



HERE AND THERE
The City that Never Sleeps
By Shiri Abraham

I can't believe I'm in the USA! I am staying in New York City with my cousin Jenny. It is my first day here and I have already seen so much. My plane landed at 6:00 this morning. Jenny and I went right from the airport to the Empire State Building. It was crowded, but I took some really cool pictures of the amazing view from the top of the building.

After that, we took the subway¹ downtown and got off at the Museum of Ice Cream. I really liked this museum, especially because we got lots of ice cream!

I used to be taking notes, but I decided to take me to the bus on Broadway. I still had to adjust to the change in hours. (Here, it's 7 in the evening, and back home in Israel, it's already 2 in the morning!) But I don't have time to take it easy. I'm beginning to realize why they call New York "the city that never sleeps"!²

COMMENTS:

If you have time, visit Ellis Island. It's a great place to learn about American history and the people who came to live there. **Bob Collins**
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Read at least one blog and answer the questions for each blog you read.

1. Who is Shiri visiting?

2. What was the first place Shiri went to?

1 The City that Never Sleeps

1. Complete the sentence.

Shiri especially liked the Museum of Ice Cream because

2. Why does Shiri also think that New York City is "the city that never sleeps".

- a. There are many exciting shows in the city.
- b. There is always something to do there.
- c. You can get everywhere by subway.
- d. New York City has beautiful views.

3. What can you learn on Ellis Island?

2 A Delicious Festival

Dani Blumberg

I am on vacation with my parents in Italy. We are in a small town called Perugia, which is famous for its chocolate festival³. I'm chocolate. When I look outside the window, I can see hundreds of tourists. They are probably here for the same reason we are: to eat chocolate!



There are many things to do at this festival and in the city. For example, you can walk around the market and buy different kinds of chocolates. Tourists can join a cooking class and learn how to make a variety of traditional Italian foods, like pasta and pizza.

It was fun, but if you ask me, the best part of the 10-day festival is the chocolate sculpture⁴ competition. In this competition, artists create beautiful sculptures from huge blocks⁵ of chocolate. And to make things even more fun, you can eat the small pieces of chocolate that fly off the blocks while the artists are creating their sculptures.

Another great place to visit is the famous Perugia Chocolate Factory and Museum. We were there this morning on a tour. We learned about the history of the company and how it changed over time. Then our guide took us around the factory. It was exciting to see how they make the famous Perugia chocolates and, of course, to enjoy their delicious taste!

COMMENTS:

I was at the festival a few years ago. I remember that my parents bought a ChocoCard for about 6 euros. It saved us a lot of money on restaurants, and we even got a discount for our hotel! **Lisa Welch**

³sculpture جارِبْ / جَرْبَرْ
⁴blocks جُبْرَكْس



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1. Why do many tourists come to Perugia?

2. What can you learn to make at the cooking class?

2 A Delicious Festival

4. What classes can tourists take in Perugia?

5. Why does Dani think the best part of the festival is the chocolate sculpture competition? Give one reason.

6. What can visitors do at the Chocolate Factory and Museum? Choose the TWO correct answers.

- a. Make a chocolate cake.
- b. Learn about the history of the company.
- c. Join a cooking class.
- d. Taste Perugia chocolates.
- e. Create a sculpture.

7. What can you do with a ChocoCard?

FIELDS OF FLOWERS

By Elena Hassan



This year, my family and I went to the Darom Adom Festival on Wednesday because it's the best festival of the week. This festival takes place each year during the months of January and February and lasts for four weeks. At this time of the year, the hills of the northern Negev

are covered with a beautiful carpet of bright red flowers. It is amazing. We were happy to see that there is a large variety of activities at the festival, like bike rides, hot-air balloon rides, goat racing and contests by local artists. We went fruit picking. We each got a box and picked delicious gooseberries. And of course, there is also fruit for sale if you want to take some home. But make sure to

check the weather before you go. Because it's in February, there's always a chance of rain.

COMMENTS:

I'm glad you had a nice time at the festival. Unfortunately, our visit was a little unpleasant. Our youngest daughter didn't know it's illegal to pick the flowers. She picked a bright red flower and one of the workers got very upset with us. **Mark Brown**

¹carpet جَرْبَرْ / جَرْبَرْ
²hot air balloon جَارِبْ / مِنْ مَنْ مَنْ
³fruit picking جَرْبَرْ / جَرْبَرْ

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1. Where is the Darom Adom Festival?

2. When is it?

3 Fields of Flowers

8. Complete the sentence.

The hills of the northern Negev are usually brown, but during the Darom Adom Festival

9. a. What did Elena do at the Darom Adom Festival?

b. Give examples of two other things you can do at the festival.

10. Why was Mark's visit unpleasant?