



Tel Aviv City Council Meets to Consider CHAI's Proposal to End Horse Abuse

On December 30, 2007, a special session of the Tel Aviv City Council met to address, for the first time, the problem of horse and donkey abuse in the city. The meeting came as a result of a proposal and recommendations submitted to the Council by Hakol Chai's attorneys in April 2005, followed by more than two more years of continued pressure.

The sight of emaciated, beaten, injured, and lame horses and donkeys pulling carts overloaded with heavy construction materials is common in Tel Aviv traffic. The animals are forced to work long hours without water or shade, under a blazing sun, or heavy rain. When they can no longer stand, they are often abandoned on garbage sites or by the side of the road to starve to death.

Hakol Chai's recommendations included a ban on horse-drawn carts in the city, granting permits to keep these animals only after annual inspections and approvals by equine veterinarians, and establishing places where abused horses can be taken temporarily for rehabilitation, after they are seized.



Outside the meeting, at the entrance to City Hall, Hakol Chai activists demonstrated in support of

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Your Help Urgently Needed to Block Gambling on Racing

The bill that would legalize gambling on horse racing in Israel is about to be introduced into the Knesset. Lobbying and public relations are critically important to CHAI's campaign to prevent this industry from becoming established in Israel.

Cruelty to horses is already a very significant problem in Israel, and there is no infrastructure to deal with it. Municipal vets admit they don't take abused horses away from their abusers because they have no place to put them. Multiply this problem by thousands — the plan calls for importing 2,000 horses for racing in the first year.

The racing industry presents an image of glamour, but in reality it is filled with cruelty, corruption, and death. This year in England, a racehorse died nearly every other day on the track. An average of 375 horses are raced to death

every year in that country alone. One-third die on racecourses, while the others are destroyed as a result of training injuries, or are killed because they are no longer fast enough to earn money. In all countries, most racehorses suffer from bleeding in the lungs, which can be fatal, and chronic stomach ulcers. Some have heart attacks from the unnatural exertion.

There is corruption in every country where racing exists. Widespread drugging of horses to enhance performance or dull pain so they can race even while injured was the subject of a *New York Times* front page article. Insurance fraud — killing slow horses to collect insurance money — has been repeatedly exposed in the media. In one case, for example, a horse's legs were tied to a truck and broken as the truck drove away.

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Thank You for Your Support — Help Us Do Even More in 2008

2007 saw the placement in loving, caring homes of all the puppies we rescued from the line of fire, and the joyous celebration of their one-year reunion.

Watch the adventure, from rescue through reunion, on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/chaianimalrescue



Our Israeli sister charity, Hakol Chai, exposed numerous incidents of severe animal abuse (including puppies at a pet store and cart horses on the street), reported them to municipal authorities, and followed up to ensure that action was taken.



CHAI created humane education materials for schools and made presentations to Sunday school classes in the U.S., while Hakol Chai made presentations to classes of older school children in Israel, encouraging them to take a stand for animals.



Hakol Chai expanded its campaign against racing and put up hundreds of posters promoting awareness of horse abuse. This problem was highlighted in the media. Hakol Chai's attorney wrote to mayors of cities around Israel, urging them to pass regulations requiring annual licensing and inspection of horses and donkeys to prevent their abuse.



Tamar Geller, Oprah's Personal Dog Coach speaks out in support of CHAI's work

"Having grown up in Israel, I know first hand how difficult the situation for animals is there. I greatly appreciate the work of CHAI and Hakol Chai in making a difference."

Now Tamar devotes her life to promoting better communication between dogs and people as The Today Show's resident dog expert, the personal life coach for Oprah Winfrey's puppies, the author of the bestseller *The Loved Dog: The Playful Nonaggressive Way to Teach Your Dog Good Behavior*, and the founder of Southern California's first cage-free doggie daycare and boarding facility.

"I am happy to lend my support to CHAI."



