

Saba and Savtee by the Sea

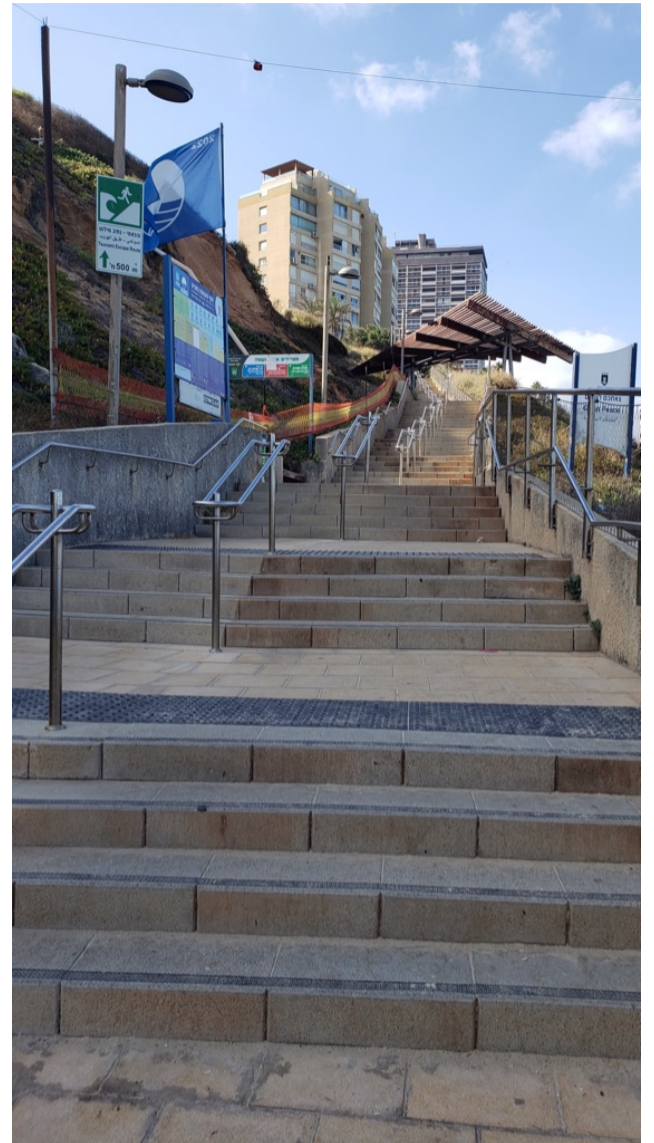
by Savtee

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Saba and Savtee live in the city that is sitting on the top of a cliff.

Do you want to know how far down are the sand and the sea?



**Look at the stairs.
Savtee counted the steps.
She counted 170 steps!!!**

Would you like to know what grows on the cliff?

**In the spring you see many
small yellow and red flowers**



**In the summer yellow flowers are
larger and green leaves are thick**



Very early in the morning all windows and doors of a small White House by the sea are shut.

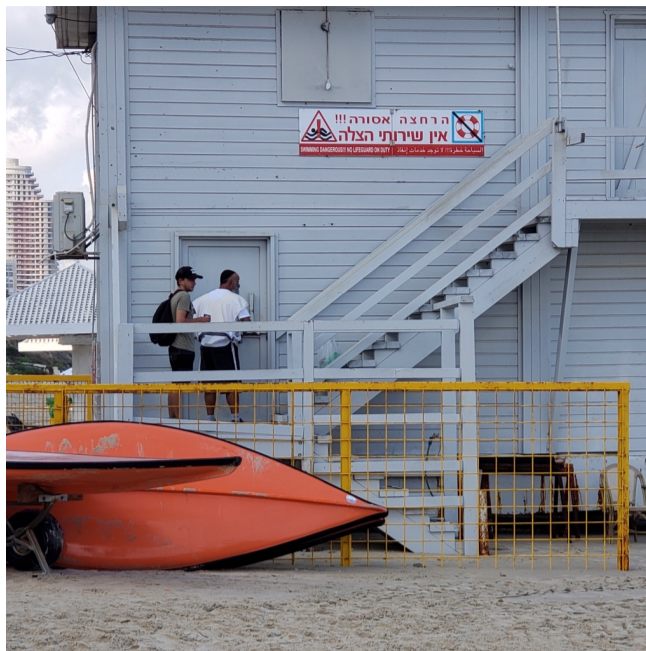


Swimming is dangerous when no lifeguards are on duty.

