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Local Jewish motorcyclists to join hundreds in Omaha

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The Dayton Sons of Israel Motorcycle Club will be joining the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance (JMA) in Omaha, Neb., for the fourth Ride to Remember (R2R), starting Thursday, May 22, and continuing through the weekend. The annual event is conducted to promote remembrance of the Holocaust, and through remembrance to assure that history will not repeat itself.

This year Jewish motorcyclists from around the world will be converging in Omaha, partnering with the National Holocaust Endowment Fund, in support of the fund's efforts in promoting Holocaust education in Nebraska and throughout the world.

The event will be largely centered on the University of Nebraska campuses in Omaha and Lincoln, with a ceremony to be held at the Nebraska Holocaust Memorial. Any local riders with an affiliation or connection to Judaism are welcome to ride with the Sons of Israel for this event or any other upcoming local ride. For more information on this event or about the Sons of Israel Motorcycle Club, call club president Ron Wynne at (937) 248-4143 or go online to www.DaytonsonsofIsrael.com.

The Dayton Sons of Israel was founded by four friends in the summer of 2007 after the movie Harley, Son of David was shown at the local Jewish Film Festival. This movie was a documentary of the first Ride to Remember and inspired the four to contact the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance to find out how to begin their own local chapter.

After much research and planning, the group came together and has participated in several fund raisers and large rides, such as last year's escort of the Vietnam Moving Wall from Dayton to Franklin. The group has grown much larger in membership over the past year and includes both experienced and novice riders.

According to Wynne, the upcoming trip to Omaha will be the largest event and the farthest distance traveled by club members to date. The basic philosophy of the group is to participate in charitable rides that "make the world a better place." This is achieved by participation in activities and rides that will promote educational and fundraising pursuits that are beneficial to the Jewish and non-Jewish community.

Several events are already planned for the upcoming summer.

which will be benefitting firefighters, health organizations, and tours promoting camaraderie amongst the riders.

The Sons of Israel are a local affiliate of the Jewish Motorcyclists Alliance (JMA). This group is an international organization currently comprised of 21 Jewish motorcycle clubs with more than 2,000 individual members. With member clubs extending from Israel to Australia, the JMA provides an environment whereby members of the Jewish faith who ride motorcycles can congregate to share and exchange ideas and opinions about matters of concern to the Jewish community at large, as well as issues specifically concerning motorcycles and motorcycle riding.