Tel Aviv City Council Considers CHAI's Horse Abuse Proposal (From Page 1)

banning horse-drawn vehicles. Other organizations joined Hakol Chai's campaign, including the Green Party. At the meeting, attended by many owners of cart horses, Council head and Mayor Ron Huldai said he will first make efforts to enforce an existing municipal bylaw that makes permits conditional upon the owners providing proper food, maintenance, and veterinary care before he will consider a ban on these vehicles. His decision was made despite the fact that **municipal veterinarian Zvi Galin made clear that the city does not have the resources to investigate cruelty cases and seize horses who are abused.**

The forum was a first step that puts the city on record as promising to bring about change, but clearly, we must keep up the pressure for a complete ban. CHAI first began urging city officials to take action to prevent horse abuse in the summer of 1999, after rescuing a severely abused horse in Jaffa, the old part of the city. Officials brushed aside our concerns and municipal veterinarian Zvi Galin consistently ignored our calls reporting abuse and refused to take action to help the horses. In 2001, Hakol Chai exposed a major abuser of horses in Jaffa, Nissim, who was starving and selling horses, providing no veterinary care, and shockingly, hacking them apart with an axe in front of each other and selling their meat in the market as beef.

When an undercover video of the killings taken by a TV

investigative reporter aired on a popular TV channel, Nissim's operation was temporarily closed down. He reopened again and Hakol Chai organized a raid on his place in 2003, which again exposed horrendous cruelty. After that, he was shut down permanently. Still, the city took no action to investigate the condition of other horses in the city and remove those being abused from their abusers until now.

In April 2005, Hakol Chai's attorney submitted its proposal to the Council, urging it to at last confront the problem in a special session, and to consider its recommendations.

"In the 21st century, there is no place for horses and donkeys in city traffic," Hakol Chai representative, Omer Ginzburg, told reporters at the demonstration. *"Many cities worldwide have already prohibited using horses and donkeys within their boundaries. On the eve of Tel Aviv's 100th anniversary, it is time Israel followed the lead of these more humane cities."*



~ Hakol Chai Demonstration in Tel Aviv



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~ The rescue of Shabbat & Shai: www.chai-online.org/horserescue.htm

Your Help Is Urgently Needed *(From Page 1)*

Race horses are also used in lethal experiments. They are deliberately infected with devastating viruses, pregnant mares undergo abdominal surgery and subsequently abort their young, other pregnant horses are deliberately underfed.

Every year, the same number of horses leave racing as enter it. Like all countries where there is racing, Israel will either have to go into the horse slaughter business or into the cruel live-export trade, transporting horses abroad to end up on dinner plates. In addition to cruelties to animals, gambling always creates social welfare problems, including the breakup of families. **The Chief Rabbi of Israel has issued a ruling stating that the racing industry violates Jewish law, which prohibits gambling and cruelty to animals.**

Read the testimony of experts from the U.S., England, and Australia on our website who confirm the cruelties inherent in horse racing:

www.chai-online.org/experts.htm

For answers to frequently asked questions, see:

www.chai-online.org/answers.htm

Although most people assume the horses can't possibly win against powerful money interests, CHAI continues to fight against gambling on racing gaining a foothold in Israel. **Please help us show that compassion can be stronger than greed. Send your generous tax-deductible contributions to CHAI to help us stop this cruel industry from entering Israel.**

Your Letters Are Needed

Please write to the following officials:

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Gideon Ezra

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Givat Shaul
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sar@environment.gov.il
Fax: 02-6535958 Tel: 02-6553701/2

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Tel: 03-9485800



~ Racehorse fallen,
1/3 die on racecourses

Sample Letter

I respectfully urge you to prevent gambling on horse racing from coming to Israel. Cruelty and corruption are an inherent part of this industry based on greed.

Experience in other countries has shown that as many horses leave racing every year as enter it, which means Israel will have to either simultaneously begin the grisly business of slaughtering horses on a large scale, or begin the cruel live transport of horses to other countries to be slaughtered and eaten.

Racing causes suffering and death to thousands of horses, creates social welfare problems for people and further destruction of the environment. Surely Israel can find other ways of earning money besides sponsoring cruelty and corruption.

