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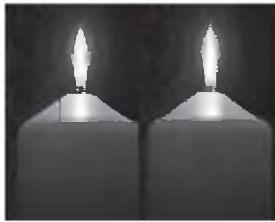
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- Friday, November 4, 6:07 PM
- Friday, November 11, 5:02 PM
- Friday, November 18, 5:47 PM
- Friday, November 25, 4:54 PM



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Remembering Shimon Peres

By Inbal Ozeri, Community Shlichah

After spending the month of August with my family in Israel, I am now back in Charlotte settling into this amazing community.

We're finally back to work after the late high holidays.

It's been a little over a month since Shimon Peres passed away. It was extremely sad for me since he was the last politician from the first government of Israel. He was a Prime minister, a minister, a President, and held a Nobel Prize of Peace for his great contribution to try and create world peace (or at least Middle

East peace).

I felt really funny trying to deal with my daily work and current projects and it was really hard for me to focus on that and let go of



Hannah Eccleston, guest speaker Rebecca Gerger, Sophia Hansen, Andie Sly, and Inbal Ozeri.

such sad news. I had to teach Hebrew High that night and had already invited a special speaker (Becca Gerger) to come and share her amazing story with my classes. But I couldn't just let it go and not even mention it. So I talked to the speaker who's an American Israeli so I was sure she would understand, and she did, she supported and agreed with me that we had to talk about it.

The last 10 minutes of our lesson we talked about Shimon Peres and we lit a Ner Neshama (candle) and read the Kaddish together. It was very emotional and powerful.

Another thing that really helped me feel more proud than sad was that President Obama ordered U.S. flags to be flown half-mast in honor of Shimon Peres. In fact, it is only the seventh time that the American flag has been flown at half-mast for a non-American who passed away, and the second Israeli (the first one was Itzhak Rabin). Hearing and seeing that, really made me proud.

These are amazing things that I wouldn't had the chance to even hear about if I wasn't here. I want to thank this amazing community for existing and giving me the opportunity to be part of for two years. ☆



Inbal's Hebrew High class.



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