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Subject: Fw: Today, the 25th of Tamuz, 5772, after our Exodus from persecution in Egypt, you are in The Holy Land after a harrowing corkscrew landing to evade Israel's vaunted Iron Dome; Jerusalem today, and then America, its closest ally (despite Jake's efforts)

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Good Morning Everyone. Or as they say here in Israel, 'Boker Tov'

Today's a special day, not simply because the trip is almost over, but because some of us are at home among our people. In honor of that, Pam has graciously allowed me to collaborate on today's daily missive. But don't worry, by popular demand she will resume the practice starting tomorrow - even though we'll be in Washington.

Today's isn't a quote per se, and it isn't anyone famous. These traditional questions have been asked by Jewish children for millenia. They don't necessarily have answers though, they are merely meant to encourage children to be inquisitive.

But I am attributing the below to one very special Jewish child who I know will go on to practice and further our rich traditions:

- 1) Ma nishtana ha-laila ha-zeh mi-kol ha-lelot?
[Why is this stop different from all other stops?]

- 2) She-be-chol ha-lelot anu ochlin chametz u-matza, ha-laila ha-zeh kulo matza?
[Why is it that on all other nights during the year we eat well-balanced, nutritional meals with vegetables, but on this trip we eat 5000 calorie meals mixing meats and cheeses and sauces that shouldn't be combined?]

- 3) She-be-chol ha-lelot en anu matbilin afilu pa'am echat, ha-laila ha-zeh shetay fe'amim?
[Why is it on all other nights we do not eat ice cream dipped and fried even once, but on this trip we eat ice cream that has been dipped in artery clogging batter twice?]

- 4) She-be-chol ha-lelot anu ochlin bayn yoshvin u-vayn mseubin, ha-laila ha-zeh kelanu mesubin?
[Why is it that on all other nights we eat either sitting or reclining, but on this trip we are admonished to eat in strapped to our seats in because we are within 200 minutes of landing?]

- Jordan Zane (Abedin) Weiner, at his first seder.

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Subject: Today, July 15th, you are in Cairo after executing a hairpin turn west from Siem Reap. Alexandria and Jerusalem are before you, and then home ·

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"We cannot medicate ourselves, legally or illegally, to a state of wellness and happiness - God knows we've tried, ... Speaking of God, if he doesn't exist, we blessed better well invent her."

📧 Steve Kline

We can, however, seek happiness in rest, which is coming.

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From: Quanrud, Pamela G
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Subject: Today, July 13th, you arrived in Siem Reap after a day and a half in Phnom Penh and a day stop in Laos. Tomorrow you will be in Cairo. Nine days down!

Welcome to Huma!

"The point of living, and of being an optimist, is to be foolish enough to believe that the best is yet to come.""

Peter Ustinov

From: Quanrud, Pamela G
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Subject: Today July 11, you were in Hanoi, yesterday you were in Mongolia, and tomorrow you see Laos and Cambodia; six days down!

If you don't know where you are going, you can never get lost.

-Herb Cohen

Here's to not being lost . . . ☺