



THE OFFICIAL SDE BOKER 2005 REUNION INVITATION

Please plan to join us at Midreshet Sde Boker June 24-26, 2005 for an amazing, truly once in a life time reunion gathering.

From 1970 to 1979 more than 300 English speaking students attended sde boker. Against the backdrop of purple hazed sun sets and the stunning beauty of the desert landscape, we studied for the Bagrut, took tiyulim, ate choco and lachmaneot, laughed, cried, made love, wrote poetry, played mid-night basketball, lived through wars and terrorists attacks, debated, listened to music, and found our souls and sense of purpose. The nativ angli had a profound impact on all of us whether we were there for three years or three months.

For one short weekend in June 2005 we will take a magical ride and reunite to recall, revisit, remember, reconnect, reignite, and reestablish long standing and long lost friendships and memories. Our online efforts (www.sde-boker.org) suggest that perhaps as many as 250 bogrim, teachers, administration and even maybe a lady or two from Yeruham will be joining us. All the critical information, contact information, reservations, and costs for the reunion are outlined on page two of this invitation. Please take a moment to review. **Reservations are required and are your responsibility.** Space is indeed limited. Each class cohort will be assigned to its own 'achsania' at midrasha. Payment can be made via cheque or credit card.

We hope to see you, your extended families and significant others. Your all volunteer reunion committee: *Ester Birnbaum/Esti Miller ('71), Ruth Horwich/McFarlane ('72), Sheryl Potter/Azhar ('73), Abbey Flam/Rotbart ('74) Gordon Swartz ('75), Don Goodman ('76), Brian Greenberg ('76), Suzanne Feldman/Greenberg ('76), Cathy Overs/Catering ('76), Dan Feldman ('76), Ruti Rubenstein ('77), Racelle Friedman/Schaefer ('77), Lev Gonick ('77), Joe Feldman ('78), Steve Kroser ('78), Hazel Katz/Shapiro ('79).*



Please make a copy of this page. It is your official receipt. Once complete please send it to registration@sde-boker.org. All other email information below is for your information. Please contact your cohort coordinator for questions, suggestions, and other details.

Sde Boker Reunion Registration Form

Your name:
Email address:

Phone number:
Graduating Class:

Number of participants in your family/party:

Names of persons in your family/party:

Credit Card Number to hold reservation (no charge):

Expiration Date:

Names of persons that you would like to share rooms with (if not your family/party):

Emergency Contact info: Name:
Vegetarian:

Phone Number:
Other dietary requests:

Pre-reunion Tiyul at Ein Gedi, June 22-24, 2005

Tiyul led by Moshe Chesed (Class of '71).

Accommodation: (Ein Gedi Field School)

Contact: Sarit Milbauer

Mona Tours - Kibbutz Lotan

Arava-Travel2@lotan.ardom.co.il

972-23929126

Approximate cost (no transportation) \$75/day/person includes accommodation, meals, snacks, and admission to Ein Gedi nature reserve.

Yes, I/we intend to participate in the pre-reunion tiyul at Ein Gedi. I will contact Sarit directly.

No, I/we do not intend to participate in the pre-reunion tiyul at Ein Gedi.

Sde Boker Reunion Registration June 24-26, 2005

Accommodation at the Field School

Phone: 972-8-6532016

Fax: 972-8-6532721

orders@boker.org

Contact: Bezalel Cohen

bezalel@boker.org

972-8-6532084

972-50-2050547. (mobile).

Cost (no transportation): **two** days full room and board per person (this is not the Hilton Hotel)

Single: \$129 (USD)

Double: \$200 (USD)

Child (age 3-18) in parent's room: \$61(USD)

Third+ adult in room: \$84(USD)

* There will be some additional costs payable in cash

Post-reunion Tiyul Arava June 26-29

Tiyul led by Ruti Rubenstein (Class of '77)

Accommodation (Ketura Guest House)

Contact: Barbara Pinsker

Ketura Tourism

KerenKolot@ketura.ardom.co.il

Approximate cost (no transportation) \$ 45/ person/night. Includes accommodation, lunch, dinner, snacks, tiyulim.

Yes, I/we intend to participate in the post-reunion tiyul.

No, I/we do not intend to participate in the post-reunion tiyul

Bus Arrangements Contact: Sarit Milbauer

Mona Tours - Kibbutz Lotan

Arava-Travel2@lotan.ardom.co.il

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(\$25/seat per trip). Details to follow. However, please indicate. I want ___ seat(s) for transportation.

Leave Tel Aviv to Ein Gedi June 22nd at 1300 \$25

Leave Jerusalem to Ein Gedi June 22nd at 1300 \$25

Leave Ein Gedi June 24th at 0800 en route to Sde Boker \$25

Leave Tel Aviv to Sde Boker June 24th at 0800 \$25

Leave Jerusalem to Sde Boker June 24th at 0800 \$25

Leave Sde Boker June 26th for Tel Aviv at 1430 \$25

Leave Sde Boker June 26th for Jerusalem at 1430 \$25

Leave Sde Boker June 26th for Kibbutz Ketura at 1430 \$25

Leave Kibbutz Ketura for Tel Aviv at 0800 June 28 \$40 (includes bus service on the 27th)

Sde Boker 2005 Reunion Program

Pre-Reunion Tiyul – Ein Gedi/Nahal David/Nahal Arugot

June 22, 2005 - Buses leave Tel Aviv and Jerusalem at 1300 and/or rendez vous for an aruchat arba at 1600 at Ein Gedi field school. Tour leader is Moshe Chesed (Class of '71) Dinner and evening medura.



