



## Urge Tel Aviv Mayor to Enforce Cart Horse Ban Your letters are needed!

In our previous newsletter, we reported to you that thanks to our long-time campaign to ban horse-drawn carts from the streets of Tel Aviv and subsequently from the streets of other cities around the country, Tel Aviv agreed to a ban and installed signs indicating that such vehicles were not allowed in the city. The signs were installed at only one entrance to the city, however, and the city has failed to enforce the message on the signs. The city claims it has issued fines to cart horse owners, but these have not stopped the carts from entering the city. Horses pulling carts continue to be seen on city streets and continue to be abused in various ways – overworked, underfed, provided with no veterinary care, abused, and abandoned.

**Please write to the Mayor of Tel Aviv, urging him to keep his commitment to ban horse-drawn carts from the city.**

**Mr. Ron Huldai, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Jaffa**  
City Hall  
69 Ibn Gvirol Street  
Tel Aviv, 64162, Israel

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## Ask Chief Rabbi to Keep His Promise to End Shackling and Hoisting

*“Kosher meat supplied to Israel (by kosher slaughterhouses in South America) continues to be produced using the most crude and abusive restraint practices in the industry,” said Hakol Chai representative, Jerusalem Rabbi Adam Frank, after viewing a newly released undercover video showing cows being shackled by one ankle and hoisted upside down. “Despite Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger’s public promise two and a half years ago that such cruelly produced meat would not be allowed into Israel, eighty percent of kosher meat imported into the country comes from South America, where animal handling systems are the most barbaric in the industry.”*



**Please write polite letters to Rabbi Metzger, asking him to use his authority to implement reforms.**

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## Donations Needed to Counter Push for Racing Industry

Israel's Ministry of Agriculture has stepped up its efforts to promote the horse racing industry in Israel, hiring a promoter to lead the effort. **We need your help more than ever to counter this new challenge** and educate the public and Knesset members about the facts of this cruel industry based on greed. The May 31 *Washington Post* article "Beasts of Burden: What Happens to Thoroughbred Racehorses After Retirement" details the sad fate of young horses who no longer run fast: *"Approximately two out of every three thoroughbreds that come off the track — even those that are sound and healthy — are euthanized, abandoned on public land or in empty fields, or slaughtered — their meat exported to Europe and Japan for human consumption."*

**Please contribute generously so when the issue is put to the vote, legislators will vote NO to suffering and death for countless horses in Israel.**

## Herb Crown's Legacy of Kindness to Animals

Herb Crown was a member of CHAI almost since its inception. When he passed away, his attorney notified us that he had made a very generous bequest to CHAI in his will, which will enable us to honor his legacy of caring into the future. Herb was a loyal supporter who helped with all our programs throughout the years. He donated an animal ambulance to be sent to a shelter in Israel. This first animal ambulance in the Middle East was equipped with an oxygen tank, medical supplies, a special hook-up to haul horse trailers, and a siren. When the Israeli government sought to impose high customs duties and taxes on the vehicle, Herb stood by us as we campaigned to win the right for such vehicles to enter Israel on the same duty- and tax-free basis as similar vehicles donated to hospitals for humans. With the help of Rep. Tom Lantos and Knesset Member Avraham Poraz, our campaign succeeded and the ambulance was sent to a shelter in Tiberias. Thanks to Herb's legacy of caring, CHAI will be able to do much more to help animals for years to come.



## Have You Provided for Your Legacy into the Future?

A bequest to CHAI is a strong statement of your concern for animals.

Please plan now so that your kindness will continue into the future. CHAI can be named as beneficiary of life insurance policies, bonds and other securities, houses, and trusts. Securities can be willed to CHAI with the provision that you will continue to receive interest from them throughout your lifetime. Real estate can be willed to CHAI with the provision that the owner can remain in the house throughout his or her lifetime. Check with your lawyer, estate planner, or financial advisor for additional assistance and advice, or call us.

