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# YOM YERUSHALAYIM



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## DR BENNY BEGIN, MK

Likud-Herut UK – in association with 'One Jerusalem', the JNF, the ZF, Ner Yisrael Community and the Hendon United Synagogue and its Israel committee - welcomes you to a celebration of Yom Yerushalayim.

We also extend a warm welcome to our special guest Dr Benny Begin MK, minister in Benjamin Netanyahu's 7-member inner cabinet and son of the late Israeli premier, Menachem Begin.

Zev Binyamin Begin was born in Jerusalem in 1943 and is one of its most outspoken and passionate defenders as the undivided and eternal capital city of the Jewish nation. He has a doctorate in Geology and was appointed Science Minister in the first Netanyahu government in 1996. An opponent of the Oslo Accords, he resigned the following year in protest against the Hebron withdrawal agreement. After serving as director of the Israel Geological Survey, he returned to politics in 2008, winning 5th place on the Likud list. His title of 'Minister Without Portfolio' is almost playful bearing in mind his place amongst Prime Minister Netanyahu's "septet" of closest cabinet ministers.

Those present this evening who had the privilege of knowing our guest's late father, Menachem Begin <sup>z"l</sup> may see that in this family *'the apple did not fall far from the tree'*. When members of the Knesset were recently obliged to declare their expenses for the last parliamentary year, Dr Benny Begin's expenses came up as zero!

We hope you enjoy this evening's programme and will return to your homes suitably enriched and enthused in your passion for Yerushalayim and your commitment to its defence in these difficult times.



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**אם אשכחך ירושלם תשכח ימיני  
תדבק לשוני לחכי אם לא אזכרכי  
אם לא אעלה את ירושלם  
על ראש שמחתי**

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# JERUSALEM FACTSHEET

## *Jerusalem has always been a Jewish City:*

- ★ The Jewish connection to the Temple Mount dates back nearly 4,000 years as the site where Abraham brought Isaac as a sacrifice to G-d. It is the site of both our temples that were the centre of Jewish life until their destruction and the banishment of surviving Jews by the Roman armies in 70 CE.
- ★ Jerusalem is the cradle of Jewish heritage and Jewish civilization. Ever since King David made Jerusalem his capital 3,000 years ago, the city has been the centre of Jewish consciousness. The last remaining wall of the Jewish Temple - the Kotel Maaravi - stands in the old city of Jerusalem. Three times a day Jews around the globe have always faced towards Jerusalem in their prayers. (In stark contrast, Muslims pray towards Mecca, usually with their backs to the Temple Mount.)
- ★ Jews have been citizens of Jerusalem continuously for 2,000 years and currently account for more than 2/3rds of its population.
- ★ Jerusalem has never been the capital of any Arab entity. It has never even been a provincial capital under Muslim rule. Historically it has never been a centre of Muslim learning or a cultural centre of Islam.
- ★ Jerusalem is pivotal to the Jews historically, culturally and spiritually. The attachment of Jews and Jerusalem is unmatched in time or other measure by any other faith to a holy site or city.
- ★ Jerusalem is mentioned more than 700 times in the Bible and Jewish scripture. It is not mentioned even once in the Koran.
- ★ The only time when Jews did not reside in East Jerusalem was between 1948 and 1967 under illegal occupation by Jordan following its conquest in the offensive war joined by 4 other Arab states against Israel in 1948.
- ★ East Jerusalem and the Old City were re-captured in 1967 by Israel in her defensive war against Egypt, Syria and Jordan. Aside from our people's historic and biblical title to the land, under international law Israel has full right to territories acquired in a defensive war, and therefore all of Jerusalem.

## *False Muslim Claims to Jerusalem:*

- ★ Muslims are taught that the Temple Mount, situated in Jerusalem is the site where the Prophet Mohammad ascended to heaven in his night journey as told in the Islamic holy book, the Koran.
- ★ But the Koran never mentions Jerusalem even once. It states that during his night journey the Prophet Mohammad was taken to the "furthest Mosque". Early Islamic scholars believed that to be Medina and not Jerusalem.
- ★ Mohammed died in the year 632CE. The Dome of the Rock was built in 711 CE - three generations later. No mosque stood at that location before. During the time of Mohammed Jerusalem was occupied by the Byzantines who were Christian. A church stood at the Temple Mount during the time of Mohammed not a mosque.
- ★ It is doubtful that Mohammed ascended to heaven via a church. The Muslim claim to Jerusalem is both historically and conceptually inaccurate.

For more PLAIN TRUTH about Jerusalem visit: <http://tinyurl.com/yerush>