

You Should Go

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I returned from Uman shortly before dawn last Monday (18 Sivan/31 May). Arkia Airlines has recently started flights between Tel Aviv and Kiev. Occasionally, as happened last week, they offer low-priced tickets. I paid \$270. A number of other Breslover chassidim that I met on the plane paid only \$250. One passenger paid a measly \$210!

The plane was comfortable and clean; the service was very good; the food was good (but they served a sandwich rather than a meal).

This is not an ad for Arkia, so why am I telling you this? It's an ad for going to Uman! For those of you can't afford a big ticket trip, or don't want to go when there is a big crowd, I strongly urge you to go with a small group of friends.

The logistics of housing, feeding and traveling to other *kivrei tzaddikim* (grave sites of tzaddikim) within Ukraine (such as the Baal Shem Tov in Medzibuz, Reb Noson in Breslov), is simple, and it's less expensive when you share the various costs. And it's usually more enjoyable.

The weather in Ukraine is certainly easier this time of year, as compared to winter! The days are long. (Sunrise when I was there was before 5AM; sunset was 8:50PM!) The effect is quite calming. You can really get a better sense of where you are on your journey and where you need to do to shore things up and straighten things out.

And of course, saying the Tikkun HaKlali at Rebbe Nachman's grave site and earning his guarantee to do what he can to save you from Gehenna is worth "the price of admission." (Many Breslovers say that the Rebbe has already pulled them out of

the Gehenna that *this world* is!)

Mayanot Chaim and Derech Tzaddikim travel agencies in Jerusalem, Errol and Bergstein in Beit Shemesh (I think that's where they are) can help you to arrange for tickets and reliable, competent, honest drivers to take you to and from the airport in Kiev to Uman (and back), as well trips to Medzbuz etc.

gei gezunderheit und koom tzurik gezunderheit und g'poelt alles gut!

tzeitzkhem l'Shalom u'voakhem l'Shalom!

Go in peace and return in peace and may all your prayers be answered for the good, soon, swiftly and in the best possible way. Amen!