



*"It is well to
remember that the
entire universe, with
one trifling exception,
is composed of others."
(John Andrew
Holmes)*

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Mike Rogoff was born in Cape Town, South Africa. In 1970 Mike settled in Israel, seeking his ancestral roots. After a brief period studying Hebrew and milking cows on a kibbutz, he continued his studies at Tel Aviv University, from which he holds a High School Teaching Diploma. However, two summers as a counselor, guide and educator for teen groups, persuaded him that the entire Land of the Bible was a more fascinating classroom than any four walls could ever be. Mike graduated the government tour guide course in 1974, and has been exploring the country's byways and sharing his passion with visitors of different religious and special-interest backgrounds ever since. It is a source of great satisfaction that, after more than three decades in his calling, he still goes out to work most mornings with a smile on his face. Mike has been to the USA and the UK many times as a representative of Israel's Ministry of Tourism, to lecture on and promote tourism and pilgrimage to Israel. In 1983, the Ministry honored Mike with the 'Guide of the Year' Award. Mike also writes and translates, and has been a senior writer for "Fodor's Israel" since 1984. He is married to Jill, a professional singer, and they have two adult daughters.