But do not worry, they shall arrive pretty soon.

Oh, look, here they are coming!

They open the door, but instead of going in they climb the outside steps and flip the sign on the wall. Since they are here now, swimming is no longer dangerous. Now it is all allowed!



They quickly get the rescue boat out and down the ramp.

They also put the yellow rescue board by the door and make sure that Stand Up Paddle Board is ready.



One lifeguard goes in the water to reset some flags and signs.



This is a good place for swimming.



Don't even think about swimming here!!!!



Do you see this purple flag?

It has a picture of a jellyfish!

**When jellyfish comes to the shore
it is better not to get in the water.**

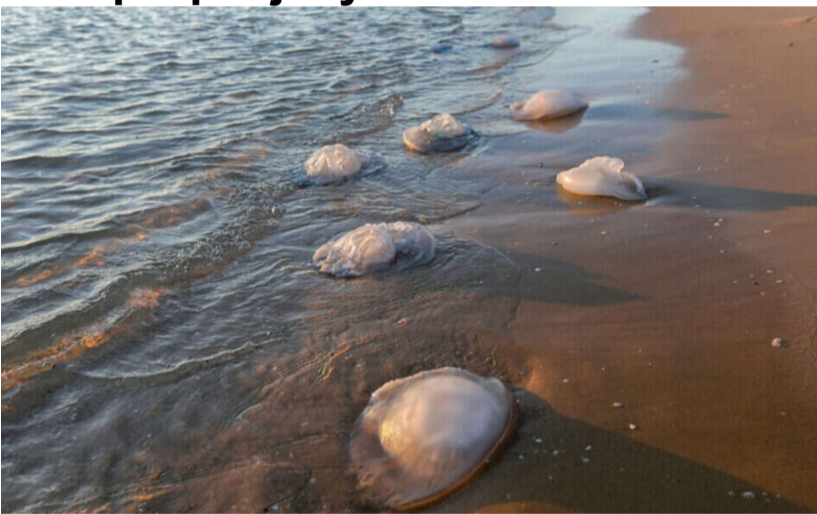
Jellyfish stings.

**When they come you can see them
in the water and on the sand.**

Many are large.

Some are small.

**Mostly they are colourless,
but sometimes you can see a blue
or a purple jellyfish.**



Good news! No more jellyfish in the water.



A few times Savtee saw a small green truck driving very slowly on the sand.

Once the truck stopped close to where Savtee was.

Very nice young guys got out of the truck.

This is what they told Savtee:



**They were ranchers from the
Sea Turtle Rescue Center.**

They stopped there because they saw

a turtle track coming from the sea and

going across the sand. They were looking for turtle tracks.





Sea turtles live most of their lives in the sea.

To nest, pregnant mama turtle drags herself onto land and across the sand.

With her flippers she digs a nest in the sand.

**She drops large numbers of eggs into this nest
and covers them up with sand.**

Then she makes her way back to the sea.

This happens at night. In darkness.

The eggs are left in warm sand.



The rangers came to the end of the turtle track on the beach.

**They poked the sand gently with a small wooden stick,
dug up the sand, and there was the nest!**

**Very carefully they took the eggs out,
one by one, placing them into the box
that they brought out of the truck.**



**The rangers took the eggs to the nursery at
the Sea Turtle Rescue Center. There baby
turtles would hatch and safely cross the
sandy beach to enter the sea.**

Why did the rangers relocate the eggs?

They did it to help turtles to survive and multiply.

These turtles are endangered species. There are not many Mediterranean turtles anymore. Seagulls and raccoons eat the eggs, beaches are no longer quiet, safe, and dark places. Hatchlings use the natural light to reach the water when they emerge from the nest. Any other light sources such as beachfront lighting, street lights, light from cars, campfire, may lead hatchlings in the wrong direction.

They may become disoriented, and lost, and never reach the sea. But baby turtles born in



the Sea Turtle Rescue Center safely enter the sea and grow up and live long life.

