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Dear Beni,

This letter is to express my profound appreciation for the wonderful service you provided in being much more than a Tour Guide, during the intensive, condensed and instructive tour organized for the guests from abroad at the First Annual Ernest and Bonnie Beutler Symposium at Rambam, on March 6, 2014.

The tour itinerary was especially challenging given the very short time (one day tour) on the one hand, and the fact that for all four guests (scientists with whom I have close collaborative research interactions: Dr. Pravin Singhal, Dr. David Friedman, Dr. Waldemar Popik from the USA and Dr. Thomas Weide from Germany) this was the first trip to Israel. Although in a nutshell, what I really expected from this trip was to maximize in the eyes of my Jewish and non-Jewish colleagues alike an appreciation of the history tied to the land of Israel. Your detailed and intellectual explanations gave them major insights and a broad historical perspective, and most importantly, certainly gave them a more tangible perception of Israel and its many complex facets, together with an emotional and spiritual experience. They learned a great deal from you about the holy places and historical sites, as well as about the society and economy of Israel. The walk we took early in the morning on the Louis promenade in Haifa was quite invigorating, and the guests were enthralled by the magnificent view to the sea and by the panoramic view of the Galilee, but not less so by your knowledge, enthusiasm and passion for your profession. They also enjoyed very much the trip to Galilee, the new archeological sites at Migdal, and the visit of the Tzippori National Park. The visit of the Church of Annunciation and Mount Precipice at Nazareth was especially meaningful and left a very strong impression on our guests, particularly on the Christians among them, who realized their lifetime dream of visiting the Holy Land. With your vast knowledge of the Torah and the Bible you succeeded to engage each member of our group individually, and there was no question asked that you could not answer as difficult as they may have been.

We were amazed at how much we did and saw in just one day. We felt the pride you displayed when explaining the history of modern Israel. Your insights were enlightening and made the trip a special experience for my guests and myself. You kept us hooked to your explanations and we were profoundly impressed with your erudition in history, theology, ecology, and archaeology, and other domains.

Thank you so much for making my guests' first trip to Israel so meaningful and memorable. They told me that they saw, learned and experienced more than they thought possible in one day and all this due to the very accommodating, pleasant, knowledgeable and fun to be guide you are. Your stories and descriptions of the sites and the land and the history were phenomenal. My guests told me that they will definitely recommend you to their friends seeking a tour guide in Israel.

This was a magnificent trip, your organization was flawless and we have all appreciated the care you have taken with each and every one of us. It was an excellent itinerary and it will leave the guests with many fond memories not the least of which will be of their wonderful tour guide.

Looking forward to many future trips.

Best personal regards and good wishes for Shavuot,

Sincerely,



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