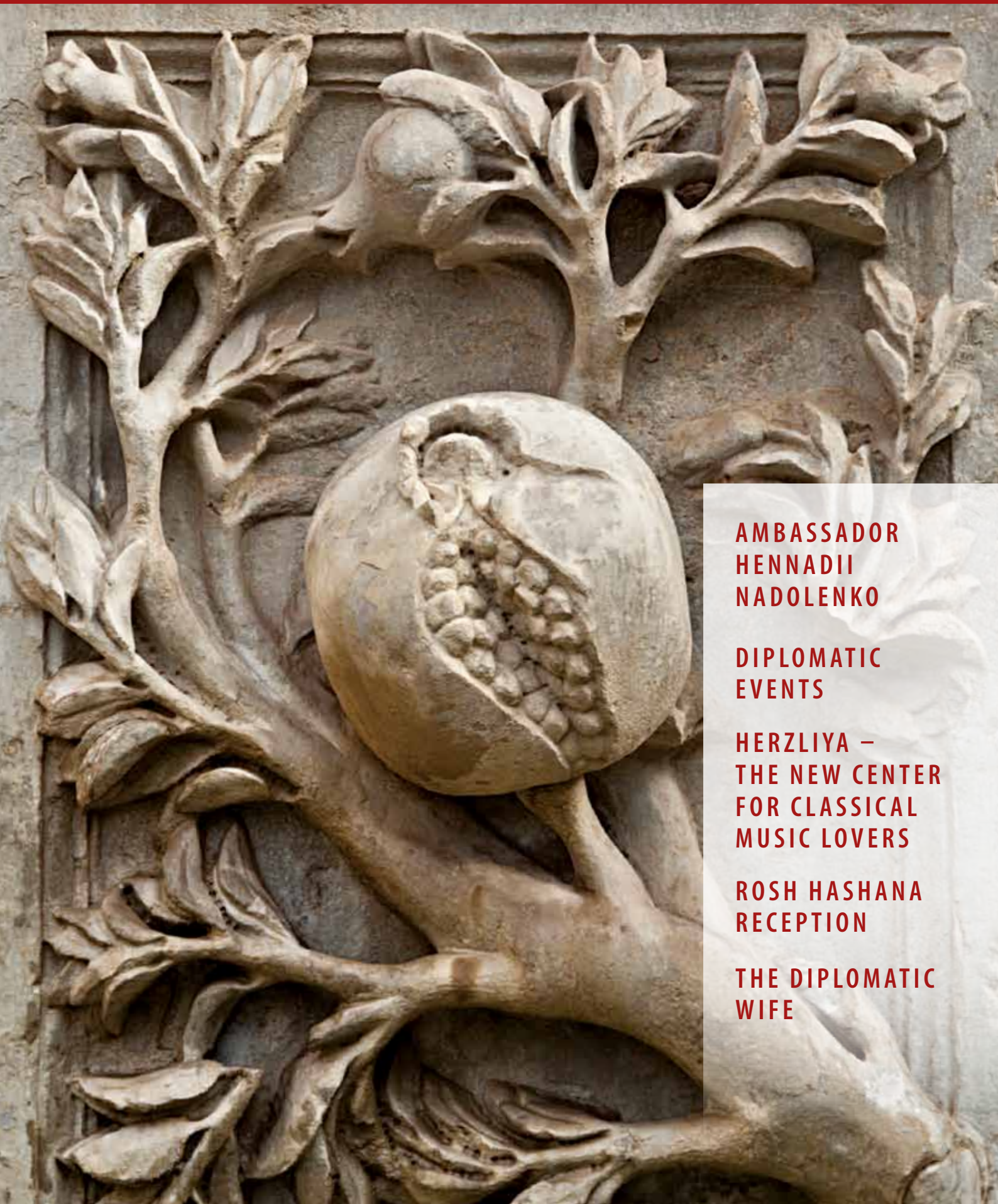




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*Dear Friends,*

*Last August The Diplomatic Club celebrated its 13th birthday.*

*As I look back it is like a 13 year old child, together, we have been through the same stages: difficulties of birth and painful teeth growing, puberty and voice changes and, as accustomed in the Jewish tradition - the Bar Mitzvah - when a child become a man.*

*Now we can say that we have learned a lot, done a lot and we definitely are mature enough for not repeating past mistakes.*

