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CABIP MEETS WITH ISRAELI GROUP IN NY TO CREATE 'COBI' — A COLLABORATION FOR BATTERERS' INTERVENTION INTERNATIONAL



CABIP and Israeli delegates gathered in New York City, near the site of the September 11 tragedy, to share concerns about violence worldwide and to explore possible collaborations through the creation of an international organization for violence prevention and peace.

By Gail Billings-Beck

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Mid-October on the East Coast, the leaves turn from green to brilliant shades of yellow-gold, firey orange, reds and blues. It is glorious. Everything and anything seems possible. Mother Nature proves the point.

New York City sparkled last year. Three million donated daffodil and tulip bulbs in full blossom decorated street sidewalks and store fronts.

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The parks were alive with multi-colored leaves and people. New Yorkers had begun to rise from the ashes left in September. And, a few very fortunate CABIP board members came together with an Israeli delegation to make dreams come true.

I really do wish you could have been there. We shared a life-affirming, transformative experience, each one of us. We were — myself, Gail Billings-Beck from Encino, and other members of the board, Alyce LaViolette from Long Beach and Roe (Rosario) Roberts, from Los Molinos, Renata Vaselle Augenstein from Washing/Oregon, Paula Nedelkof, Eureka, Dottie Curtis, New Jersey.

From across the seas, Israel specifically, we were joined by Hannah Rosenberg, Ruth Ben-Ami, Ruthi Rak, Yaffa Sapir, and a young Palestinian man, Ibraheem Agbaria.

We met together under the auspices of the Phillip Morris Co. for five days, eight to nine hours each day, plus time off (together) for lunches and dinners. We gave ourselves three days to share dreams and goals, whatever

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