Chalutzim

Dear Friends,

The Israel Ride is off to an amazing start! Today was our first day of riding and over the course of the day I rode 71 miles, climbing 5,100 feet. We had a tough climb through the Jerusalem hills to start the day, but then, rode west through the Jerusalem Forest, where we learned about the history of the land as we passed modern farms, Roman ruins and Biblical landscapes. We ate lunch at Beit Guvrin, a vast underground network of store rooms, olive presses, burial chambers and residential homes from Roman times, and then made our way south towards Be’er Sheva. Along the way we rode very close to the separation wall and fence that Israel has built around the Green Line, which was eye-opening to see. It was an incredible start to what promises to be an extraordinary week!

Please be sure to keep an eye out for emails to come. You can also find out more about the Israel Ride and each day’s activities by following the Israel Ride on Facebook! If you want to experience the Israel Ride for yourself next year it will run from October 27th – November 3rd 2015 and registration is already open!