*We began as an independent organization and we have succeeded in keeping our independence. More than that, we strongly adhered to the policy of objective information in the magazine and on our website.*

*It is here, in Israel, at the crossing point of all religions, an idea was born to elucidate to people that the main purpose of diplomats is providing links between countries and nations. Open mind and "togetherness" - this is the philosophy of the Diplomatic Club.*

*We are thrilled that our concept became very popular. More and more new clubs have been opened.*

*Notwithstanding, established in 1998, The Diplomatic Club in Israel became a part of the global Diplomatic Club.*

*The Diplomatic Club is an elite, exclusive and influential Club, aiming to facilitate the integration of foreign diplomats in Israel and to promote world-wide contacts, ties and network opportunities between members of the Diplomatic Corp and the business, industry, hi-tech and other communities.*

*Since 1998 the Diplomatic Club management has been working on receiving credit for the diplomatic community.*

*I am happy to remind you that on April 2010 an agreement was signed between the Diplomatic Club and American Express Company regarding the credit for the Diplomatic Community and issuing of Diplomatic Credit Cards:*

*Gold Corporate and Gold Individual with a minimum credit of 25,000 NIS each. In addition, in this issue of the magazine we are happy to present the results of an exciting cooperation between Carter's and The Diplomatic Club Israel. The Diplomatic Club invited beautiful babies of the diplomatic staff to become little models and to participate in an exclusive new fashion publication. This exciting experience was something that you will never forget - a present for a lifetime!*

*Happy holidays!*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Julia Verdel*

*General Manager*

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# Ambassador Hennadii Nadolenko



*D.C. This year Israel and Ukraine are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. How do you assume this historical period?*

First of all I would like to thank you very much for the opportunity to address all my friendly colleagues from the Diplomacy Club of Israel with the kind assistance of your magazine. Yes, you are absolutely right, 20 years ago both government of Ukraine and the State of Israel made the bilateral decision to establish diplomatic relations between two states.

Despite the fact that Ukraine and Israel are relatively young countries the history of relations between the Ukrainian and the Jewish peoples goes back for many centuries.

It is also important to mention today the fact that in late 1940's, the Republic of Ukraine, as one of the founders of the United Nations, actively supported the implementation of a long-term dream and inspiration of the Jewish people to establish their own independent state. And we are pleased that the State of Israel was among the first countries, which recognized the new Ukrainian state in 1991.

*D.C. Armed with a penchant for looking on the dark side, many Israelis peer out at Europe today and - fearing signs of efforts to delegitimize Israel around the world - bewail a continent they feel is stacked against it. However, the picture is not all bleak. Israel does have friends in Europe, and one of them is Ukraine. How would you define current relations between Israel and Ukraine?*

You are absolutely right again. Yes, Ukraine and the State of Israel are without doubt friendly countries and we are glad to have such high current level of mutual understanding and trust between political leaders of both states. Today we can see an active positive dynamics of the bilateral relations and the high-level political

dialogue between both countries. It is very important that ordinary people of our countries welcome such tendency. And in order to support such willingness of both nations we made the decision to introduce visa-free regime between Israel and Ukraine. This process opened a new page in history between two nations and created a number of additional possibilities for future trade and economic, investment, scientific and technical, cultural, and humanitarian cooperation. It also will assist us in promoting direct business contacts.

*D.C. What benefit will accrue to Ukraine as a result of economic cooperation with Israel?*

Ukraine and Israel have been enjoying rather active cooperation in the economic, cultural, scientific and political spheres for already 20 years. The abolition of visas at the beginning of this year gave an additional impetus for the bilateral exchange, eliminating artificial barriers for the movement of tourists and business

people. This year we have assisted in organizing seminars for two large groups of businessmen from Ukraine in the agricultural sphere, which is a good indication of further intensification of cooperation between our states. The number of tourists from Ukraine this year grew almost 80 percent and placed our country 8th in the Israel's incoming tourism list. Ukraine is also among Israel's largest providers of certain types of produce, such as grain, metal, chemicals and others.

Israel remains a country with one of the most stable economies, which is very important in the present turbulent times. To have such a reliable partner in the region is essential for any country. Apart from that, Israel is renowned in the world as a "start-up nation", a source of innovative ideas and technologies. No modern economy can survive without the innovations and R&D cooperation with other states, which adds yet another - and very important - dimension to the bilateral relations between our states.

