

Many apologies to any- and everyone who has grown accustomed to me posting virtually every day on the blog. I left NC for Israel on Tuesday, flew overnight to Tel Aviv, and have been on the run ever since with scarcely a free minute to call my own. Today is ... Saturday (I think), so it must be Tiberias....

I am hoping that from now on I'll be able to squeeze in some time to do a daily post - but I can make no promises. I am on a tour group with for the UNC General Alumni Association. There are 25 of us; I'm giving a few lectures; and we are hitting some of the real highlights of Israel. We spent a couple of nights in Tel Aviv; spent last night on a kibbutz on the Golan Heights, within view of Lebanon and Syria, and now are in Tiberias on the shores of the Sea of Galilee for two nights. It would take a long time indeed to talk about the highlights of the trip so far, but I will talk about several over the course of the next few days.

Tel Aviv was terrifically interesting - I've never been there before, except in and out of the airport a few times. It was the least "religious" of our destinations, in that there are no traditional holy places there. It is a commercial and cultural center, a secular, lively place. But, on the whole, not hugely relevant to the blog.

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