

American Guild of Judaic Arts Jewish Art and Israel @ 2019 Israel Study Tour November 4 – 14, 2019

Sunday, November 3, 2019

DEPARTURE

- Departure from the United States.

Day 1: Monday, November 4, 2019

Note: The first day's itinerary is subject to change depending on the flight arrival.

BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME!

- Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport**, with assistance by a Makor Educational Journeys representative
- Meet your guide and proceed north to the Jezreal Valley.
- *Jewish and Israeli Art – Where do they Connect?*, trip introduction session.
- Lunch on own
- Tour with the curator of **Mishkan Museum of Art, Ein Harod**, which houses a rich set of collections of Jewish art, Israeli art, and Judaica. “What is Israeli Art”
- Drive to the Sea of Galilee and check in to the hotel.
- Festive **welcome dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: HaOn Village Hotel, Sea of Galilee



Day 2: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

GALILEAN SYNAGOGUES

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Compare and contrast the architecture and art of Galilean synagogues, focusing on the **synagogues at Capernaum and Hamat Tiberias** and exploring some of the motifs in both synagogues and their manifestation in Jewish life when the synagogues functioned and today.
- Drive to Safed.
- Lunch on own in Safed.
- Guided tour of synagogue architecture and art in Safed, including the **Abuhav, Ari and Karo Synagogues**.
- **Counterparts I: The Artists of Safed** – visits to two of the following artists and/or studios:
 - **David Friedman's** "Kosmic Kabbala Art", whose art translates Kabbalistic concepts into graphic shapes and colors
 - **Avraham Lowenthal**, whose art focuses on universal spiritual concepts of the Kabbalah
 - **Canaan Gallery** – Orna and Yair Mor, creators of handwoven fabric art.
 - **Daniel Flatauer** – Beit HaKadar – The Potters House – an exploration of Judaism and clay
 - **Reli Wasser**, a multi-disciplinary Jewish-themed artist.
 - **Josh Brude**, a Judaica silversmith
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel followed by an Artists Dialogue with Galilean artist **Ruth Kestenbaum Ben Dov**, who says about her art: "Painting is a lifetime commitment, a source of inspiration and a continual challenge. Observation of reality keeps me focused, providing a foundation for journeys exploring multilevel identities, histories, and even languages, with text playing a role in many of my works."

Overnight: HaOn Village Hotel, Sea of Galilee



Day 3: Wednesday, November 6, 2019

ECLECTIC ART

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive across the Galilee to Klil.
Ethiopian Jewish art transmits a lot of information about their culture and values. Meet with **Dorit Katzir** and one of the 8 Ethiopian-Israeli artisans Dorit represents at her Klil home gallery: *From Traditional to Trendy*.
- Travel to Haifa.
- Lunch on own.
- Visit the **Pyramida Center** in Haifa, which is a combination of artist's studios and a gallery intended to promote contemporary visual arts and the exchange between Israeli and international artists. Explore the open studios and meet with artists and the center, which currently houses the studios of eleven artists who have the chance to work there for a two-year period.
- **Counterparts II:** Drive to the **Ein Hod Artists' Colony**, for counterpart visits to artists in their studios (the group will split up into pairs or small groups of three). <http://ein-hod.info/artists/artists.htm>
- Drive to Jerusalem.
- Stop at the **Haas Promenade** for a welcome ceremony and an opportunity to recite the traditional Shehecheyanu blessing overlooking the Old City.
- Check in to the hotel, followed by a free evening and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 4: Thursday, November 7, 2019

MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Holocaust in our Art*, with **Eliad Moreh Rosenberg**, Curator and Art Department Director at Yad Vashem.
- **Yad Vashem:** Guided visit of the art and sculpture garden, featuring works done during the Holocaust, by Holocaust survivors and contemporary artists about the Holocaust.
- Lunch on own
- Step into another world and visit the quaint neighborhood/artists' quarter of **Ein Karem**, tucked into the hills of Jerusalem, and meet with artist and herbalist, **Hadar Kleidman**, who engages in a variety of ancient crafts and who started the "BeChefetz Kapeha" (Willingly with her Hands) ancient crafts house, with the goal of teaching and preserving ancient knowledge designed in the spirit of bygone days. Enjoy demonstrations using ancient/folk techniques of basketry, wool, weaving, knitting, natural cosmetics, and herbalism.
- *Our Jewish Journeys*, a dialogue with artists **Dov Abramson** and **Arik Weiss** on their art, their Judaism and the paths they are traveling. <https://www.arikweiss.com/> <http://www.dovabramsonstudio.com>
- Return to the hotel for free time and dinner on your own.

Overnight: Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 5: Friday, November 8, 2019

JEWISH CULTURE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **The Israel Museum:** Full morning in-depth visit to the Mandel Wing of Jewish Life that presents the religious and secular material culture of Jewish communities worldwide, spanning from the middle ages to the present day, and explore the open and closed collections, as well as meet with some of the artists involved in re-construction and display.
- Lunch on own, followed by free time for personal exploration and meeting colleagues and friends.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at one of Jerusalem's synagogues or the Kotel (Western Wall).
- **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel or home hospitality with Judaica Artists.

Overnight: Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 6: Saturday, November 9, 2019

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM: GOD IS IN THE DETAILS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Opportunity for Shabbat services at various synagogues, maps and directions will be provided.
- Lunch on own (*lunch will be available at the hotel for an additional cost*).
- Jerusalem is unlike any other city in the world, where many design patterns of diverse national, religious and ethnic cultures blend harmoniously in a cosmopolitan melting pot. Guided **walking tour of Jerusalem's** multicultural design motifs in the Old City and west Jerusalem neighborhoods.
- **Havdallah** overlooking the Old City.
- View **"King David"**, a Tower of David Museum nighttime experience that depicts the story of David—from shepherd to king—who comes to life in a completely new cinematic production projected onto the walls and archaeological excavations of the ancient citadel.
- Dinner on own, followed by a free evening in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem



Day 7: Sunday, November 10, 2019

DAY AT LEISURE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional tours: *(not included in price)*
 - Full-day guided visit through the **Old City**, including both the Christian and Jewish Quarters
 - At the Conegliano Veneto Synagogue and **U. Nahon Museum of Italian Jewish Art**, housed in what used to be The German Catholic Institution, visitors will find a treasure of Italian Jewish art
 - Guided tour at the **Jerusalem Artists' House**, situated in the historic building that once housed the Bezalel School of Arts and Crafts, the precursor of the Bezalel Academy for Arts and Design and the basis of the Israel Museum's collection
 - **Nachlaot or Mamilla Art Tour**: tour a Jerusalem neighborhood that hosts multicultural and multi-generational populations, a microcosm of Israeli culture.
 - Visit the **Wolfson Museum of Jewish Art**, located in Heichal Shlomo, the seat of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate. The conceptual narrative of the museum is "the One and the Oneness", showing Jewish life as a delicate and intricate tapestry of relations between the individual and the community.
 - Day trip to the **Dead Sea and Masada**, including a dialogue with one of the artists who recently helped reconstruct the frescos atop Masada.
- Lunch and dinner on own and free time in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem Tower Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 8: Monday, November 11, 2019

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ART

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Meeting with goldsmith, **Janet Berg**: Chanukiyah Chinuchit (the Educational Chanukiyah) Workshop with Kol HaOt, which imparts Jewish values, texts and history through a creative synthesis of the visual and performing arts, with David Moss and Matt Berkowitz.
- **Counterparts III: Hutzot HaYotzer**: Personal encounters in the studios of Judaica artists working in different media: *Is There an Israeli Judaica?* <http://artistscolony.co.il/category/artists>
- Lunch on own in Machane Yehuda.
- Meeting with New Spirit (Ruach Hadasha) at **Beit Alliance**, located right near Machane Yehuda, and meet some of Israel's future sources of creativity in this home for art, intellect, and ingenuity.
- Visit the **Bezalel School of Art and Design** for a special program with faculty and staff on new directions in Israeli and art and art education.
- Proceed to **Tel Aviv**.
- Stop at the **Flam Winery** en route to Tel Aviv for wine tasting.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Free time in Tel Aviv with dinner on own
 - Israeli artists will be invited to join small groups for dinner.