*D.C. How do you address various experts' concerns that Ukraine might shift from its balanced position on the Middle East conflict in exchange for inexpensive Venezuelan or Iranian oil?*

To begin with, our position on the issue of the Middle East conflict has always been balanced because we strongly believe that it can be solved only by means of negotiations on the basis of mutual respect, openness and willingness to cooperate. Our position remains unchanged that international security can be ensured only on condition that the situation in the region is stable. Finding a mutually acceptable solution is in the sole interest not only of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples but of the entire international community.

So far I am unaware of any official agreements for export of cheap Venezuelan or Iranian oil to Ukraine, especially as a trade-off for any

changes in our foreign policy. There were news about our companies receiving contracts for participation in the exploration of oil and gas fields in those countries, but those were purely commercial interactions. We have many highly-skilled professionals who have high reputation all over the world, including the countries under discussion and certainly these people are interested in applying their skills into practice. Anyways, I would not draw any connection between the employment of Ukrainian experts and the foreign policy of our government.

*D.C. Ukraine has never been more stable than it is today, said the Ukrainian President at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, (Political Stability). Can you comment on the Ukraine-EU prospects, natural gas transfer, and Ukraine's relations with the US along with the country's inner policy?*

Our foreign policy is well known, consequent and predictable. It is clear that sustainable development is impossible without stability. We need development and pay much attention to stability. Last year Ukraine has declared its non-block status. This helped to reduce tension and establish a zone of stability and strategic balance around our country. Ukraine has always been an active contributor to peace and security worldwide. We also believe it is necessary to support further global processes of expanding free movement of people, goods, services and capitals. All these important issues are on the agenda between Ukraine and our strategic partners like the EU, the US as well as Russia. At the same time Ukraine has chosen European model of development. All the reforms are and will be dictated by this cornerstone. European integration is both our foreign and home policy priority. Developments of Ukraine's strategic partnership with Russia and strategic relation with the USA have been declared another two priorities.

*D.C. Russia and Ukraine are not mere neighbors. These are two nations that have lived together for centuries. How are the relations today?*

I can just add to the mentioned above that the relations between Ukraine and Russia will continue to be such for centuries ahead - strategic partnership and good neighborhood.

*D.C. One million natives of the former USSR live in Israel; more than 300 000 have arrived from Ukraine. People are emotionally connected to their past. Many of them have relatives and friends in your country. Tell us about the political, cultural and tourist direction Ukraine is following and what life is like for the people.*



*Where do cultural exchanges between Israel and Ukraine stand?*

The fast pace of modern life imposes its own rules on Ukrainians, but Ukrainians are also ready to modernize their own lives and the life of their country. The desire of self-realization drives the capacity to compete, react quickly to the skyrocketing growth of innovative technologies, and to appropriately respond to the challenges and opportunities of globalization. Today, as never before, Ukraine is ready for quick, dynamic transformations in all areas of political and social life.

We can say dynamism is the main feature of the present Ukraine. The Government has started comprehensive taxation, pension and health-care reforms. The administrative reform seeks to cut the red-tape and streamline the public administration system. Ukraine has launched a large-scale program to counter corruption. We aspire to raise the well-being of the Ukrainian people, and make Ukraine a more welcoming place for international investors.

A fundamental characteristic of our relations on the international arena is openness. This openness and readiness to adopt and apply world practice ensures the success of the above mentioned reforms. It is the key to effective communication and interaction between Ukraine and the world and it shapes both domestic and foreign policies.

Ukraine is also an attractive and promising tourist destination. Today Ukraine offers several options for tourism. It is, in particular, classical tourism: collective or individual tours around the country, "week-end" routes with visiting ancient castles, churches and other historical places. Health tourism is also very popular - Ukrainian resorts are on the rise again. There are a lot of wonderful destinations for different tourist options in Ukraine. It is not possible to tell about all of them, but it is necessary to name Kiev - the capital of Ukraine - among the most attractive ones. Certainly, skiing in the Carpathian Mountains is worth mentioning as well as a number of mineral water springs. The unique natural conditions of the Crimea have been known since the 19th century. We hope that in the nearest prospective the level of tourist service will further improve due to the impetus given by the preparation of our country to co-hosting UEFA EURO 2012. It provided for large-scale investments and infrastructure development in a number of sectors, particularly in air and railway transportation, highway infrastructure, hotel and hospitality industry.

An important basis for the development of cultural and humanitarian cooperation between Ukraine and Israel is the presence in the State of Israel of a community of about half a million natives from Ukraine, including tens of thousands of ethnic Ukrainians. There are over one hundred thousand Jewish communities in Ukraine.

The places where prominent Jewish religious and cultural personalities were born and lived are of great interest for Israeli citizens. Every year thousands of pilgrims and tourists from



Israel visit, in particular, the tomb of rebbe Nachman in Uman, a house in Drohobych, where B.Schultz, a prominent Jewish artist and writer of mid-twentieth century, lived.

There is an interest in Ukrainian culture and language in Israel, retained primarily by immigrants from Ukraine. There are also a number of writers, who write in Ukrainian language and organize literary evenings. Some Israeli universities have a staff of scientists involved in the Ukrainian studies.

This particular year is marked with significant bilateral events in cultural and humanitarian spheres. First of all one should mention the "Days of Culture" festivals that took place in both countries. In October 2011 the 70-th anniversary of the Babyn Yar tragedy was marked on the state level jointly in Ukraine and in Israel commemorating innocent victims of the Nazi crimes committed during the World War II on the territory of Ukraine. A number of other cultural and humanitarian projects are in the process of realization.

*D.C. Prime-Minister Nikolai Azarov said a few months ago that Ukraine will pay pension benefits to people, who left the country and are eligible. Is this moving forward?*

Legal regulation of pension maintenance of the citizens of Ukraine and cooperation in this sphere is the subject of successive negotiation process between Ukraine and the State of Israel. On June 22-23, 2011, in the framework of the Sixth meeting of intergovernmental Ukrainian-Israeli commission on trade and economic cooperation, the expert consultations of working groups were held as to the Draft Agreement between the State of Israel and Ukraine on social security (which will also include provisions regulating pension maintenance). In the course of negotiations representatives of both sides adjusted a number of differences and pointed out provisions to be further discussed. Recently, the Ukrainian side submitted preliminary proposals and comments as to the mentioned Draft Agreement for consideration of the Israeli side. Thus, as we can see, the bilateral negotiations on this issue are moving forward and hopefully Agreement on social security will be concluded as soon as possible.



# FIVE NEW AMBASSADORS

Five new Ambassadors from Russia, China, Finland, Nigeria and Philippines submitted letters of Credence to the President of Israel Shimon Peres. The official ceremony of welcoming their entry into Israel as their countries' Ambassadors was held, as usual, at the President's residence.



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To register and for further information, please contact Hila Ziv: Tel: 09-9527358, or E-mail: hilaz@idc.ac.il





Those of you who love classical music in its symphonic scale, should pay attention to what is brewing at the Herzliya Performing Arts Center.

Very quietly, if not modestly, a new concert series of symphonic repertory is making its way to the forefront of symphonic concerts. Did we say new? Well, not really, The Grand Symphonic Series had just finished its eighth consecutive season and is about to kick off its ninth season on Sept 17, 2011.

The Grand symphonic Series boasts incorporating the finest symphony orchestras of Israel - Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon LeZion (also the orchestra of Israel Opera), Jerusalem Radio

two or three concerts per season. For the rest, I invite over first class conductors from four corners of the world. I take special pride by the level of our conductors, who indeed are great interpreters of mondial level. As to our soloists, some are amazing young Israeli soloists who, we believe, deserve the opportunity, exposure and experience of performing with first class symphony orchestras, even though they may not belong to the right social or musical circles... Indeed, some of these soloists enjoyed a great boost to their international career. We also engage first class soloists from abroad so that overall, the series is indeed one of a very high and international flavor."

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The back bone of the programmes is the grand romantic repertory, which makes use of the symphony orchestra to the full.

If you have not heard of it, you do not surprise the Music Director and founder of the Grand Symphonic Series, Maestro Amos Talmon, who says:

"The nature and character of the Grand Symphonic Series is totally different for other music activities. On one hand, it features the highest standards of symphonic performances and on the other, it is based on a pure charitable activity of MUSIC AGELS Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting young Israeli soloists. In that context, all our humble resources are dedicated to true music making and not to public relations".

Indeed, The Grand symphonic Series appears in all its nine concerts per season before a packed house. We were wondering how was this is made possible with such limited marketing efforts.

Talmon: "I feel we have reached the right formula, which attracts true music lovers. We perform mainly romantic repertoire. In other words, in

our concerts you will rarely listen to Baroque music nor to contemporary music, which I personally have no appreciation to and always wonder why we should inflict this punitive music on our audience..."

We perform sentimental and moving works by the likes of Late Mozart, Beethoven, Rossini, Brahms, Schubert, Bruckner, Schumann, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, Borodin, Verdi, Mahler, Respighi, Mahler, Stravinsky, Khachaturian etc. Occasionally we do some "wild" things like the recent Happy Viennese Soiree, which was a a real blast of great fun music, laughs and actual fire works. Next season we will perform in the ending concert Western Movie pieces like "High Noon", "The Good the Bad and the Ugly" and "For a Fistful of Dollars" by Morricone, all especially arranged for symphony orchestra, accompanied by projected images of the movies..."

We were wondering who are the performers - conductors and soloists - appearing within The Grand Symphonic Series.

Talmon: "As Music Director, I normally conduct

How does the concert hall fare in comparison to the halls in Israel?

Talmon: "We are blessed with a beautiful, modern concert hall with decent acoustics, free parking and easy accessibility.

While the concert hall is spacious, it is not huge one, seating 765 people. This way, it provides the right festive ambiance yet the same time, it is more intimate than others, The stage is very large and easily accommodates the full symphony orchestra."

Have you had ties with the diplomatic community at all?

Talmon: "Yes indeed. We have had joint production of concerts with the Italian Embassy (I am a proud Commendatore della Repubblica Italiana) and with the Spanish Embassy. In addition, we recently establish a collaboration with the Czech and Brazilian Embassy.

Having said that, I would love to see the members of the diplomatic community in Israel frequenting our concerts. I am sure that would draw great joy out of this feat of classical symphonic music."



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All of the hotel's rooms and suites are elegant and especially spacious, and feature balconies overlooking the beautiful Red Sea and Edom Mountains. They are all lavishly and comfortably furnished in order to generate a cozy, homelike atmosphere alongside the ultimate pampering experience.

Completing this high quality, prestigious hospitality experience, we offer:

An advanced, multilingual, and multidisciplinary personalized service system of the very highest standard. • A variety of restaurants and bars. • A luxurious lounge, including a balcony that looks out over the sea and the Edom Mountains. • A VIP lounge featuring personal service and a variety of light refreshments served throughout the day. • The Carmel Forest Spa. • A fully-equipped gym. • A spectacular swimming pool area including a waterfall pool and children's and infants' pools. • Video game room. • Internet room and internet connections for laptops. • Attractions desk for reservations for the land-based and aquatic activities offered by the Red Sea Sports Club. • Children's club and babysitting services. • A conference and events center. • Synagogue. • A private beach only a few minutes' walk from the hotel.

## THE BERESHEET, ON THE EDGE OF THE RAMON CRATER

The Beresheet hotel looks out across an astoundingly beautiful primordial landscape along the path of the ancient Incense Trade Route. Located on high cliffs that slope down into the

Ramon Crater, a natural phenomenon that has no equal anywhere in the world, the Beresheet has been designed and planned to the most luxurious and high-quality modern standards, while putting particular emphasis on providing each guest with an exceptionally pampering experience, down to the very smallest details.

The hotel covers an area of approximately 50,000m<sup>2</sup>, featuring 111 chalets scattered around the terrain. These chalets are composed of beautiful suites, including a large Presidential Suite that sits right on the edge of the crater, providing its residents with breathtaking



views. Every suite contains an entranceway, spacious bedroom, and large bathroom. Forty-two of the ground level suites have private swimming pools, and the top level suites feature a balcony overlooking the Crater.

No traffic is permitted within the hotel grounds. All cars and other vehicles are parked in peripheral parking lots, and only electric vehicles are seen moving through the grounds, traveling between the chalets and the main building.

Completing our high quality, prestigious hospitality experience, we offer:

An advanced, multilingual, and multidisciplinary personalized service system of the very highest standard. • A gourmet restaurant offering a special menu. • A large indoor swimming pool, which is heated in the winter, and surrounded by glass walls so you can always see the fabulous view. • A modern spa. • Tennis courts. • A large outdoor waterfall pool, located on the edge of the cliff. • Children's pool and infants' pool. • Children's club. • Poolside restaurant serving light meals. • Luxurious store. • A multipurpose convention and events hall.

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perfect relaxation down to the smallest detail, each room and suite is lavishly furnished, conveying one unequivocal message: we are here to pamper you!

The Carmel Forest Spa offers more than 80 body and beauty treatments, featuring raw materials from top international brands in the fields of cosmetics and beauty care: body massages utilizing various techniques, balancing and releasing massages, seaweed wraps, mud wraps, stone and bamboo stick massages, Reiki and other healing energy treatments, shiatsu, peeling, ayurveda, and much more. The spa also offers various special treatment packages.

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the magnificent scenery and serving delicious tea infusions throughout the day. • Synagogue. • Luxurious store. • Conference and events rooms, including an auditorium.

## THE ISROTEL TOWER TEL AVIV

As times goes by, more and more business travelers from Israel and overseas are coming to Tel Aviv for a short stay. The Isrotel Tower Tel Aviv suites hotel provides everything business guest require, and is also suitable for the needs of families and those who just want to spend time in the big city and enjoy everything it has to offer.

The Isrotel Tower Tel Aviv is located in the heart of Tel Aviv's business sector, right next to the beach. All 90 suites include a spacious bedroom, a fully-equipped kitchenette, a lounge, and a dining corner. The suites are lit and furnished in a way that is both pleasant and functional, and most feature a balcony, looking out over either the Mediterranean or the spectacular urban landscape of Tel Aviv. Pampering items from the Carmel Forest Spa can be found in the bathroom of each suite, in addition to deluxe bathrobes. The suites are designed to separate the lounge, dining corner, and kitchen from the bedroom, making them extremely suitable for families by ensuring that every member can find his or her own corner, without interrupting the others.

The hotel's panoramic swimming pool is located on its roof - the 30th floor - from which amazing views of the Mediterranean coastline and the city skyline can be seen. The hotel also features a fitness room (entrance free of charge), and - perhaps the most important point - hotel guests are able to use the adjacent parking lot free of charge.

The secret to the hotel's charm is, first and foremost, its central business location that is still only minutes away from the sea and key entertainment venues. In addition, the hotel's warm and intimate ambiance, combined with Isrotel's unparalleled professional hospitality services, gives businesspeople a feeling of truly being home.





# The Trends That Will Keep Us Warm During Fall/Winter 2011-2012

The upcoming winter seems full of possibilities, contrasts and contradictions, integrated together in a harmonious and beautiful journey across time and regions. The trends come in a variety of styles, ranging from modern avant-garde to conservative classic, from soft and flowing to chiseled, from psychedelic illusions to wildlife.



## BACK TO BLACK

Tweeds, sculpted leather, soft lace or soft silk - there are endless winter patterns and fabrics in casual or eveningwear this season. Black never goes out of style, therefore, the top fashion houses present, along with their innovations of colorful originality, several lines of pure, flattering, classic and beloved black. The most prominent trend is the simple, but winning combination of black and white. Although it has been here for ages, new designs prove that this classic combination is always capable of surprises.

## AUTUMN COLORS

Typical autumn colors this season present the Total Look that includes various shades of brown, copper, ochre, camel, orange, burgundy and more. Fall colors are calm colors that coordinate well with each other and correspond to different types of images. This season, the use of silks and satins is very prominent; the clothes flow on the

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body in various shades of chocolate, creating a glamorous image that corresponds with the 1970s'. To complete the look, we recommend adding complementary accessories such as a matching elegant evening bag, ankle boots and sunglasses.

## THE ANIMAL CHIC

Since it stormed into our lives, it seems that the animal prints trend has accompanied us every season. However, this fall the trend goes one step further. In addition to the familiar spotted prints, it features snake prints that appear on bags, shoes and other leather accessories or fabrics. The most prestigious fashion magazines in the world have already rushed to pack their pages with a variety of snake-print items, with colors matching the



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warm winter palette of this season. Another different and unique print that this season offers has a humorous touch - a print of animals' images on various items. The top brands made sure to incorporate in their various dresses, skirts, bags and shoe collections a variety of patterns and colors featuring prints of deer, birds, gazelles or tigers.

