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Parashat

June 6	Naso
June 13	Beha'alotcha
June 20	Shelach Lechah
June 27	Korach

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

June 5	6:05PM
June 12	6:07PM
June 19	6:09PM
June 26	6:10PM

ROSH CHODESH

June 22 and 23

WEEKLY

Sunday: 8:00 am Minian/ 9:30 am Hebrew School

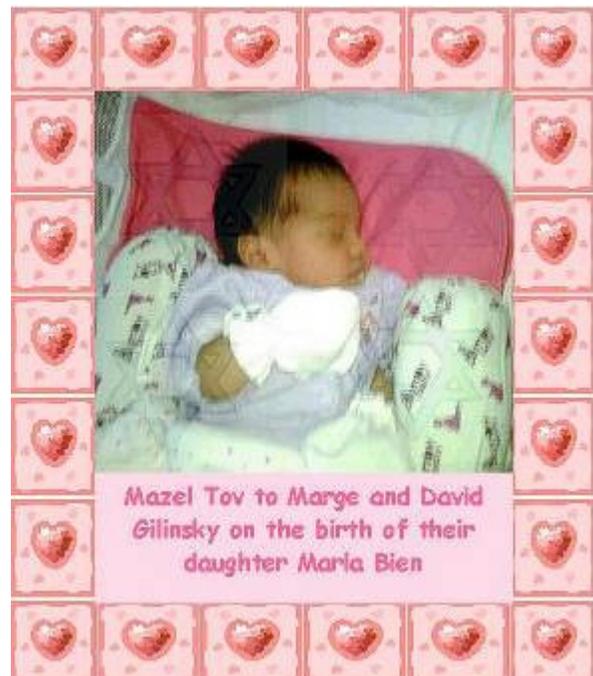
Monday: 7:15 am Minian Shacharit

Tuesday: 11:00 am class with Rabbanit

Thursday: 7:15 am Minian Shacharit

Friday: 6:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Shabbat: 9:30 am Minian followed by Kiddush
12:45 pm Mincha/ 4:15 pm class with Rabbi Followed by Seudat Shishit, Arvit and havdala



Why is the Torah called **QUESTION** 4th book of the Numbers?

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

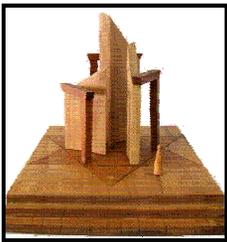
Why is a minyan 10?

It derives from Abraham asking Hashem what if there are 10 innocent people in Sodom and Gomorrah will he still destroy the cities.

Wedding Reception of Mary Rose and Isaac Ofek



May 10 at the Manila Peninsula Hotel was the wedding reception of Mary Rose and Isaac Ofek. They were married in Israel March 16. It was the most grand wedding in anyone's memory spanning over 20 years. There were 2 bands, and the groom played the saxophone with them. For more pictures turn to page 3.



Filipinos Who Aided Jews to be Honored in Israel

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RP Foods Show Potential in Global Kosher Market



By BERNIE CAHILES-MAGKILAT

Philippines food products show strong potential to capture a portion of the estimated \$13-billion global kosher markets such as the US and Israel due to the diversity of the country's food exports, a food expert for the kosher market said. According to Joel Weinberger, president of PS Kosher Food Works Inc. and an independent international kosher inspector and expert, explained that there are different categories of kosher clients: religious Jewish people, observant Sunni

Muslims, ethnic buyers based on food type, lactose intolerant individuals, US buyers seen as a Good Housekeeping type of seal and Israel mandated entry claims.

An independent study by Mintel showed that food quality, health and safety are the main basis why people go for kosher foods not religious reasons.

The global market for kosher-certified prepared food, as well as kosher meat, dairy, and fish were estimated at \$12.5 billion in 2008.

"I was able to see a wider range of Filipino food and services with a much higher level of sophistication and quality through IFEX Philippines," said Weinberger. "The Philippines has a very good potential in gaining access in the kosher market," he said.

Weinberger was a speaker at the recently concluded International Food Exhibition Philippines Symposium on Food Safety and Food Certification Standards. He encouraged exporters who attended to understand the importance of the kosher market.