Be sure that your attorney or bank has a copy of your will. Because wills are legal documents, bequests should contain the phrase: "I give, bequeath and devise Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), POB 3341, Alexandria, VA 22302 the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and/or unencumbered properties described as \_\_\_\_\_ to be applicable for the general purpose of the organization." To add to an existing will, simply write a codicil (an amendment), stating the recipient's full legal name and address. Both wills and codicils must be witnessed and dated.



When you're ready for a new car, donate your old one for us to sell on eBay.

## Urge Chief Rabbi to Keep His Promise to End Shackling and Hoisting *(Continued)*

Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger and officials from the Rabbinat's kosher department witnessed cows being shackled and hoisted during supervisory visits to the slaughterhouses. Following this past January's visit, Rabbi Metzger's only comment was that the meat coming from them is kosher. Rabbi Frank wrote to the two Chief Rabbis of Israel on behalf of Hakol Chai when the cruelty was first exposed in a 2007 undercover PETA video, urging reform. The letters went unanswered, but the media reported that at a meeting between a delegation of the Chief Rabbinat, led by Rabbi Metzger, and the Orthodox Union (America's largest kosher supervising agency), the restraint methods were characterized as "*extremely painful to view*" and an admission was made that they should be eliminated.

In the most humane restraint method, the cow is upright and calm until the moment the throat is slit, but the Israeli Rabbinat requires that the animal be inverted in order for the cut to be in a downward motion. Kosher meat consumed by many Orthodox outside of Israel is produced with the standing pen method, evidence that it is not necessary for the cow to be upside down.

When Rabbi Metzger expressed concern for improving the welfare of animals used to provide Israelis with kosher meat two years ago, he told the press of a more humane inversion method approved by the Rabbinat and used by many U.S. and European kosher slaughter plants. This method employs a box-like holding pen that inverts the animal before the throat is slit. "*The only step taken by Rabbi Metzger, however,*" said Rabbi Frank, "*has been to meet with kosher meat importers in Israel – the very businesspeople who must pay for the change – to request a reform already made by other kosher slaughter producers around the world.*"

***"Where is Rabbi Metzger's sense of responsibility?"*** Rabbi Frank wrote in an op-ed sent to the media on behalf of Hakol Chai. ***"Where is the Rabbinat's sense of moral outrage over the animal abuse and its sense of responsibility to the public?"***

Rabbi Metzger blamed the continued cruelty on the meat importers, but it is his department that supervises and endorses the imported products. All slaughterers in South America are under his supervision and all kosher meat imported from South America into Israel must be approved by the Rabbinat.

According to a report by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), meat, not cars, is the number one cause of global warming. It is also a major source of land and water degradation. The UN's Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), made up of hundreds of climate change scientists worldwide, noted the importance of lifestyle changes in meeting the challenge of global warming.

***"Please eat less meat,"*** said IPCC representative, economist Rajendra Pachauri, adding that a meat-based diet also has negative consequences for human health.

**Please write polite letters to Rabbi Metzger, asking him to use his authority to implement reforms. For example:** *Please fulfill the promise you made two years ago to end the cruel practice of shackling and hoisting in slaughterhouses that ship to Israel from South America. Since all kosher meat imported from South America into Israel must be approved by your office, the decision in favor of humaneness or cruelty is entirely yours.*

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## Bat Mitzvah in Israel and the U.S. Honors CHAI

**Yarden Ratner** invited CHAI to be part of her bat mitzvah celebrations in the U.S. and in Israel. Sixth-grade teacher, Michal Elazarov, instilled wonder in the attendees with a powerpoint presentation featuring surprising examples of animal intelligence, followed by a quiz that asked kids to match a behavior with a species, and amazed them with the answers.



**What** mother courageously entered a burning building again and again to rescue each of her children trapped inside? ~ **a cat**  
**Who** stole cookies from a plate and rearranged the remaining cookies so no one would notice there were fewer of them? ~ **a chimp**  
**Who** built a big, beautiful house to attract a female, and decorated it with fancy items in the hope that it would cause her to choose him over others? ~ **a bowerbird**

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