



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYERA: OPEN HOUSE!

AVRAHAM AND SARAH WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR FANTASTIC HOSPITALITY - HACHNASAT ORECHIM. THEY WOULD GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SERVE THEIR GUESTS THE BEST FOOD AND MAKE THEM FEEL COMFORTABLE.



I LOVE GUESTS, AND I'M SURE YOU DO TOO. IN FACT WE'VE EVEN HAD DR. TSORIS FOR A SHABBAT MEAL AND THAT WASN'T EASY! BUT CHECK OUT THIS FAMILY WHO ARE HACHNASAT ORECHIM CHAMPIONS OF ABRAHAMIC PROPORTIONS!

Meet Rabbi and Rebbetzin Machlis in Jerusalem, where welcoming guests is practised on another level. Rabbi Mordechai and his late wife Henny Machlis have been hosting guests since 1979.



Some people come for the wonderful food, some come for the love and warmth. Some are attracted by the spiritual inspiration and welcoming atmosphere. Many people who have nowhere else to go are at home at family Machlis.

Rabbi Machlis personally greets every guest and everyone is encouraged to introduce themselves and share a story or a thought. Who comes? A fantastic mix of tourists, students, new immigrants, visiting academics, homeless, Birthright participants and many many more!



In their small kitchen, (helped by their children, friends and volunteers) they prepare Shabbat meals for about 300 people; 150 for Friday night, 100 for Shabbat lunch and a bunch more for Seudah Shlishit!!



Henny's small kitchen, catering for hundreds every week, was just like her heart, that provided love and compassion for thousands of people across the world.

WOAH THAT'S INCREDIBLE! NOW YOU AND I ARE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE WELCOMING HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HOME ANY TIME SOON... BUT LIKE THE MACHLIS FAMILY, WE CAN LOOK OUT FOR AN EXTRA PERSON, SHOW SOME MORE LOVE AND DO OUR BIT TO BRING THE WORLD SOME MORE LIGHT.



At the Kotel on Friday night, Rabbi Machlis invites anyone who needs a meal to follow him home. The crowd grows along the way. They post mealtimes on their front door for everyone to feel welcome - still today!



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