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SHARAV



A NEW PATH



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When an experienced breeder begins to think about bringing in a new stallion to the program, it is a major decision that must be done with study, experience in one's own farm production, research into other breeding lines and a great deal of intuition.

In the mid 90's, Nasr Marei was approaching this situation at his internationally acclaimed Albadeia Stud Farm in Cairo. The earliest registered farm in Egypt, Albadeia has had a particular approach and stamp through the years. In 1990, Nasr took over the full program from his father, Sayed Marei, one of the founding lights in Egyptian breeding. In the years since Nasr has been in total charge of the program, he has done a number of things to maintain the strong points and also improve his horses in the areas he felt needed some work.

In a recent conversation he discussed what went into bringing Simeon Sharav, a son of the greatly renowned Asfour out of Simeon Shuala into the program in 2000. At that time, there already was a substantial gene pool that resulted from a breeding program that went back to 1935. The Albadeia horses had solid bodies and legs as well as good heads and eyes. Nasr wanted to emphasize these strong points and improve certain areas such as short croups and low tail sets. He also felt that some of the necks were a bit short and so he wanted to add to the length as well as refining the angle of the neck and shoulder.

IN ALBADEIA





Asfour

(Malik x Hanan)

Farid would not leave Cairo. Marion agreed that she would take one of his daughters, Wed Albadeia out of Mom-tazat Albadeia. Then she fell in love with Ibtehad Albadeia, the four time Egyptian Champion mare by Badran Albadeia out of Halawat Albadeia. Nasr considers that Ibtehad and Gellah Albadeia, the International Champion by Imperial Madori out of Anbar Albadeia are the two best mares he has produced to date.

After a long investigation, Nasr decided that he wanted to bring an Asfour son to Albadeia because he felt that the stallion's upright neck and movement would bring those elements to the farm. At that time, Marion Richmond was very interested in buying the head stallion at Albadeia, Farid Albadeia (Ameer Albadeia x Farida), the outstanding ruling sire at the farm. Farid was the son of two exceptional horses who continue to be influential through today but Nasr was adamant that

And so arrangements were made; Ibtehad, who was in foal to Farid, left for Australia and Simeon Safir, an Asfour daughter out of Simeon Safanad and in foal to Anaza Bay Shabb came to Cairo with Hekayat Albadeia in utero. Sharav arrived as a yearling colt and on first examination at the airport gave little indication of the superb stallion he would become. He has developed to international acclaim both on his own and as a producer of champions and substantial contributor to breeding programs in Europe and the Middle East.

Simeon Shwala

(Simeon Shai x Ramses Tinah)



Among Sbarav's strong points, Nasr lists a very powerful front. He feels that the shoulder angle is one of the best that he has ever seen and attributes it to Asfour. The neck is well shaped and upright. The head is very pleasing with small ears and a good eye. The front legs are proper with fine bone and his croup also is very good. What is also important in

a stallion is a good disposition, intelligence, playfulness and a trustworthy character. In keeping with the tradition of Arabians being excellent riding horses, Sbarav has proven himself to be a superb mount both in proficiency and in his enjoyment of it.

Sbarav was tested on all the mares at Albadeia in order to



Simeon Sbarav

(Asfour x Simeon Shuala)



Simon Sharav



explore his potential. He has been a consistently good producer and puts a definite stamp on the neck and shoulder of his get. He has improved heads as well and passed on his disposition. You look at his sons and immediately recognize the sire. However his dominance is tempered by contributions of

the mare which gives individuality. His qualities have moved well into the second generation with some outstanding show horses and well as consistent high quality grand get. Sharav began his show career as Champion Stallion at the EAO Internationals in 2004.



Itlalah

ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Sondos Albadeia)

Sarab

ALBADEIA

(Marraj x Itlalah Albadeia)



Modallalah

ALBADEIA

(Marraj x Itlalah Albadeia)



He went on to take Reserve Champion at Baden Baden's Egyptian Event and Champion Stallion at Mooslarque. His daughter, Itlalah Albadeia out of Sondos Albadeia (Farid Albadeia x Mahasen Albadeia) '04, quickly followed in his footsteps. She was the Champion Mare at the Baden Baden Egyptian Event as well as Egyptian Horse of the Year at the same event.

Itlalah is currently at the Specifically Equine Center in Germany. She has produced two outstanding foals by Marajj. Her daughter, Modallalah Albadeia has gone to Dubai Stud and her son, Sarab Albadeia was sold to Al Athbah Stud in Saudi Arabia.

