

Annual Jerusalem March Draws Tens of Thousands

Tens of thousands of participants from 80 different countries took part Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017, in the annual march in Jerusalem marking the 50th anniversary of the city's unification. As participants gathered to start the march, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat welcomed one and all.

Israeli tourists, IDF soldiers, representatives of the security and rescue forces, street artists, dancers, musicians and dozens of groups representing public bodies were seen walking side by side. "I came because I love Israel," said Jenny from the United States. "This is my 20th trip here. We are happy to do things for Israel. It's an amazing country."

"I'm a Christian, but I feel connected to Israel," said Marissa from Catalonia. "I do not know how to explain it, but I feel very close to it. All Christians feel that way."

"The Jerusalem march is a tradition which lasted for more than 60 years. Every year it is exciting again, though as this year we celebrate 50 years of unification it is even more exciting than ever," said Mayor Barkat.

"Many peoples and strong nations will seek out the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord" (Zech. 8:22).