusalem and Chaim. Met the other at the WESTERN WALL at 3.00 pm. They were unlucky in getting admission to the DOME OF THE ROCK. Irene and I went to the WAILING WALL. After, caught a bus to JAFFA GATE, then onto an Arabic Bus to Bethlehem, guided by an Arabic. Got to BETHLEHEM, the Arabic wanted to guide us around the City for \$1.00 but we refused and walked about 1 hour on our own way. Visited to MANAGER SQUARE, THE OLD CITY and CHURCH OF NAVITITY. After, went in one of the Cafe for tea and cakes. Got a taxi to Jaffa Gate, then a bus to the Central Bus Station. Saw the City Wall in floodlights. Caught a bus to TEL-AVIV, and taxi from Tel-Aviv to hotel - too late for our Dinner! Walked around Netanya. It was Amanda's 21st birthday, so she bought cakes and wine. Had a meal at one of the Restaurant. Return to hotel for a "Celebration Party" with Amanda. It was very enjoyable and a lot of good fun.

FRIDAY 19 AUGUST 1977

In the morning, did our last minute Shopping. Bought two tapestries and a lovely book of 'Jerusalem I Love' for 78 IL.

Then went to the beach for the first time stayed there all the time till about 5.00 pm. Jean Edwards joined us.

Had dinner at the hotel. Afterwards walked along the Streets of Netanya - Very crowded, road closed to traffic. People strolled along the middle of the road. Had lemon tea with apple strudel. Return to hotel.

SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 1977

Leora came before 9.00 am. Went to the beach and stayed till about 12.30 pm.

Return to hotel for a quick wash and change. Went in Leora's car to CAESAREA, and had lunch in the ground. Visited the OLD CITY in ruins ROMAN THEATRE. Had ice-cream. Return to NETANYA, and had a quick change again. Went to TEL-AVIV by bus to HELEN KELLER HOME for a few hours. Bought a Favfel and hot drink there. About 10.00 pm. caught a bus to DIZZENGOFF - Walked to Plaza to one of the cafe's for Pizzas and drinks. Had a gorgeous ice-cream and lemon tea. Left Tel-Aviv by bus to Bus Station and caught a taxi back to the hotel. Packed our cases till about 3.30 am.

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 1977

Woken up at 6.30 am. Completed our packing. Had breakfast at 7.00 am. Leora slept in our room, and saw us off with Jean Edwards. Left Netanya after 8.00 am. in 2 taxis to LOD AIRPORT.