



Shabbat Korach/29 Sivan 5777

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Shabbat Shalom Shir Tikvah from Jerusalem!

I'm here with 42 Shir Tikvah members and loved ones on a grand spiritual adventure: to learn our history, to seek spiritual understanding of who we are as a people, to listen to people who have fought and died for this dream, to hear the stories of those who live in fear and under occupation for the past half century. Each Shir Tikvah trip is more powerful than the one before it; what a blessing to sing a song of hope while standing on these ancient, crooked, brilliant stones—each one with a thousand heartbeats and stories to tell, if only we listen to them, gently.

As darkness falls on this ancient city of Jerusalem—Ir Shalom—City of Peace—as Shabbat arrives for the Jewish residents and the close of Ramadan for our Muslim sisters and brothers, there are people moving about, feasting and praying and living.

Jerusalem, we pray, home to Jews, Christians, and Muslims, will one day be a bold and powerful force for peace on the planet.

Until that blessed day arrives, we will keep lifting our voices in song and prayer, our hands to do the holy and hard work of peace making, and keep our hearts open to possibilities for a co-existence we must imagine into reality.

Shabbat Shalom,

Michael