

ODYSSEY AI – 51
with Shariar Karim's
“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI-50 on 24 January 2021 “Kanchenjunga Crashes On Mont Blanc”

THIS FLIGHT : AI-51 on 4th February 2021 “Namaskaar Israel”

NEXT FLIGHT: AI-52 on 8th February 2021 “FLIGHT DELIGHT”



“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 51 ”

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-51,
ON THURSDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

**Turning back the pages of history,
Today we have reached the 4TH OF FEBRUARY, 1996.**

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We greeted

TEL AVIV with-

“ NAMASKAR ISRAEL ”

**After decades of non-aligned policy, India formally
established relations with Israel when it opened an
embassy in Tel Aviv in January 1992. It was four
years later on February 4, 1996 that we operated
our first flight there. On the occasion of the
inaugural flight, I composed this special poem and
wrote it by hand in Hebrew !
No, not really, it is actually in English which
resembles the Hebrew script.**



Mr Shivshankar Menon, Indian Ambassador to Israel, and Mr. N.A. Baptista, Manager-Israel, with Capt. S. R. Pedgaoker, Commander, Capt. M. P. Masters, First Officer, and other crew members who operated Air-India's maiden flight to Tel Aviv.

**INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV, ISRAEL,
FEBRUARY 4, 1996**

MAGIC CARPET

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Reproduced below is a poem written by Mr Shariar Karim, Inflight Supervisor, to mark the commencement of Air-India's new service to Tel Aviv. The script, incidentally, has been specially designed to resemble Hebrew.

NAMASKAAR ISRAEL

History is in the making,
A new dawn is breaking,
Tel-Aviv we're coming,
With a message from home,
To the people of ISRAEL,
Shalom, Shalom:

The clouds are parting,
A pathway is starting,
For my palace to fly,
Across the blue sky,
To link two lands, two peoples, two homes,
From INDIA to ISRAEL,
Shalom, Shalom:

Transcending the barriers of distance and time,
Forging a friendship with ties sublime,
In the land of Promise,
We promise to land,
Let shibboleths herald from far and near,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, ~~AIR-INDIA~~ is here!



Feb. 4, 1996

Shariar Karim
In Flight Supervisor

नमस्कार, इज़रायल

*** AIR-INDIA ***

शुलום इज़रायल



Shalom INDIA



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एअर इंडिया
AIR-INDIA

From: Commercial Department,
Mumbai.

तारीख Date: 15.3.96

To: Mr. Shariar Karim,
Inflight Supervisor,
Inflight Service Department,
NITC, Sahar.

संदर्भ संख्या Ref. No. ADV/11-14

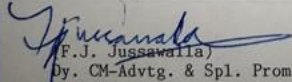
Dear Shariar,

Congratulations ! I have just seen your composition
announcing our flights to Tel Aviv.

We have all experienced your charming ways and
quite efficiency on board. Your creative talent
was a pleasant revelation to us !

We will certainly try and make every effort to
use your composition in our sales and promotional
activities.

Yours sincerely,


(F.J. Jussawalla)
By. CM-Advtg. & Spl. Promotions.

