



SEPTEMBER 11TH MEMORIAL (ISRAEL)

The US-Israel relationship is founded on shared values, such as a love of life and liberty. But the true depth of friendship is often realized on one's darkest day. On September 11, 2001, Palestinians danced in the streets, and Israelis wept for their American brothers and sisters. No people on earth understand the pain, anger, and loss we experienced on that horrific day as do the Israelis.

It is thus sadly fitting that on a hill in the Arazim Valley of Ramot, Jerusalem, in direct view of Jerusalem's main cemetery, there exists the only memorial to 9/11 victims outside the United States listing the names of all 3,000 victims of that attack. The base of the memorial (pictured to the left) is made of a piece of metal from the ruins of the Twin Towers. And people from all over the world come to this hallowed place in the world's holiest city to pay their respects to those lost on the morning of the second Tuesday of September, 2001.

This metal fragment was taken from the remains of the Twin Towers that imploded in the September 11, 2001 attacks. It was sent over to Israel by the City of New York to be incorporated in this memorial. This metal piece, like the entire monument, is a manifestation of the special relationship between New York and Jerusalem and an expression of gratitude to Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael - Jewish National Fund whose initiative and the generous contributions of its supporters made this monument possible.

