

קרן **מוזיאון ההרמיטאז'** ישראל

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Establishing Ongoing Cultural Relations

The historical ties between Russia and Israel date to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when Russian Iews, involved in the cultural and political arenas, were influential in laying the foundation for the future State of Israel. These strong ties between the two nations manifested themselves in the arrival of more than one million Russian Iews to Israel in the past thirty years, a fact that altered the social, cultural and political face of the country. The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel sees a long-term possibility of building bridges between these two cultures are the official entities, by establishing an oneoine cultural exchange in various fields of the arts.

An initial objective of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel is to create an atmosphere of educational importance, whereby the Israeli public would be exposed to the riches of the State Hermitage Museum via its planned cultural exchange programs and activities. The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel acts as an affiliate of the State Hermitage Museum and is fully committed to preserve and promote its collections by exhibitions, publications and educational programs.





70th Anniversary of the State of Israel

December 12, 2018

The year 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel. The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel was honored to celebrate his exciting occasion with a number of events and activities which took place during 2018 and proudly showcased the achievements of the State of Israel and those of the Jewish people in the arts, culture and other fields.

All events stayed true to our Foundation's values of proudly representing our nation, excellency, attention to detail and establishing partnerships with organizations who will meet the standard of the State Hermitage Museum's, and that of our Foundation.

For us at the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel, this has been an opportunity to present the strong ties between Russia and Israel, via several cultural exchanges and other events both in Russia and Israel.

The Hermitage Museum Foundation "Israel's 70th Anniversary Banquet" took place on December 12 2018, in Old Jaffa with the presence of Prof. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky, Director of the State Hermitage Museum and 200 guests and donors from around the world.





The Park of the Living in the City of Bitola

February 15, 2019

During the last two years the State of Israel has been leading together with its Macedonian partners, a unique project of cleaning, restoring and documenting the oldest lewish cemetery in the Balkans, in the city of Bitola.

In this special project different Ministries and non-governmental organizations, both local and international, such as the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel, join hands as they transform the old Jewish cemetery in the city of Bitola into the "Park of the Living", honouring the Jews who were deported and then killed in Treblinka.

Israel is leading this effort to turn the cemetery into a park of memory that will include art exhibits of Jewish and non-Jewish artist to commemorate the community. The first monument, presented on July 2019, was the sundial of Maty Gruenberg, an Israeli artist who is the last Jewish child born in Macedonia before the deportation. This monument is the first of 16 planned monuments.

The efforts of turning the old Jewish cemetery to the "Park of the Living" were partially promoted through an international competition in which the exhibits displayed in the park encouraged leading artists, Iews and non-Iews, to take part in this project and help realizing the vision of the "Park of the Living".

The State of Israel considers the Bitola project one of great importance and is now involved in several partnerships in the city. Israeli Ambassador to Macedonia, His Excellency Mr. Dan Oryan who has introduced Mr. Amir G. Kabiri to this project, has been dedicating time and efforts in recent years bringing delegations, volunteers, researchers, politicians and people of the media to undertake the project and support it.





Donation to the State Hermitage Museum

July 10, 2019

On June 28, 2019, a donation from M.T. Abraham Foundation to the State Hermitage Museum was presented in the Council Hall. The event was in honor of the 10th anniversary of the Foundation's cooperation with the Hermitage, as well as the 70th anniversary celebrations of the State of Israel. The ceremony of presenting the donation was attended by: Director of the State Hermitage Museum Mikhail B. Piotrovsky: President of the M.T. Abraham Foundation, President of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel Amir G. Kabiri; Consul General of the State of Israel to St. Petersburg Olga Slov. The donation included three plasters by the French artist Edgar Degas (1834-1917) and two oil paintings by the Russian artist Vladimir Sterilgov (1904-1973) and it adds a great significance to the museum's permanent collection of French Impressionist sculture and of Russian post war art.







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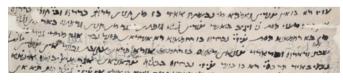


Life in Medieval Khorasan. A Geniza from the National Library of Israel

September 10, 2019

An exhibition with the support of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel. The sudden appearance in the first years of the twenty-first century of the Afghan Geniza, hundreds of manuscript fragments from medieval Bamiyan, was a remarkable occurrence. These pages thick, soft, browning paper, covered in diverse texts in multiple languages, offered a window into lives and cultures far distant from our own, cultures that had flourished but later been almost totally destroyed. Amongst these documents we find a variety of written texts – Jewish and Muslim, what seems to be part of some Jewish family archive and part of a Muslim administrative archive, though they may have come from a variety of sources. Passage from a Hebrew biblical commentary, from a Sabbath prayer book and even from the Mishna (an ancient rabbinical text) point to significant ties between this Jewish community and Hebrew- and Arabic-speaking Jews from other regions. Non-Jewish poems in Persian, historical chronicles and even passages from the Quran point to a well-educated Muslim propulation that was in close contact with the Jewsh community.

This exhibition highlights both the diversity of these finds – multiple languages and assorted literary genres – and their similarities, such as the use of similar paper and ink and common aesthetic purposes. But many things in our understanding of this remarkable collection of documents remain to be clarified. Further research will help us fully understand the nature of the diverse religious and cultural communities living in close proximity to each other in Bamiyan and beyond. 11.052.019 – 15.12.2019 at the State Hermitage Museum.





Annual Advisory Board Meeting

October 4, 2019

The annual advisory board and official members meeting of the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel was held in London, on Friday, October 4th 2019, and in legal attendance of:

Official Members

Mr. Amir Gross Kabiri (In the Chair)

Mr. Ziv Simon

Advisory Board

Mr. Isaac Tamir

Mr. Gordon Hausmann

Mr. Matthew Drutt

Mr. Nicolas Iljine

Ms. Karen Sanig Ms. Ivgenia Naiman

Mr. Avner Kreimer

Mr. Adam Danon

Mr. Alexander Trager-Lewis (Audit Committee)

Decisions Taken

The protocol of the decisions taken by the board and the official members of the association were submitted to the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel honorary Chairman, and the Director of the State Hermitage Museum, Prof. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky in printed copy.





Launching Our New Website

December 2019

The Hermitage Museum Foundation new website, which was launched in December 2019, includes a comprehensive database of the Foundations' activities, updates, news and all relevant information.

The public can browse our financial reports, yearly reports, as well as all legal standing of the Foundation. From the day of its establishment back in 2013, and as a non-profit organization, the Foundation acts in full transparency in accordance with the laws and legislations of the State of Israel.

The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel, Registration Charity No. 580576726, is the only legally authorized entity acting as an extension of the State Hermitage Museum and represents the Museum in the State of Israel for enriching the cultural knowledge of the Israeli public.





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About the Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel

The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel is a non-profit organization registered under Israeli law. Our main objective is to provide assistance and support to The State Hermitage Museum in respect of its artistic, scientific, cultural and educational activities. The Hermitage Museum Foundation Israel aims to involve the Israeli public in the above, in particular by promoting and organizing lectures, seminars, courses, cultural exchanges and exhibitions.

The Advisory Board

Prof. Mikhail B. Piotrovsky, Honorary Chairman

Mr. Amir G. Kahiri, President

Mr. Nicolas V. Iliine, Chairman of the Advisory Board

Mr. Adam Danon, Director

Mr. Matthew Drutt, Curator and Adviser

Ms. Ivgenia Naiman, Contemporary Art Specialist & Adviser

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