Overnight: Sea Net Hotel, Tel Aviv



Day 9: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

CREATING A HEBREW AESTHETIC

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided visit through the Israeli Art wing of the **Tel Aviv Museum of Art**, with the chief curator of the Museum.
- The **Rubin Museum** is the former residence of the Israeli painter Reuven Rubin, displaying paintings from the permanent collection representing the different periods in Rubin's artistic development. The tour will be guided by his daughter-in-law, Carmela Rubin.
- Lunch on own in **Nachalat Binyamin**, which, over the past two decades, has become synonymous with quality Israeli crafts and folk art. The market is comprised of over 100 stands representing specialty crafts and folk art in virtually every medium imaginable: wood, stone, sand, glass, ceramics, various metals with most if not all containing materials or themes found only in Israel.
- *Tel Aviv: the First Hebrew City and the Bauhaus Gem*, guided walk down **Rothschild Blvd**, a quasi "open-air Bauhaus museum" lined with many buildings designed by 1930's European immigrant architects influenced by the work of the architectural "International Style," overlaid on top of Ahuzat Bayit, the foundations of modern Tel Aviv, with architect and guide Abraham Silver.
- Dinner on own, with a free evening in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Sea Net Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 10: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

THE CREATIVE DIVERSITY OF SOUTH TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Creative Faces of Jaffa*, visits to several people/places in **Jaffa** that show different aspects of its aesthetics. Possible choice :
 - The **Jewish Yemenite Art & Culture Museum** is part of a whole complex, consisting of a gallery, that exhibits the original, hand-crafted, traditional Yemenite Jewish filigree jewelry and Judaica pieces made by Ben Zion David
 - **Serge Tiroche**, founder of START, Israel's art Incubator and, co-founder of Tiroche
 - **DeLeon Collection**, the first Art Fund modeled on a private collection
 - **Gabrieli** hand-woven ritual items
 - **Adina Plastelina** specializes in the design of sterling silver and gold jewelry combined with polymer clay, handcrafted using the ancient technique of 'Millefiori', which means 'a thousand flowers' in Italian
 - **8 in Jaffa**, a gallery for contemporary Israeli ceramics near the Jaffa flea market
 - **Farkash Gallery**, with rare, original Israeli posters
- Lunch on own at **Beit Kandinof**, a new space of creative art and food, followed by a masterclass by one of their many artists in residence (jewelry, ritual art etc).
- **Counterparts IV**: preplanned visits to studios throughout Tel Aviv in pairs or small groups, exploring areas of art and creativity of specific interest to participants. Artists to be determined by participant's interests.
- Free time and dinner on own.

Overnight: Sea Net Hotel, Tel Aviv



Day 11: Thursday, November 14, 2019

INTO THE FUTURE

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
- *Designing the Future*, meet with students and faculty at the **Avni Institute of Art and Design** or **Shenkar School of Design**.
- *Art as a Social Force*, with artist and art historian, **Shirel Horowitz**.
- Lunch on own and free time for personal exploration and meeting colleagues and friends.
- Farewell **cocktail and dinner** at the home of world renown Judaica collector **Bill Gross** and his artist wife, **Linda Sperber**, with a discussion of Jewish art, Israel and the significance of Judaica in contemporary Jewish life.
- Proceed to Ben Gurion International Airport for return flight to the United States.

Overnight: Flight

Friday, November 15, 2019

DEPARTURE

- Return flight to the United States.

ARRIVE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES

