

Soldiers travel to celebrate Jewish New Year

By Spc. Howard Alperin
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VICTORY BASE COMPLEX, Iraq — As the years add up on the 21st century, another calendar is more than 3000 years ahead of today.

The Jewish calendar, which has been around since the creation of The Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, is now in the year 5770.

Soldiers traveled from forward operating bases and combat outposts throughout Multi-National Division-Baghdad to come together, Sept. 18, for a traditional service at Victory Base Complex to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, which means Jewish New Year in Hebrew.

Jewish people from around the world celebrate this High Holy Day when they gather with family and friends to celebrate with prayer and many of the traditional customs that go along with bringing in a new year.

“It’s nice to be here to celebrate the New Year with Jewish people from the Army,” said Spc. Elibah Franklin, a supply specialist, from Beersheba, Israel, attached to Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, who flew in from FOB Hammer. “It’s good knowing I’m not alone and that there are others who know different customs. I have more people to relate to.”

The experience of coming to the service gave some Soldiers the feeling of getting reacquainted with their faith.

“I’m here to learn, I’m here to regain some of what I’ve lost.

I’ve lost traditions with the Jewish faith. My father taught me a lot and he died when I was young,” said Spc. Lourival Ledo, a supply specialist, from Charlotte, N.C., attached to the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team. “The Army has allowed me to take part in the important holidays of my religion. I’m very thankful for that.”

Rosh Hashanah is a time for reflection and for making resolutions. Soldiers appreciate the new beginning and what it represents personally and professionally.

“I want to become one again with my fiancée and my family, also, it is a new era for Iraq and I want to help with its progress,” said Ledo, a native of Recife, Brazil, who convoyed in from COP Meade.

Typically, most of the movement between FOBs is mission-oriented, to move supplies or maintain logistics. Soldiers are not usually traveling between FOBs for religious purposes. Command mission essential requirements come first, said Spc. Guillermo Osorio, a supply specialist, from Mansfield, Ohio, attached to the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd BCT, 82nd Abn. Div., who convoyed in from COP Carver. Osorio added that the chaplain made the arrangements because he saw how important Rosh Hashanah is and how few [Jews] are in the battalion.

Soldiers participated with traditional songs and food after the service. Soldiers clapped hands, sang ‘Hava Nagila’ and dipped apples into honey, symbolizing

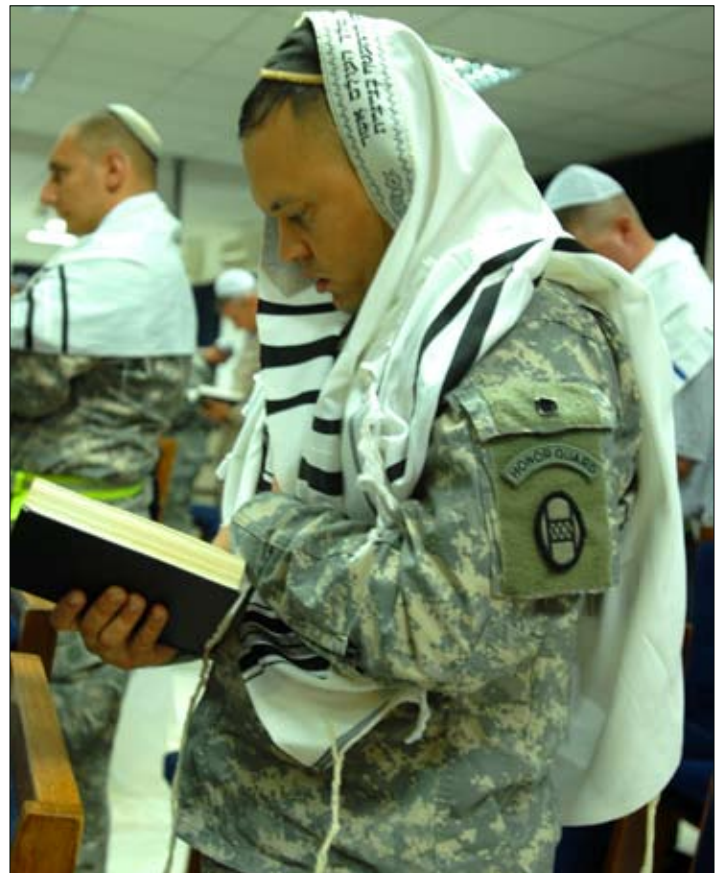


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Spc. Lourival Ledo, a supply specialist, from Charlotte, N.C., attached to the 113th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, prays with the traditional tallit, the Jewish prayer shawl, and yamakah head cover during a service here, Sept. 18, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. “I was taught by my father this way of wearing the the tallit. It’s the way I learned,” said Ledo.

sweetness to the start of a new year.

“I’m really grateful that I had a chance to participate, it did a lot for me on this deployment, it uplifted my spirits,” said Franklin. “It’s been hard out here away from family and home, there’s no family to turn to when things get you down, being here amongst Jewish people, doing the same

things you’ve been brought up doing, is a relief.”

Rosh Hashanah was ushered in with enthusiasm and enlightenment.

It didn’t matter that it took a convoy or air movement request to get here, as long as Soldiers appreciated the unique environment a High Holy Day brings in Baghdad.

Honoring Hispanic-Americans

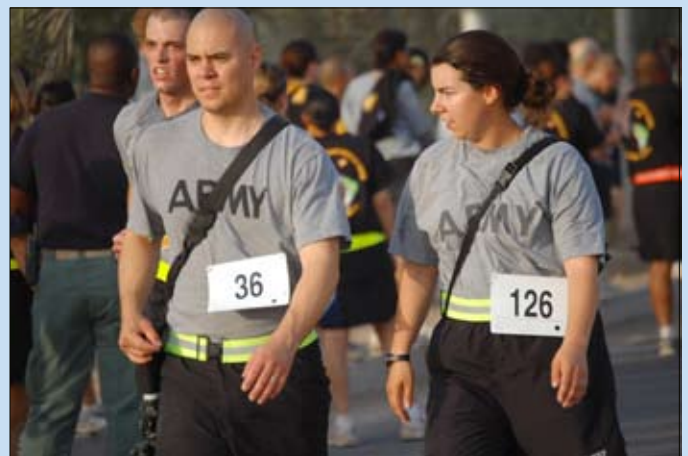
Photos by Sgt. Tracy Knowles, 101st Eng. Bn., PAO



BAGHDAD — Service members from all branches of the armed services participate in a 10K Run/5k Walk in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 19 at Victory Base Complex. Soldiers of the Multi-National Division—Baghdad Equal Opportunity Office and volunteers wanted to honor Hispanic-Americans for their contributions to the armed forces.



Soldiers cross the finish line during a 10K Run/5k Walk in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 19 at Victory Base Complex. The race was held to honor Hispanic-Americans for their contributions to the armed forces.



From left to right, husband and wife Elijah and April Mota, of Manchester, N.H., walk in a 10K Run/5K Walk held at Victory Base Complex on Sept. 19. The Run/Walk is to honor Hispanic-American Soldiers within the United States armed forces for their sacrifices in service to the nation.

Sun's rays power clinic in Ghazaliyah

By Sgt. Dustin Roberts
2nd HBCT PAO

BAGHDAD — The sun has been known to work overtime in Iraq by creating dry, hot summers and long, sun-drenched days.

In order to help the Iraqi Ministry of Health provide for the citizens of the Ghazaliyah neighborhood, located in northwest Baghdad, the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team "Dagger," 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division—Baghdad decided to take advantage of the sun's rays.

The solar-powered New Iraqi clinic in northern Ghazaliyah, which provides for about 300 people a day, was reopened in a ceremony, Sept. 16.

The clinic, which used to receive an average of two hours of power per day because of the strain on the national power grid, gets its energy from the sun and receives power all day and all night.

"It's important because this system that we've installed will power this clinic continuously

whether or not the national grid is working," said Bristol, Conn. native, Maj. Andrew Attar, joint project management officer, 2nd HBCT. "It gives the community here that utilizes this clinic health-care 24/7."

The clinic is the third and final solar-powered clinic project for the Dagger Brigade, which is scheduled to redeploy to Fort Riley, Kan. this month.

"It actually started well over a year ago when the brigade that preceded us ended up trying to put a power clinic in Ameriyah, a location that was isolated. It was a great clinic there but it needed consistent power," said Col. Joseph Martin, commander of the Dagger Brigade. "From that we have learned and placed two separate systems in the Dahkel Clinic in Hurriyah and this one, the New Iraq Clinic in Ghazaliyah."

Because the clinic is totally powered by the sun, vaccines can stay refrigerated and the air conditioner can take away some of the stress of the heat while patients



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly A. Hackbarth, 4th SBCT PAO

Brig. Gen. Frederick Rudesheim, deputy commanding general for support, Multi-National Division – Baghdad, hands out gifts to Iraqi children, Sept. 16, during the opening of a solar-powered clinic in Ghazaliyah.

are waiting to be treated.

"Even if it's cloudy for the next three days, the system that we have emplaced here will still allow this clinic to have power 24 hours a day," Martin said. "It allows the doctors to focus on their patients instead of focusing on what is supporting them in the system."

Because the solar-powered clinics were well-received by the people, the Dagger Brigade placed solar-powered street lights in northwest Baghdad and Abu Ghraib to keep markets opened longer and are working on a solar-powered courthouse in Abu Ghraib.

Attar said there has been much success with the solar-powered streetlights.

"The street lights we've found to be extremely effective. It keeps families and people out at night shopping, socializing and it promotes safe neighborhoods," he said. "When you have light at night the change is remarkable. People are out eating out at restaurants, they're out shopping at night; kids are out playing in the streets. It makes the streets safer."

As the Government of Iraq continues to build a more efficient relationship with the people of Baghdad, solar-powered technology remains as an advantageous way to do business.

"The people of Baghdad have benefited greatly from our learning with this technology," said Martin. "This allows them to have a continuous amount of power throughout the day or night."



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Col. Joseph Martin, a native of Dearborn, Mich., commander of the 2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Multi-National Division – Baghdad speaks to a western journalist, Sept. 16, at the opening of a solar-powered clinic in Ghazaliyah.

On This Day In History

September 22, 1893

Duryea brothers build first automobile

America's first automobile was not built by a Henry Ford or Walter Chrysler, but by Charles and Frank Duryea, two bicycle makers. Charles spotted a gasoline engine at the 1886 Ohio State Fair and became convinced that an engine-driven carriage could be built. The two brothers designed and built the car together, working in a rented loft in Springfield, Massachusetts. After two years of tinkering, Charles and Frank Duryea showed off their home invention on the streets of Springfield, the first successful run of an automobile in the U.S.



MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Howard Alperin, MND-B PAO

VICTORY BASE COMPLEX, Iraq — Spc. Elibah Franklin, a supply specialist, from Beersheba, Israel, listens to prayers and storytelling as she shares in some Sabbath challah, Jewish bread, and apples with honey, which represent sweetness, during a service celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS



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Chuck Norris and Mr. T walked into a bar. The bar was instantly destroyed, as that level of awesome cannot be contained in one building.



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Quote For Today

“The safety of the people is the highest law.”

— Cicero —

Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



Today
96° F | 73° F



Tomorrow
93° F | 71° F



Thursday
93° F | 68° F

TRIVIA TIME!!

In years past what was used as transmission oil in Rolls-Royce automobiles?

Last Issue's Answer: a. GILLETTE b. SCHICK.

Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 159 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Rollover training gives soldiers a realistic view of how life threatening a MRAP rollover can be. SGT Stephanie Logue, Multi-National Division - Baghdad, PAO.

Training may make the difference between walking from a situation or not. Rollover training gives a realistic learning experience that a classroom can't provide.

2. Although the Iraqi's have the

lead, U.S. Forces are still there to advise. SSG Micheal Russell of HHC, 1/120th CAB, 30th HBCT, from Winston Salem, NC works with the Iraqi Army to help bring criminals to justice.

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Trigger's Teasers

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The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

Yesterday's Answers

6	5	9	8	1	3	7	4	2
2	7	3	4	6	9	8	5	1
8	4	1	7	5	2	6	9	3
3	2	8	6	7	4	9	1	5
5	1	7	3	9	8	4	2	6
9	6	4	1	2	5	3	8	7
1	3	2	9	8	7	5	6	4
4	8	6	5	3	1	2	7	9
7	9	5	2	4	6	1	3	8



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