As part of Nasr's desire to explore all possibilities, he bred Sharav with his half sister, Simeon Safir by Asfour out of Simeon Safanad. Although this is a practice that Nasr usually doesn't use, in this case it produced a lovely filly who was sold to Asayel Stud in Kuwait.

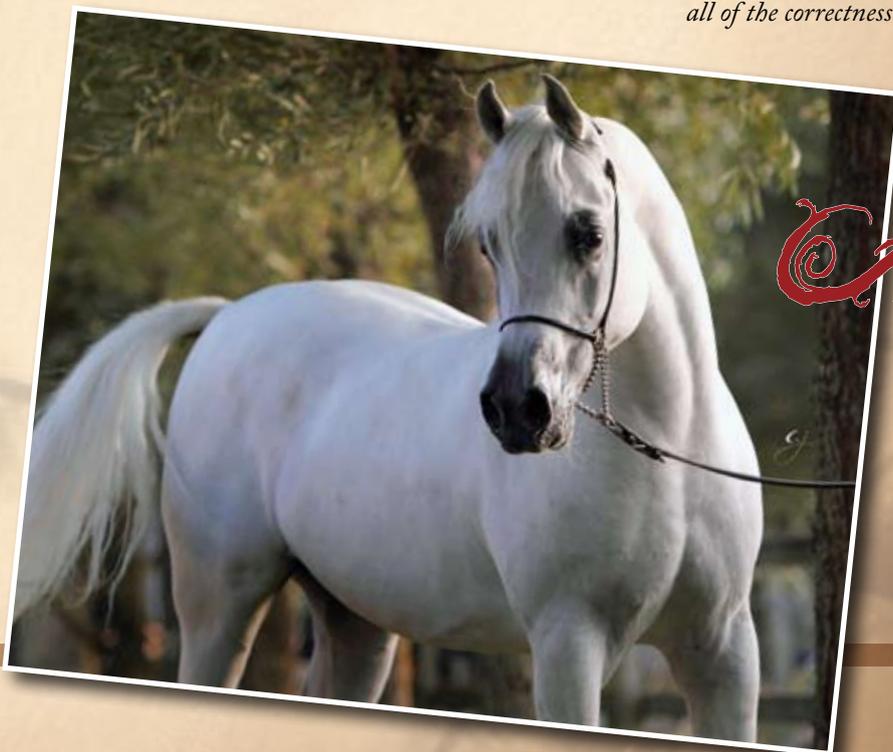


Galagel

ALBADEIA

(Imperial Madori x Anhar Albadeia)

One of Sharav's earliest sons was Haytham Albadeia out of Galagel Albadeia (Imperial Madori x Anhar Albadeia). Galagel is a full sister to the International and World Champion Mare Gelgelah Albadeia who is reigning at Halsdon Stud. Haytham, as well as all of Sharav's sons, bears a strong resemblance to the sire. He has all of the correctness of Sharav made even prettier through



Haytham

ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Galagel Albadeia)



Ghalia
ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Galagel Albadeia)

Nafeesa
ALBADEIA

(Saad Albadeia x Ghalia Albadeia)



Samer
ALBADEIA

(Haytham Albadeia x Sondos Albadeia)

the contributions of his dam. Haytham won the Reserve Championship Colt prize at the EAO Nationals in 2006. In Europe, among his other wins were: Reserve Stallion at Frankfurt and Champion Stallion at the Lanaken Egyptian Event. Among Haytham's get are: the stallion Samer Albadeia out of Sondos Albadeia and the filly, Tanheedah out of Simeon Safir.

A full sister to Haytham, Ghalia (Simeon Sharav x Galagel Albadeia) has produced the filly, Nefisa Albadeia by Saad Albadeia.

Asfour ALBADEIA
(Haytham Albadeia x Asfourat Albadeia)



Tankeedah
ALBADEIA
(Haytham Albadeia x Simeon Safir)





Tarmeemah ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Tamimat Albadeia)



Tammam ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Tamimat Albadeia)



Nabl ALBADEIA

(Ghaith Albadeia x Sahlalah Albadeia)

One of the most consistent producing mares on the farm is Tamimat Albadeia the 1998 daughter of Bar Sama Halim out of Aneesat Albadeia (Ameer Albadeia x Noor El Sabah) a Kayed daughter. She has been bred three times to Sharav all with outstanding results. Ghaith Albadeia was foaled in 2004. Ghaith is also a strong representative of his sire with a great resemblance to him. He is becoming one of the main sires at Albadeia and has most recently sired Nabl, a colt out of Sahlalah Albadeia.

Sharav's son, Tammam Albadeia '05 out of Tamimat, has become a great ambassador for this particular breeding. The classically elegant and correct Tammam began his show career in Egypt with a win of Egyptian National Colt in 2006 before going to Sharjah where he was Reserve Champion at the Sharjah Egyptian Event. He has become a great favorite at Al Bidayer Stud in Sharjah.

Among his wins have been Sharjah SE Junior and Senior Champion, UAE National Bronze Champion and most recently Ajman Bronze Champion in 2010. Tammam's full sister, Tarmeema Albadeia, won first place for foals at the Egyptian Nationals in 2006. She is now with Giovanni Pietrarrelli in Italy where she continued in the family tradition by winning Champion Mare at Trava-gliato Cavalli's Egyptian Event in Italy.

Tamimat
ALBADEIA

(Bar Sama Halim x Aneesat Albadeia)



Phaith
ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Tamimat Albadeia)





Sakeel

ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Sahlalah Albadeia)



Gamelk

ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Bashousha Albadeia)

Sajdah ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Aayat Albadeia)



Among some of the other get of Sharav are: Akram Albadeia, a stallion out of Aayat Albadeia and his full sister, Sajdah Albadeia who has been sold to Saudi Arabia. His son, Gamehh Albadeia is out of Basboosha Albadeia a daughter of two of the great horses at the farm, Farid Albadeia and Gelgelah Albadeia and is slated to be a breeding stallion. Another son of Sbarav, Sabeel Albadeia '06 out of Sablalah Albadeia (Bar Sama Halim x Naderat Albadeia) is already part of the breeding program at the farm. The mare Tarwasol is his daughter out of the exquisite Anhar Albadeia.

After making such a dramatic impact on the Albadeia program, Nasr agreed to a request from Ariela Arabians in Israel to lease Sharav to them for originally two breeding seasons.

They were convinced that Sharav could make a substantial contribution to their program. They discuss this in great detail in the accompanying story. In exchange, the great Laheeb (Imperial Imdal x A.K.Latifa) came to Albadeia for a season where he produced a group of foals that imprinted

his specific elegance and beauty onto the Albadeia mares. Currently, his half brother Mar- am (Imperial Imdal x The Vision) is in residence in Cairo. The typey high stepping bay stallion is currently being bred to a select group of mares at Nasr's farm.

Simeon Sharav continues to have great influence internationally. As Nasr points out the horses that have come from the stallion at Albadeia, he makes note of the Sharav look that is evident in every one of them. The character, the showmanship, the highly identifiable look all mark his get and grand get at the farm. Sharav's influence is spreading over Europe and the Middle East all in a continuation of his bloodline which has been influential from his ancestors in their lands of origin to the journey that he and his get continue even today. □



Akram ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Aayat Albadeia)



Tarwasol ALBADEIA

(Simeon Sharav x Anhar Albadeia)