## TOTAL METAL

The metallic trend this season is reflected through complementary opposites - bright and cool colors embraced by the warm winter palette. On the one hand, it has Renaissance touches: the pants, jackets and skirts of leather or wool, with a glossy finish, clean cut and of silver, bronze or copper colors, are styled with a chiseled look. Such items remind of the richness and uniqueness of that period, when arts and aesthetics had flourished. On the other hand, the metallic look also makes its appearance in flowing and shiny satin and silk in bright modern colors, such as light shades of brown, gold, purple, lilac or turquoise in soft feminine shapes.



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## LET'S DISCO

The colorful and turbulent 1970's were the years of war and dreams of peace, years of pure escapism from reality that was reflected in the form of free love and lots of music like pop, rock and especially - disco. The sparkling disco balls and big Afro hairdos spawned various party trends that include surprising color combinations, psychedelic prints and geometric shapes. This season they come back to us as flares, short A-shaped dresses and wide cloaks in unusual combinations of colors: blue, mustard, burgundy, green or purple.



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## Culturescapes Festival “Swiss Season” in Israel 2011



This year it is a unique opportunity to enjoy a rich variety of more than 60 performances and events of Swiss artists in the fields of theater, dance, literature, music, art and film all over Israel. Most established and world famous artists like the choreograph Heinz Spoerli with his production “The Wind in the Voids” of the Opera House Zurich or Christoph Büchel and writer Christian Kracht are part of the program in Israel, just as newcomers and for instance the musicians of the well known jazz experiment “The Who Trio”.

Parallel to the festival in Switzerland, where

this year the most distinguished intellectuals and leading artists of Israel are hosted on Swiss stages, the months October and November 2011 will be dedicated to performances, exhibitions and movies made in Switzerland within cultural institutions like the Tel Aviv Cinemateque, the Abu Gosh Vocal Music Festival, the Herzliya Theatre Ensemble, The Suzanne Dellal Centre in Tel Aviv, the Tel Aviv Museum of Art and many more. Please make your own individual art schedule with the program flyer attached, choose your favorite performances and artists and read more about the Culturescapes Festival by using the links below.



## Chile

Mr. Joaquin Montes, Chile’s Ambassador in Israel, held a reception at his residence on 18 September dedicated to the 201st anniversary of Chile’s independence and the Armed Forces Day. Hundreds of businessmen, socialites, diplomats, military attaches, friends of the embassy and Chilean expatriates attended the reception.

Honorary guest was Minister for Home Front Defense Matan Vilnai that delivered a speech on behalf of the Israeli government.

The Ambassador mentioned historically good relations between Chile and Israel in many fields and wished the guests a happy new year.



## The Diplomatic Club ROSH HASHANA RECEPTION

*Photo: Ronen Topelberg*



*Mr. Oren Magnezy*

To mark the Rosh Hashanah holiday, The Diplomatic Club celebrated at the BMW House in Tel Aviv, where upper echelon diplomats and Knesset Members toasted the Jewish New Year. Among the honorary guests were: the Coalition chairman Zeev Elkin, Member of Knesset Dr. Einat Wilf, a former advisor to PM Ariel Sharon - Oren Magnezy and many others.

The speakers addressed the latest developments in the Palestinian Authority and expressed hope that the upcoming year will be a year of peace and collaboration between the two neighboring nations. Mr. Zeev Elkin thanked the diplomats for the continued support that their countries give Israel and wished the guests a sweet and happy new year.



*Mr. Zeev Elkin*



*Mr. Israel Ben Haim*

Thanks to “Music Angels” - the foundation supporting young musicians in Israel - the event was accompanied by the lovely music of “Justus Ensemble”, which performed several enchanting classical compositions. The event hall featured the “Motion & Station” exhibition of Andrey Koumanin, a modern day blacksmith that managed to capture ballet movements and flowers in iron.

The combination of the excellent Gamla wine and the special catering by the Mugnier Food Design made the evening unforgettable.

The event ended with a drawing for a weekend at the luxurious Tamarin Boutique Hotel in Rosh Pina, 100\$ coupons in the Diplomat Store Duty Free and other prizes.



*Dr. Einat Wilf*





*The Diplomatic Club  
wishes everyone a happy new year  
and joyous festive season!*







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