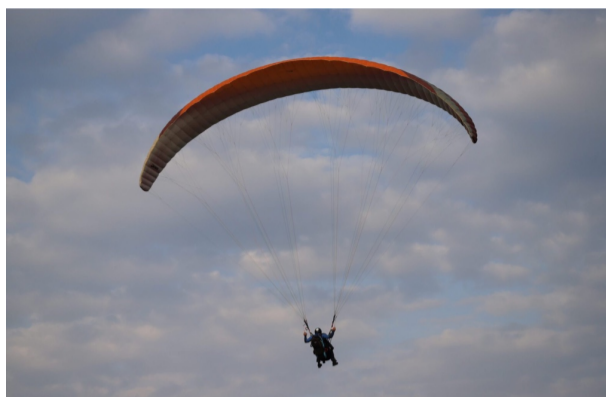
Let's look up now. The sky too is full of surprises.

Here are very bright surprises. Look like flying bananas, no?

Even if they are not yellow...

Actually, they are flying paragliders.

They glide in the sky.



Do you want to know how they get up there?

They take off from the launching site on the top of the cliff, high above the sea!

**They check their equipment,
put on the helmet and harness,
look around,
allow the wind to raise the canopy of the glider,
and
launch off into space!**



How about Snow White surprises?

This is white egret in flight.



Here is white egret in a fancy plumage



Here he is standing on a rock.



Here is a young egret running



HOOPOE is a funny name of this beautiful bird whose song sounds like 'oop-oop-oop'.

It has a long sharp bill.

**Look at its head
It is crowned with
exactly 28 feathers.
They are orange
with black tips.**



This crown on the top of bird's head is called CREST.

Hoopoe is a good flier.

Very broad black and white wings allow hoopoe to climb high very quickly.

Sometimes a hoopoe is seen on the ground with the wings spread out and the tail spread on the ground, and the head tilted back.

If you see a hoopoe doing that, do not worry.

Nothing is wrong. They are sunbathing!

Like some people on the beach who can spend a lot of time sunbathing.

Did you know that Hoopoe is a National Bird of Israel?

And what about people?

So many people love being by the sea,

Some are fishing from the rock,

others—from the dry sand,



some get their feet wet,

some keep looking for a better place, not afraid to get deeper into the sea.

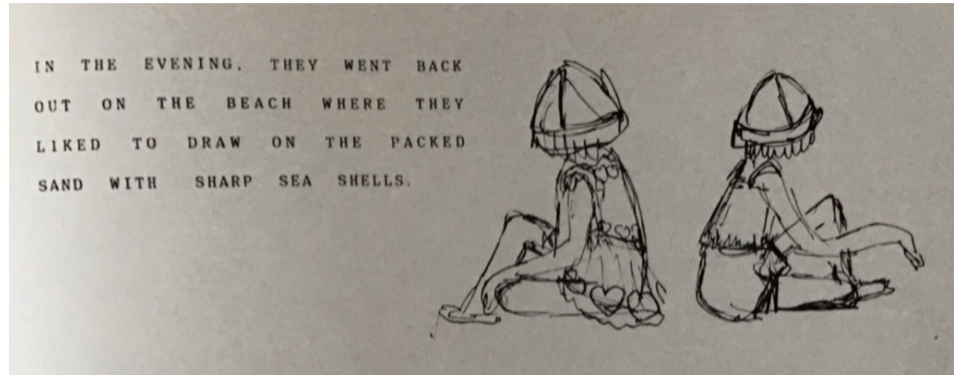


And children? Of course, Children LOVE Playing on the Beach!

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in the National Gallery of Art
in Washington DC,**



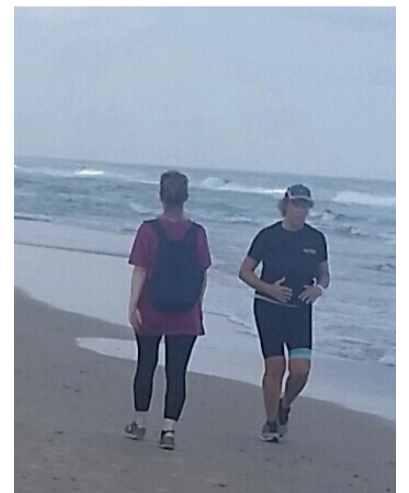
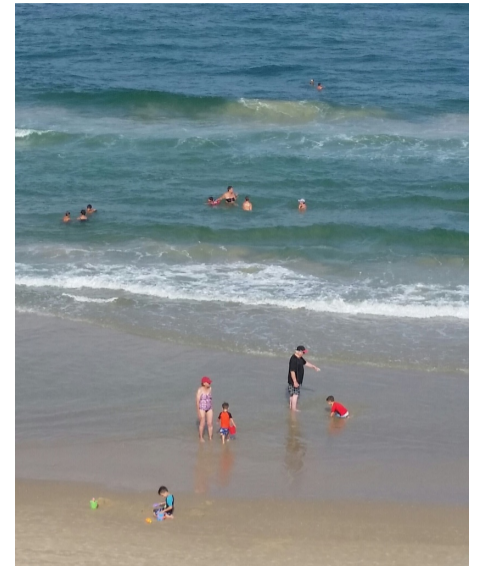
**as in old Savtee's drawing for the book
Aviva and Rivka Go to the Ocean,**