Hakol Chai Appeals to Chief Rabbi to Ban Cruel Slaughterhouse Practices U.N. Declares Meat #1 Cause of Global Warming

Israel imports 30% of its frozen beef from slaughterhouses in South America. A recent exposé revealed that the treatment of animals in these facilities is very cruel. The majority of South American slaughterhouses use a technique called shackling and hoisting, in which a steel cuff is attached to a cow's ankle and the animal is hoisted upside down by that ankle, screaming in pain, muscles and tendons tearing before his or throat is slit. This practice is used in order to comply with government law that says for sanitary reasons, animals must be off the ground when they are slaughtered, though in the U.S., walking the animals onto a platform and raising the platform has replaced the cruelty of shackling and hoisting.

On Hakol Chai's behalf, Jerusalem Rabbi Adam Frank appealed to Israel's Chief Rabbis, Yona Metzger and Shlomo Amar, to issue a psak (ruling) declaring shackling and hoisting unnecessarily cruel and therefore prohibited under Jewish law. The law requires that no mark be on the animal at the time of slaughter, in order to ensure that the animal was not beaten, and prohibits any unnecessary pain and suffering. Said Frank *"I call on the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and all kosher slaughter supervising institutions worldwide to act to eliminate this unnecessarily cruel method of restraining animals."* Rabbi Frank also appealed on Hakol Chai's behalf to an influential religious Knesset member, asking him to raise the issue in the Rabbinate.

According to a report by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, meat, not cars, is the number one cause of global warming.

Animal agriculture generates more greenhouse gas emissions, as measured in CO₂ equivalent (18%) than cars and trucks. **It is also a major source of land and water degradation.** The 2007 report of the U.N. Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), made up of hundreds of climate change scientists worldwide, highlights the importance of lifestyle changes in meeting the challenge of global warming.

"Meat is a very carbon intensive commodity," IPCC spokesperson, economist Rajendra Pachauri said. Producing one kilo (2.2 pounds) of meat causes the emissions equivalent of 36.4 kilos of carbon dioxide. Raising and transporting a portion of beef, lamb, or pork requires the same amount of energy as lighting a 100-watt bulb for nearly three weeks.

Dr. Pachauri also noted that a meat-based diet has negative consequences for human health. The American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and the American Dietetic Association all acknowledge the extensive scientific evidence extolling the health benefits of a vegetarian diet. Vegetarians have a greatly reduced incidence of heart disease, cancer, and other degenerative diseases, including diabetes and osteoporosis.

In addition to reducing the threat of global warming and promoting human health, reducing or eliminating animal products from our diets prevents the terrible cruelties to animals on today's factory farms.

Read more about this topic on CHAI's website:
www.chai-online.org/factoryfarming.htm

New Video Urges Jewish Response to Global Warming and Animal Cruelties

Responding to the threat of global warming and the cruelties to which animals are subjected when raised in intensive farming conditions and slaughtered in assembly line slaughterhouses, the Jewish Vegetarians of North America (JVNA) produced a documentary called *A Sacred Duty: Applying Jewish Values to Help Heal the World*. The film, by award-winning filmmaker Lionel Friedberg, reminds Jews that it is a sacred duty to apply Jewish teachings to how we obtain food, use natural resources, and live among our fellow living beings. CHAI contributed financially to the making of this important film.

The JVNA video offers simple, practical measures for reducing our impact on the planet and shows why a shift toward plant-based diets is an essential part of efforts to

reduce global climate change. It also challenges people to compare religious teachings concerning how we are to treat animals with conditions on factory farms today, and the effects on human health and the environment of a meat-based diet.

The video includes interviews with Israeli and U.S. rabbis, environmental scientists, and activists. Biblical passages are read by star of stage and screen Theodore Bikel. JVNA will send a free copy to anyone who will help arrange a screening or help promote the movie in some other way.