June 23, 2005 -Tiyul A. 0530 – 0930. Tiyul B. 0530-1400. Option B: day or part of the day at the Dead Sea Spa.

1600: Aruchat Arba
1900: Dinner
2030: Evening Program



June 24, 2005 a.m.

Buses leave from Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or Ein Gedi at 0800 for Sde Boker and/or rendez vous beginning at 1100 at the Reunion Welcome Banner.

Check in begins at 11 am.

1200 Lunch
1330 Orientation and tiyul through the "new" midrasha including welcoming remarks from friends at the Solar Energy Center, Desert

Research Institute, Ben Gurion Heritage Institute, and the Ben Gurion Research Center

1600-1800 Happy hour on the edge of the Wadi

1800 optional tfila at the Wadi edge with Rabbi Morry Scholick (Class of '76)
1900 Traditional Shabbat dinner, welcome event
2100 Coffee house, music, magic and disco at the mo'adon
0100 Kitchen raid (just kidding)

June 25, 2005 Saturday



0530-0800 breakfast
0730-0900 tfila
0900 Mo'adon open
0600-0900 Tiyul A (to the wadi) with optional transportation support
0600-1400 Tiyul B (to Wadi Zin/Ein Avdat (incl. lunch) and table top mtn open
1000 choco and lahmaneot
1500-1800 pool side including;
1600-1800 happy hour
1900 dinner
2030-2130 basketball tournament with oxygen
21:30 medura, guitars and shira (kumsitz)
late night coffee house
0100 Kitchen raid (just kidding)



June 26, 2005 Sunday - The Legacy of Midreshet Sde Boker: A Symposium



0600-0800 breakfast
0800 Mo'adon opens

0815 **Official Welcome to Symposium**
Minister of Diaspora Affairs (Nathan Sharansky – invited)

0830-0945 **In the Beginning. Midreshet Sde Boker - An Historic Retrospective and Oral History**

Pinchas Chachamu (invited)
Yisrael Aviezri (invited)
Ervin Birnbaum (confirmed)
TBA From the Class of 71

0945-1000 Choco and Lahmaneat

1000 -1200 **Personal Reflections on the Impact of the Nativ Angli Experience - A Panel Discussion on Politics, Identity, Sex, Drugs, Rock and Roll (and more)**



Class of 71 Esther Birnbaum/Esti Miller
Class of 72 Ruth Horwich/McFarlane
Class of 73 Ruth Gold/Wolf
Class of 74 Iris Siegel/Segal
Class of 75 Faith Bar-Shlomo and Rosie Freedman
Class of 76 Suzanne Feldman/Greenberg
Class of 77 Racelle Friedman/Rossett/Schaefer
Class of 78 Steve Kroser
Class of 79 Hazel Shapiro/Katz

Moderator: Lev Gonick, Class of 77

1200-1315 lunch and keynote - **The transformation of the Negev and the contested meaning of Ben Gurion's dream**
TBA



1315-1430 **Sde Boker Today and Tomorrow: Explorations on the Legacy of Midreshet Sde Boker** – Bezalel Cohen Sde Boker, Brian Greenberg, Class of 1976

The Ecology Guest House. The Center for Young Leadership in the Negev, Student Science and Research Center, and Program for Leadership in the Diaspora.

1430 Summary and Closing Ceremony



1500 Buses head north to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv



Post Reunion Tiyul (optional)

June 26, 2005

1500 Depart Sde Boker for Kibbutz Ketura via
Machtesh Ramon

Welcome dinner and BBQ at Ketura Pool



June 27, 2005

0600 Tiyul Yotvata Nature Reserve and Ketura
1600 Kasui Sand Dunes and Dinner

Back at Ketura Guest House

June 28, 2005

0700 Breakfast
0800 Check out
Timnah Valley Tiyul
Buses return north for estimated arrival at 1700

(or other plans)

Miscellaneous Details

International Travel

www.mobissimo.com
www.justfares.com
www.travelocity.com
www.expedia.com
www.orbitz.com
www.cheaptickets.com
www.priceline.com

Travel Agents

[Barbara Singer Meis](#)

310.826.4815 Thanks to Esti (Birnbaum) Miller

[Smadar Babchuck](#)

617) 559-3738 Direct
(781) 455-8600 ext.138
(781) 455-8611-FAX
www.greatintltravel.com
Thanks to Michael Kronenberg

Cellular Phone Rentals

<https://www.talknsave.net/sdeboker.asp> (Special)

www.inisrael.com/ats/cellular_rental/information.htm

www.israelphones.com/tourist.htm

tlcphones.co.il/prices.html

Car Rentals

www.carrentalisrael.com

www.eldan.co.il

www.inisrael.com/rentals/

For Travel to Sinai After Reunion:

For those interested in a 2-3 day alumni scuba diving safari in the Sinai following the Reunion, contact: Randy Tischler tisch@netvision.net.il

For Archeological Dig After the Reunion:

Jodi Magness magness@email.unc.edu



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