

Beth Jacob of Mendota Heights Study Trip to Israel Led by Rabbi Morris Allen December 25, 2018 – January 6, 2019

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Tuesday December 25, 2018

DEPARTURE

- Departure from the United States.

Overnight: Flight

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

ARRIVAL - ברוכים הבאים

- 9:50 am Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport**, with assistance by a Makor Educational Journeys representative.
- Ascend to **Jerusalem** via the Judean Hills.
 - Stop at the **Haas Promenade** overlooking the Old City to recite the traditional Shehecheyanu blessing.
 - Behind-the-scenes guided tasting tour of **Mahane Yehuda Market** with culinary expert, **Avigail Kuperman**, comparing and contrasting Jewish culture and customs through the foods, the people and the life of the market.
 - Check in to the hotel.
 - Festive welcome dinner and orientation.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem



Thursday, December 27, 2018

THE LONG PATH TOWARDS TOLERANCE, PLURALISM, MUTUAL DEPENDENCE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Overview of the multicultural and multiethnic life in Israel with the Tour Educator.
- Depart the hotel.
- **Azarat Yisrael: What Now?**, with **Yizhar Hess**, Executive Director of the Masorti Movement.
- Short visit to the Kotel Plaza and **Azarat Yisrael**. (*time permitting*)
- *What is a Model for Jewish Leadership?* Guided text study while walking through the **Davidson Archaeological Park** at the base of the Temple Mount.
- Lunch on your own.
- Visit the **Bilal fabric shop** in the Old City, which sells imported Syrian fabrics to Hasidic Jews, Christian clergymen and Muslim imams.
- Return to the hotel.
- Meet with Fishman Fellowship recipient **Yehuda Greenfield-Gil'at** on his vision of how Jews and Arabs will share the future Jerusalem.
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, December 28, 2018

CARING FOR OTHERS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Jewish Responsibility in a Jewish State*, meet with **Elan Ezrachi**, community activist and the author of "Awakened Dream - 50 Years of Complex Unification of Jerusalem" (in Hebrew).
- Visit the **Melabev Center** in Givat Masua, for a morning with staff and residents, exploring some of the cutting-edge methodologies developed and implemented at Melabev for the support of Alzheimer's patients and their families.
- Free afternoon to explore Jerusalem as residents prepare for Shabbat, with lunch on own.
- Kabbalat Shabbat with the **Conservative Yeshiva**.
- Home hospitality Shabbat dinner at families' homes in the Conservative community.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem



Saturday (Shabbat), December 29, 2018

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services at one of Jerusalem's synagogues.
- Lunch at the Fuchsberg Center, with Executive Director, **Dr. Stephen Arnoff**.
- **The Poet and the Windmill**, a guided walk through Yemin Moshe using the poetry of Yehudah Amichai as a guide.
- Havdallah overlooking over the Old City.
- Dinner on own and a free evening in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, December 30, 2018

ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS @2019

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive north to the northern West Bank, Samaria.
- Visit the current capital of the Palestinian Authority, **Ramallah**, and meet with Palestinian political and business leaders, as well as local students.
- *My Home in Samaria*, visit the settlement of **Psagot** for a discussion with settlement representatives about their lives and dreams in the Judean and Samaritan Heartland, followed by lunch and wine tasting at **Psagot Winery**.
- *My Home in Palestine*, visit **Rawabi**, the new Palestinian city north of Ramallah, for a glimpse at this unique project, a synthesis between private enterprise and public resources to create a new urban reality in Palestinian society, and meet with developer **Bashar el Masri**.
- Return to Jerusalem for a processing session at the hotel.
- Dinner and evening on own.

Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem



Monday, December 31, 2018

LOD: DIVERSITY OR DISUNITY?