as in August 2022 on Mediterranean Sea.



An 1873 painting, On the Beach (Sur la plage, in French), by Edouard Manet is here surrounded by August 2022 crowd from Savtee's photography. Yes, people are dressed differently, and they act differently, but all love the sea!



Who else loves to be on the seashore? We do!

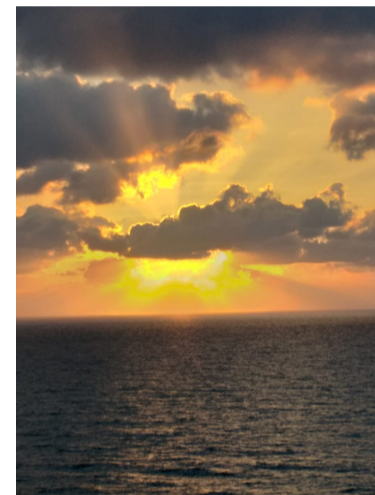
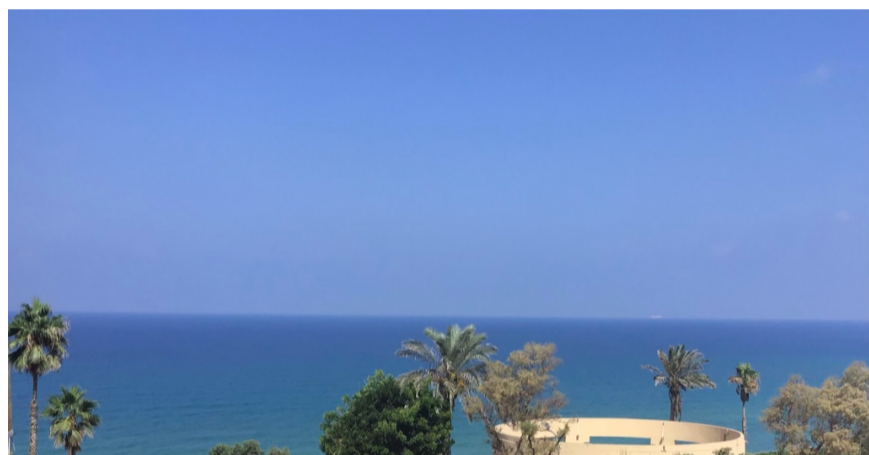


We LOVE

blue sea, and green, and grey,



blue sky, and red, and purple, and grey, and yellow, and orange,



and birds, and rocks, and sand, and flowers, and sea turtles, and paintings too.

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Credits—to name just a few:

Mary Cassatt and Édouard Manet for wonderful paintings

**The National Gallery of Art for guarding and protecting Mary Cassatt's painting
for us to come to see it whenever we want**

Dalia Kessler for some great suggestions

Shlomit Attias for the portrait on the cover

Atara Hadad for her fantastic idea to make a Hebrew version of the book

Our children for sharing some family photos

Our grandchildren for being so amazingly wonderful





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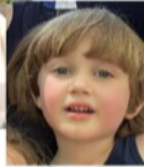
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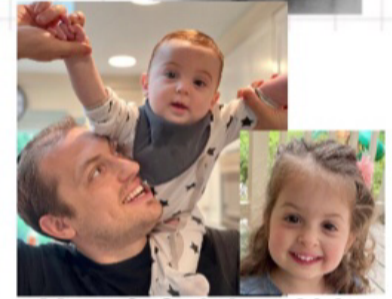
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