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A Heartfelt Thank You !

I would like to thank the Am haZikaron Institute for the special evening they held on September 20th for the participants in our Haifa's Masa and Onward programs.

The evening began with a presentation of Jewish history from the days of the Bible and the First Temple and the Second Temple through the various exiles and diasporas where Jews lived. Besides the high level of the show, it was also interactive, allowing the viewers to take part under the guidance of the famous theater actors - Genadi Yusim and Maria Belkina— and to really experience Jewish history first-hand.

After the show there was an exciting genealogical part. Each participant received a certificate with an explanation of the origin of their Jewish surnames. The participants, heard an in-depth explanation from Dr. Nellie Rosenberg about the origin and meaning of their surnames and some of the participants (including me) discovered that they had relatives in the audience.

There is no doubt that such an evening is extremely significant for strengthening the Jewish identity of our participants, as it connects them to the history of the people of Israel through the story of their own personal family.

Thank you for such an important contribution to our efforts strengthening Jewish identity.

All the best,

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