

Program
Twelfth Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony
for the 9/11 Terror Attacks

Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 4:00pm
KKL-JNF 9/11 Memorial - Jerusalem Park (Emek Arazim)

ז' בתשרי, תשע"ד



לא ישא גוי אֶל גוי חֶרֶב וְלֹא יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה (ישעיה ב' ד)
"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more" *Isaiah 2:4*



The 9/11 Living Memorial, located in the Jerusalem Park in the Cedar Valley (Emek Arazim), commemorates the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and stands as a reminder of shared loss and a call for collective understanding. The monument, which was dedicated by Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael - Jewish National Fund on November 12, 2009, is one of the first major international memorials to the victims of the attacks and the only site outside of New York that lists the names of the nearly 3,000 men, women and children who perished.

Designed by award-winning Israeli artist Eliezer Weishoff, and donated by Edward Blank, New York resident and a JNF National Board member, the 30-foot high bronze sculpture is composed of an American flag transforming into a memorial flame. It rests on a granite base that includes a metal beam from the wreckage of the Twin Towers, generously donated to the Jerusalem Municipality by the City of New York. Surrounding the sculpture is a crater-like stone plaza lined with metal plates that bear the names of those who lost their lives in New York, D.C., and Pennsylvania. The vast plaza, which includes amphitheater-style benches along the interior, providing visitors with space for viewing and reflection, was funded by the Bronka Stavsky Rabin Weintraub Trust.

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Opening and MC:

- Ms. Talia Tzour, Director of Major Donors, KKL-JNF
- “Presentation of the Colors” by the American Embassy, Tel Aviv, Marine Detachment
- The Star-Spangled Banner, led by Ms. Adina Feldman

Moment of Silence

Remarks:

- The Honorable Daniel B. Shapiro, U.S Ambassador to Israel
- Brig. General (Ret.) Dov Shefi, representative of the families who lost their loved ones in the attacks
 - Ms. Yehudit Tamir & Mr. Yishai Shefi – Red Flowers, words and music by Yishai Shefi
- Mr. Efi Stenzler, KKL-JNF World Chairman
- His Excellency Dr. Yuval Steinitz, Minister of Intelligence, representative of the Government of Israel
 - Ms. Yehudit Tamir & Mr. Yishai Shefi – Lullaby, words by Yehuda Amichai; music by Yishai Shefi

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- Mr. Peres Avraham - representative of the families who lost their loved ones in the attacks
- His Excellency Dr. Yuval Steinitz
- The Honorable Daniel B. Shapiro
- Mr. Efi Stenzler
- His Excellency Henri Etoundi Essomba, Dean of Diplomatic Corps and Ambassador of the Republic of Cameroon
- Major General Shachar Ayalon, National Fire & Rescue Commissioner
- Ms. Marcie Nathan, National President of Hadassah

Hatikva, led by Ms. Adina Feldman

Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!



Transliteration of Hatikva text:

*Kol od balevav penimah,
Nefesh yehudi homiyah,
Ulefa-atei mizrach, kadimah,
Ayin letziyon tsofiyah.*

*Od lo avdah tikvateinu
Hatikva bat shnot alpayim,
Lihyot am chofshi be-artzeinu,
Eretz tzion, virushalayim.*

Translation of Hatikva:

As long as in the heart within,
The Jewish soul yearns,
And toward the eastern edges, onward,
An eye gazes toward Zion.

Our hope is not yet lost,
The hope that is two-thousand years old,
To be a free nation in our land,
The Land of Zion, Jerusalem.