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for Lod.
- Visit the **Ramat Eshkol Jewish Arab Community Center** for a special program with **Faaten el Zinati**, the community center director, and staff for a glimpse into the challenging relationships between Jews and Arabs in Lod, including home visits.
- Continue to **Tech Career**, a special program designed to help new immigrant and second generation **Ethiopian Israelis** enter the innovation and high tech arena.
- Depart for northern Israel via the Trans-Israel Highway, with lunch on own en route.
- Visit the **Yemin Orde Youth Village** in the Carmel Mountains, which has become home to both new immigrant child Israelis and children of asylum seekers.
- Continue to Tiberias.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel, followed by a free evening in Tiberias.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ein Gev Resort

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

PARTNERSHIP 2GETHER

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Full-day visit to the **Tiberias Partnership2Gether** region including visits to:
 - the Poriah Hospital
 - special partnership projects
 - one or more of the Arab villages in the region
- Lunch at Kinneret College with college president, **Professor Shimon Gepstein**.
- *A Tale of Two Graves*, visit the graves of **Rabbi Meir Baal HaNess** in Tiberias and **Rachel the Poet** in the Kinneret Cemetery for a glimpse into two of Israel's populations (ultra-Orthodox and secular) and how they view Jewish tradition, the Land of Israel and the State of Israel.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ein Gev Resort



Wednesday, January 2, 2019

JEWISH CREATIVITY IN THE LOWER GALILEE: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

- Breakfast at the hotel with Mayor of Tiberias, **Yosef Ben David**.
- Drive through the Lower Galilee to Kibbutz Hanaton.
- *Leadership and Commitment in the Jewish World: Israel as a Case Study*, participate in a Beit Midrash program with the Masorti Mechina (pre-army academy) at **Kibbutz Hanaton**, led by **Rabbi Yoav Ende**.
- Visit **Zippori** for a guided visit through the site, both above and underground, exploring where the great Rabbi Yehudah Hanassi led the codification of the Mishna.
- Continue to **Tel Aviv**.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Dinner on own, followed by a free evening in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Prima City Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday, January 3, 2019

TEL AVIV: THE HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided walk through **Neve Zedek**, exploring some of the origins of Tel Aviv while walking through the gentrified neighborhood with its stories and galleries, concluding at the **Neve Shechter Center** and synagogue of Neve Zedek for a discussion on the unique role played by Neve Shechter as a non-Orthodox center in the heart of Tel Aviv, with **Rabbi Roberto Arbiv**.
- Continue to south Tel Aviv for a visit to the **Eliphelet Center**, which cares for children of asylum seekers, and speak with both staff and parents for a glimpse into the challenges and small triumphs of Israel's asylum seeking community.
- Optional guided walk from Ahuzat Bayit, where the city of Tel Aviv began, through the UNESCO White City and concluding in one of Israel's global innovation hubs – all along **Rothschild Blvd**.
- Return to the hotel
- Dinner on own and a free evening in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Prima City Hotel, Tel Aviv



Friday, January 4, 2019

ISRAELI IDENTITIES

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Defining Identity in Israeli Society—The Israeli and the Jew: Who Are We?*, a discussion with scholar **Rachel Korazim**, at the hotel.
- Visit **Independence Hall**, site of the signing of Israel's Declaration of Independence.
- *A Tel Aviv Shabbat/weekend*, walking tour exploring **graffiti** in the alleyways of Tel Aviv, galleries, beneath-the-surface in Florentine, the American Colony, and the people who make it all happen.
- Free time to enjoy Tel Aviv as residents prepare for Shabbat.
- Shabbat candle lighting time.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at one of the Conservative synagogues in Tel Aviv or on your own as a community at the hotel.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel with special guest and St. Paul native **Jessica Fishman**, whose Aliyah experiences she published into the witty novel "*Chutzpah and High Heels*".

Overnight: Prima City Hotel, Tel Aviv

Shabbat, January 5, 2019

A TEL AVIV SHABBAT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services at a local Tel Aviv synagogue.
- Optional Shabbat lunch at the hotel.
- Day at leisure or optional walking tour along **Bialik St.**, including a visit to the Reuven Rubin Art Museum and the old Tel Aviv City Hall.
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol*, group **Havdallah**, followed by a wrap-up discussion.
- Festive **farewell dinner** at a Tel Aviv restaurant.
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Sunday, January 6, 2019

DEPARTURE

- Return flight to the United States.

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