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Making Chanukah Sh

Scrap metal becomes religious artistry in this menorah-maker's hands.

That this metaphor was so widely used may reflect the influence Adams had among his compatriots; he referenced the Exodus story more relentlessly than anyone among the first rank of founding fathers.

The Bible was a commonly understood frame of reference in revolutionary times, and people on both sides of the conflict used its stories similarly to the way contemporary Americans invoke television or movie plots. It is remarkable that of all the stories in both the Jewish Bible and the Christian one, Exodus was the one invoked so frequently by the Americans to frame the Revolution.

And just as the Jewish love of freedom had a way of being contagious during the days of the American Revolution, it has ricocheted again

The same book briefly makes the case that the American Revolution "was born out of American religious tradition and identity no less than out of political traditions of democracy and Enlightenment."

So there you have it — a Soviet-born Israeli Jew noting the way American revolutionaries were inspired by the Jewish story, and calling for Israeli policies to spread freedom along those lines.

I wouldn't put it past Samuel Adams to find a way, through history, to remind even more of the Jews of their own ideals. He would be repaying a favor they once did for him. □

Ira Stoll is author of "Samuel Adams: A Life" (Free Press). Reprinted from Nextbook.org.

Glatt Kosher Cruise To Israel And Egypt

Lasko Kosher Cruises, which recently merged with Suite Life, a kosher cruise operator for the past seven years, will add the first glatt kosher cruise to Israel and Egypt to its list of 2009 sailings. This "Ancient Empires" cruise will include 13 days aboard Celebrity Cruises' new *Equinox* leaving from Rome on Aug. 18.

The Ancient Empires itinerary the following ports of call: Rome and Naples, Italy; Athens and Rhodes, Greece; Ephesus, Turkey; Alexandria, Egypt; and Haifa and Ashdod, Israel.

The Israel/Egypt cruise offers premium accommodations plus three fresh, gourmet glatt kosher, *cholov yisroel* meals and snacks daily as well as three minyanim a day in a dedicated shul on board. All are complimentary and reserved for Lasko Kosher Cruises passengers exclusively.

Lasko brings onboard a full staff of *mashgichim* to kasher a designated portion of the galley in advance of the sailing and maintain 24-hour presence in the kitchen. A Lasko Kosher Cruise representative is onboard every cruise

to tend to guests' personal needs.

Lasko Kosher Cruises include a scholar-in-residence program, rabbinic lectures and entertainment provided by Jewish musicians. Among the other features of a Lasko Kosher Cruise are ea rooms between meals as well as personalized tours that visit Jewish related points of interest.

In 2009, Lasko Kosher Cruises also offers nine other first-class sailings to the Eastern Caribbean Alaska, the Baltic region and Russia, the Eastern Mediterranean and Greek Isles, the Norwegian Fjords and a combined Northern Europe/Norwegian Fjords cruise.

Lasko Kosher Cruises, an affiliate of Lasko Family Kosher Tours, is based in south Florida. Lasko Kosher Cruises uses independent kosher supervision through Rabbi Levi Teitlebaum, director of the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrus (OVH), and Rabbi Yossi Birnbaum, the Israeli field representative of DSJ Global Kashrus Organization. For more itinerary information, call (866) 604-9838 or visit www.koshercruises.com. □

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