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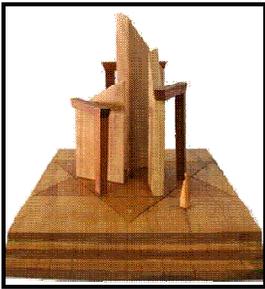
Filipinos Who Aided Jews to be Honored in Israel



By HRVOJE HRANJSKI –MANILA, Philippines (AP) — More than 1,000 Jews fleeing persecution in Nazi Germany found refuge in the faraway Philippines, thanks to the government's "open doors" policy that Israel plans to honor with a monument next month, officials said Friday.

The modern structure of three steel doors, frames and marble floor tiles commemorates the "courage, hospitality and the determination" of the Philippines to give humanitarian support for European Jews seeking refuge from the Holocaust, the Israeli Embassy said in a statement on its Web site. "The warm hospitality of the Filipino people undoubtedly shed light to one of the darkest and most difficult periods in Jewish history," the embassy said.

The "Open Doors" monument, designed by Filipino artist Jun Yee, is scheduled to be unveiled June 21 at the Rishon LeZion Holocaust Park in central Israel.



"It is my hope, and indeed my expectation, that the people of the Philippines will have in the future every reason to be glad that when the time of need came, their country was willing to extend a hand of welcome."

*President Manuel L. Quezon **

23 April 1940, Marikina City

BRIEF BACKGROUND

Courage and determination to give humanitarian support for the Jews seeking refuge from the Holocaust in Europe in the 1930s. These are the Filipino values that are sought to be remembered in this project called "Open Doors."

In 1939, the Philippine Commonwealth Government, as a matter of policy, opened its doors and welcomed Jewish refugees escaping Nazi tyranny in Europe. Ten thousand visas earmarked for travel to the Philippines Islands were made available to thousands of Jews. President Manuel L. Quezon fully understood the crisis that the Jews were facing at that time. And to reinforce this open door policy, President Quezon built a housing community for Jewish refugees in Marikina in 1939 and allotted a farm and large settlement area in Mindanao for Jewish refugees before the outbreak of World War II.

The Filipinos expressed their indignation to the persecution of the Jews. On 17 November 1938, hundreds of Filipinos held a rally in Manila to express their moral outrage and to denounce the Kristallnacht.

These episodes in the journey of Jews to the Philippines to escape the Holocaust were documented and thoroughly discussed in the book entitled "Escape to Manila" by Mr. Frank Ephraim.

Mr. Ephraim's book gave the inspiration and vision to H.E. Ambassador Antonio Modena to launch in 2005 a campaign for the remembrance of the Philippine's humanitarian support for the Jews. Ambassador Modena passed away unexpectedly in February 2007 but he already started the process to build this Philippine monument in Israel. The Organizing Committee for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between the Philippines and Israel undertook to complete this vision of Ambassador Modena. A panel of judges chose "Open Doors" by Mr. Jun Yee for the top prize from a field of eight entries coming from top sculptors and architects including a Philippine national artist.

"Open Doors" expresses the feeling, sentiment and emotion as the Filipinos showed the courage to welcome into the country and provide humanitarian assistance for the Jews. The site of "Open Doors", the first Philippine monument in Israel, gives greater meaning to this joint effort of the Organizing Committee and the City of Rishon LeZion, also known as the "City of Firsts." The City has allocated a site in the Holocaust Memorial Park, which is dedicated to the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust.

This monument is a testament to the open door policy of the Philippine Commonwealth under President Manuel L. Quezon. The three open doors, in increasing heights, symbolize the courage and humanitarian deeds of the Filipino people in welcoming the Jews escaping the Holocaust in Europe in 1939.

MONUMENT DESCRIPTION

The triangular patterns of the open doors represent the triangles of the Philippine flag and the star of David that were joined to mark the close and friendly relations between the Republic of the Philippines and State of Israel as the two Nations celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in August 2007. The light represents the sun that brought the hope and the warm hospitality of the Filipino people as they welcomed the Jews in 1939. The Doors are painted brown to represent the Filipinos' Malay race.

Saying Goodbye



Say goodbye to the:

Lahm family

Newman family

Palomo family

DJemal family

Gedacht family

and the Cohen family

Since I didn't know them all I'm wishing
them luck and hope they have a safe trip!

Shavuot

Shavuot is the time Hashem gave us
the Torah. So it was a new beginning and with
the people leaving they can also start a new beginning.

**FAREWELL AND WE'LL ALL MISS YOU
SHALOM**

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