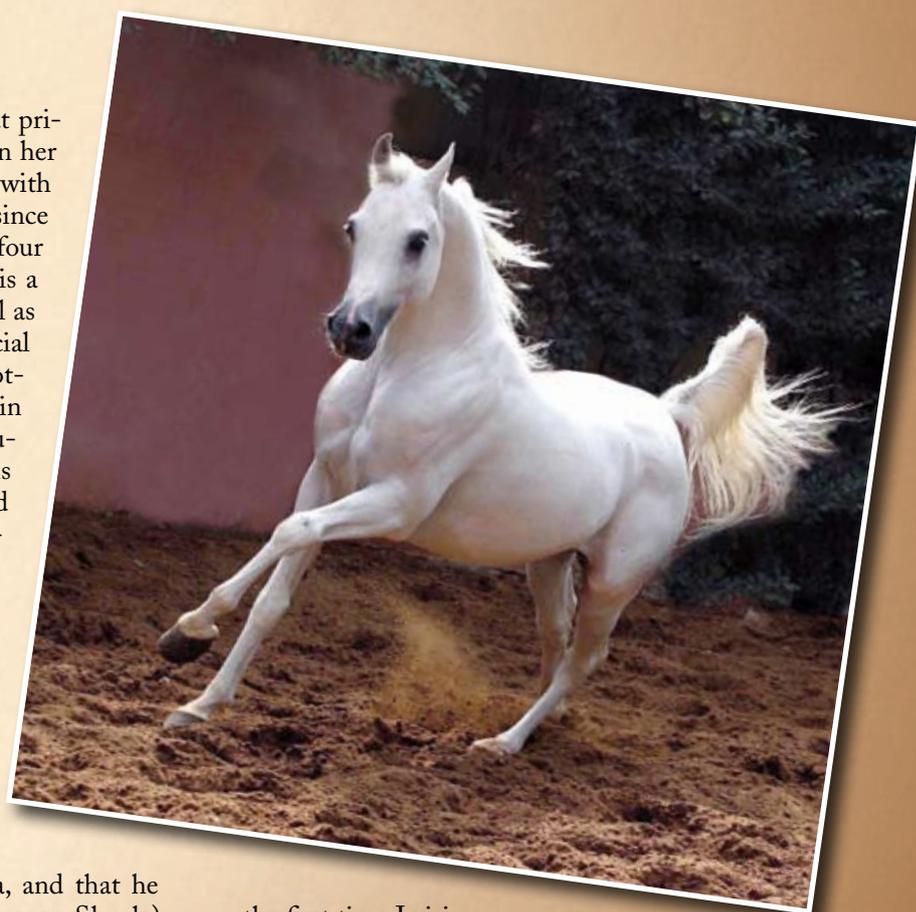


SIMEON *Sharav* at Ariela

by Chen Kedar ■ photos by S. Nissim, Nasr Marei

When I was a teenager, I had the great privilege of meeting Marion Richmond on her visit to Israel and have been impressed with and a student of the Simeon program since then. Of all Marion's horses, it was Asfour who I found most impressive. Asfour is a direct son of Malik, who came to Israel as an older horse; he always held a special place in my heart and I have never forgotten his special look. Malik left little get in Israel, including only a handful of daughters, and over the years, nothing of his blood remained in the Ariela herd. I had always hoped that one day we might re-infuse his blood through a horse such as Asfour, but it hardly seemed possible since Australia is so very far away. In 2006 I attended a horse show in Egypt and once again encountered these bloodlines, this time in the form of an amazing, fairytale snow white colt. This colt was so refined and so beautiful, that I just couldn't take my eyes off him. I found out that his name was Tammam Albadeia, and that he was sired by Simeon Sharav (out of Simeon Shuala), a son of the legendary Asfour. This unforgettable colt was bred by Dr. Nasr Marei and had just been sold to the Emirates.

Another breeding program that I admired for a long time is Dr. Marei's Albadeia Stud in Egypt. I think



the first time I visited this stud was in 1988. I loved the horses and the warm Marei family. In late 2007, in an email to Dr. Marei, I inquired whether he knew of a good breeding stallion that we could bring on lease to Israel for our program. He kindly offered us his

own beloved Simeon Sharav, and I think it took no more than ten minutes to close the deal that eventually brought Sharav to Israel and sent Laheeb and Al Ma- raam to Egypt.

There is so much we love about Sharav. Of all the stal- lions we have ever leased, he is the kindest, gentlest and most trustworthy. Yet, gentle as he is, Sharav is very much a stallion and always “on”, and he always comes out of his stall with his tail up, his charisma showing and an attitude demanding, “Which way to the show today?” Pedigree-wise, Sharav is interesting for several reasons, not only because of the close-up blood of Ma- lik and Hanan through Asfour. We like the fact that he is a maternal grandson of the incredible show horse and influential international sire Simeon Shai, and his ma- ternal granddam, Ramses Tina, is a rare daughter of the very valuable stallion Ramses Fayek, who was greatly renowned for his very balanced and athletic progeny. Sharav’s dam traces back in tail female to an important foundation mare, the celebrated Sheikh El Arab daugh- ter Yashmak out of Bint Rissala.

Like Malik and Asfour before him, Sharav has small,

perfectly-set thorn-like ears. His large, fiery eyes are very prominently set, his forehead is exceptionally wide, his jowls large and masculine, his muzzle and nostrils chiseled and refined. Sharav has a magnificent front end featuring a long and very clean and well-shaped neck and a beautifully angled shoulder of great depth. He is very smooth and elegant all over and particularly strong and level behind, all of this beautifully accented by that perfectly-carried tail.

Sharav sired about thirty foals in Israel during his first two seasons with us, and some have done very well at our local shows. He surpassed our expectations by pas- sing on his attributes, particularly the showy attitude and exceptional tail carriage, to every one of his foals. In the end Nasr was generous enough to extend Sharav’s lease so that we could produce more foals for the Ari- ela program, and this season we are using him to cover some of our very finest mares, including The Vision HG, Al Halah AA, Baraaqa AA, and Sanniyah RCA, to name a few. We are looking forward to some great foals that will insure that this valuable blood is retained in the Ariela herd. □





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