

September has been a month of anniversaries. On a personal level, Arlene and I celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary on September 7. On September 9, Rachel turned 15—what is a birthday if not the anniversary of your birth? And on September 11, we had a powerful, age-appropriate memorial service to kick off our Sunday School year. Tonight, I'll talk about one more anniversary.

This was actually an tenth anniversary that we missed last month. But let me tell you who did not forget. On August ninth, those who were well aware of the anniversary were the families of the following people:

- Giora Balash, 60, from São Paulo, Brazil
- Zvika Golombek, 26, from Karmiel, Israel
- Shoshana Yehudit (Judy) Greenbaum, 31, from
Passaic, New Jersey, USA
- Tehila Maoz, 18, from Jerusalem
- Frieda Mendelsohn, 62, from Jerusalem

- Michal Raziel, 16, from Ramot, Jerusalem, having vacation pizza with her friend Malka
- Malka Chana (Malki) Roth, 15, from Ramot, Jerusalem (originally from Melbourne, Australia)
- Mordechai Schijveschuurder, 43, from Neria, Matte Binyamin
- Tzira Schijveschuurder, 41, from Neria
- Ra'aya Schijveschuurder, 14, from Neria
- Avraham Yitzhak Schijveschuurder, 4, from Neria
- Hemda Schijveschuurder, 2, from Neria
- Lily Shimashvili, 33, from Jerusalem
- Tamara Shimashvili, 8, from Jerusalem
- Yocheved Shoshan, 10, from Jerusalem

Their families did not forget that ten years ago, as they sat enjoying pizza at the Sbarro restaurant in Jerusalem, they were blown up by a terrorist bombing. And what is a yahrtzeit if not another form of anniversary, albeit one that is observed, not celebrated. At least, not celebrated by

Jews or others whose religious heritage teaches love and reverence for life itself.

However, there are those who remembered the Sbarro bombing with a very different attitude. To honor and celebrate the anniversary of the bombing, a Palestinian TV show that glorifies and romanticizes terror, called *In A Fighter's House*, went to the home of the terrorist that masterminded the bombing. The bomber is dead, of course, but the mastermind lives now in prison, as does the woman who led the bomber to Sbarro's. Ahlam is the woman who led the bomber, and Muhammad is the mastermind. Here is what was broadcast:

“We, [at] the program In a Fighter's Home, send best wishes of loyalty to Ahlam Tamimi. We wish her freedom - she and [the rest of] our glorious female prisoners. Special wishes to you, Ahlam, from the program In a Fighter's Home and from the program team, from the home of the

heroic fighter prisoner, Muhammad. You both belong to the same group.”

My friends, this is not Hamas talking. This is the PA. This television station is under PA control—under the control of Mahmoud Abbas. These are the reasonable Palestinians, the moderates. My friends, I present to you Israel’s “partner” in the peace process.