To help, contact Richard Schwartz at:
President@JewishVeg.com

In Memory of Our Animals**Remembered by**

Hunter McTigue Shimon Stone
*Hunter was the devoted friend to Gerda & Mike.
 His life was a blessing and we will all miss him.*

Judy Carole Harris
*Judy was a beautiful dog. She lived in Nairobi and took
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 rather overweight, not being too keen on exercise, but
 with a lovely nature, and quite a presence. She was 11
 years old when she passed away at the beginning of July
 this year. Judy is sadly missed by all.*

Mimi Rochelle & Ary
*In memory of Suzanne Sassoun's beloved cat, our dear
 friend Mimi, with much love.*

Pepe Zimmerman Dianne Pasternack
A wonderful fella...we will miss him.

Peter Janet Hanan
In memory of my dog, Peter.

Snofkin Marilyn Salkin,
 Nancy Williams
A precious puppy.

Snowbi Marcia Chesley
In memory of my beloved cat, Snowbi.

Winchester Rochelle & Ary
*In memory of Elizabeth Howitt's beloved cat, Winchester;
 The Cutie, our dear friend, with much love.*

In Memory of Family & Friends Remembered by

Rabbi Sydney J. Jacobs Beverly Jacobs

Chava Stone Shimon Stone
*In honor of a daughter and sister.
 A tiny lamp has gone out of my tent.
 I bless the flame that warms the universe.*

Ramona Bamberger Stone
*In honor of my mother's Yartzheit and her mother, father,
 three brothers and sister who perished in the Holocaust.*

Barabara Riebman's parents Paula Spielberg

A Tribute to Our Animals Honored by

Latke Eliza Rosman
In honor of Latke Altman

Romeow Beverly Engleman
*You came into my life when I needed you the most.
 I know we will have a long, loving life together.*

Sabraluna Diane Greenlea

In Honor of Family & Friends Honored by

Elaine & Stephen Aronoff Sandra & Bud Brown
For the wonderful work you do for CHAI.

Sam Astrof William & Heidi Daroff
*Happy Hanukah & Best Wishes for another great year!
 From the Daroff family.*

Pat & Howard Goldman Rochelle Rotter
Michael Goldstein & Hadassah Margolis
In honor of your wedding. Judith Avnery, Naomi
 Chernin, Kenneth Dantzig
May you know a life filled with Foluke Fayanjuola, Lino
good health, good fortune, and Gonzalez, Abigail Liebel,
good friends. Paula Levine, Esther
 Margolis, Stephen Mernoff,
 Marshall Newman, Martin
 Rabinovitz, Janet Rosenblatt,
 Bella Schultz

Alfreda Pace Norris Barsky
*For all that you do and all that you have done and the love
 I have for you and the causes we share,
 I will make donations to CHAI every year!*

Mara Sonnerschein Dory & Mark Feit
Wishing you a happy birthday and a wonderful year.

Ed Werblun Rochelle Albert

Clara Eder Elliot Eder

Susan Mendelsohn Gayle Schor

Ian Pearl's birthday Malcolm Rosenberg

Honoring the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Honored by

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Anna Massefky Amy, Mitch,
Your love and compassion for Aliza & Jacob Abolafia
animals inspires us to support
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 Mitzvah money to CHAI

Harrison Pitts Rabbi Susan Schien

Mariah Ressler Ann Parkin
from Nicholas, Emma, & Miranda

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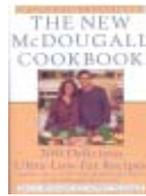
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By John A. McDougall, MD and Mary McDougall

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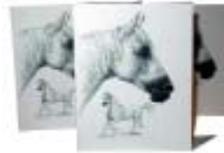
Sweatshirts feature animals rescued in Israel by CHAI. Colors: Yellow, Periwinkle, Grey
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Children's: S(6-8), M(10-12), L(14-16)



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Saturday Note Cards



CHAI note cards feature Saturday, a horse rescued by CHAI. Drawing is by Anne Gavitt.

Paragraph on the back of the cards tells Saturday's story.

One pack includes 10 cards and envelopes.

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