

# Temple Emunah Trip to Israel

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February 12 - 24, 2019

**Day 1: Tuesday February 12, 2019**

### DEPARTURE

- **Depart** USA on flight El-Al 016 from Boston in the evening, direct to Israel.

**Overnight: Flight**

**Day 2: Wednesday February 13, 2019**

### ARRIVAL

- 2:45 PM Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport**, with assistance from a Makor Educational Journeys representative.
- Opportunity to change money and collect pre-ordered cellphone.
- Drive to Tel Aviv and check in to the hotel.
- Festive **Welcome Dinner** at the hotel.
- *Optional* walk along promenade after dinner.

**Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv**

**Day 3: Thursday February 14, 2019**

### TO THE FIRST HEBREW CITY IN 2000 YEARS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Optional* Tefillah/Run.  
**Option I**
- Holon
- Children's Museum <http://www.childrensmuseum.org.il/eng/>
- Invitation to Silence
- Dialogue in the Dark
- Ron Arad Design Museum
- Ayalon Institute in Rehovot
- Beit Guvrin Dig
- Return to Tel Aviv



**Option 2**

- Graffiti Tour in Florentine
- *Family Scavenger Hunt* along **Rothschild Boulevard**, connecting the origins of Tel Aviv and Tel Aviv's UNESCO White City Bauhaus

**Option 3**

- Haifa for students and families with Me'ir Sherer (take grades 5-7, ~ 15-20 people to Haifa)
- Free time and dinner on your own.
- *Optional night tour*

**Overnight: Royal Beach, Tel Aviv**

**Day 4: Friday February 15, 2019**

**BEN GURION'S DREAM: IN TEL AVIV AND THE NEGEV**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out and depart the hotel.

**Option 1**

- Guided visit to Bialik Street for a glimpse into one of Tel Aviv's hidden gems, with the **Bialik and Rubin Houses** and Tel Aviv's first **City Hall**.
- Visit the **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Market** and outdoor Carmel Fruit and Vegetable Market.
- Depart for the Negev Desert.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Nabatean City of **Avdat** with historo drama for kids.

**Option 2**

- **Graffiti Tour** in Florentine.
- Depart for the Negev Desert.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- In **Sde Boker**, visit founding father David Ben Gurion's home, museum, and grave for a glimpse into the life and dreams of Israel's first Prime Minister, whose powerful message about the Negev is pulling more people southward than ever before.
- Check in to the hotel in Mitzpe Ramon and prepare for Shabbat.
- Shabbat Candle Lighting at 5:07 pm, with **Group Photo**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** overlooking the **Ramon Crater**.
- Festive Shabbat Dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon**



**Day 5: Shabbat (Saturday) February 16, 2019**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Opportunity for morning massage, run, yoga, meditation
- Morning **Spiritual Desert Walk** along the rim of the Ramon Crater with Psukei D'Zimrah and Shahrut, overlooking the Makhtesh (crater), returning to the hotel for the Torah Reading. (*two walking levels will be offered*)
- Kiddush
- **Receive the Torah Anew** – Reminiscent of Mount Sinai – Torah Reading and Haftarah.
- Festive Shabbat Lunch at the hotel.
- Free time to enjoy the world class spa, pool, and hotel surroundings.
- Late afternoon **Learning Session** with Rabbi Lerner and Me'ir Sherer.
- **Havdallah**
- **Melavah Malka** and dinner.
- **Night Hike** with flashlights and Star Gazing

**Overnight: Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon**

**Day 6: Sunday February 19, 2017,**

**A MOSAIC OF ISRAELI SOCIETY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Morning Options**
- **Option I** – Bike on the rim of the Crater
- **Option II** – Rappel down the side of the Crater
- **Option III** – Run or Walk along the edge of the Crater
- **Option IV** – Drive into the Crater for a quick visit to the Carpentry Shop Rock Formation
- **Option V** – Rest and relax at the hotel

**Alternative Morning**

- **Option I** – Take part in an Off-road Jeep Quest in the heart of the Ramon Crater, in small groups aboard jeeps, including mini missions and objectives leading to a final destination.
- **Option II** - Rest and relax at the hotel
- Drive through the Negev Desert to the Arava
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Outward Bound ODT program on the **Shacharut Dunes**.
- Hill on way down to Eilat.
- Trust-falls and bonding activities.
- Continue to Eilat and check in to the hotel.
- Dinner on your own in Eilat.

**Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat**



**Day 7: Monday February 18, 2019**

**STRATEGIES FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL**

- Breakfast at the hotel.

**Option 1**

- Full day of **Fun in the Sun** in Eilat, possibilities include:
  - Underwater Coral Reef Observatory
  - Eilat Dolphin Reef (possible to swim with dolphins from age 8)
  - Full or half day on a Yacht in Eilat Bay.
  - Full range of Water Sports – parasailing, water skiing, banana boating, etc.

**Option 2**

- Early morning departure for the Yitzhak Rabin Border Crossing.
- Cross the border into Jordan.
- Drive through the Jordanian Araba Desert to **Petra**.
- Guided visit through the 2000-year-old Nabatean City of Petra, carved out of red rock, including a walk through the Siq to the Treasury and a walk (possibly on donkeys) through the main street of Petra to the Basin, with lunch at the Basin restaurant.
- Return to Nebi Musa (modern Petra) and board the bus for return drive to the Araba border crossing.
- Cross into Israel and transfer to the hotel.

- Dinner on your own in Eilat.

**Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat**

**Day 8: Tuesday February 19, 2019**

**NATURE, SECURITY, SPIRITUALITY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Adults and Older Children** meet Israeli General Baruch Spiegel and Jordanian General Monsour Abu lyad, who were the respective Israeli and Jordanian military advisors to Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein, for a program on war, peace and cross border cooperation.
  - **Children** to Underwater Observatory
- Back to hotel, with lunch on own.
- Jeep ride to the Red Canyon and Three Border Tour in the Eilat Hills (Jordan, Egypt and Israel).
- Timna
- Return to Eilat
- Festive Desert Dinner

**Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Eilat**



**Day 9: Wednesday February 20, 2019**

**JEWISH RESPONSIBILITY, YESTERDAY AND TODAY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive through the Arava to Masada.
- Program at Kibbutz Keturah.
- Lunch at Masada or on beach at Dead Sea
- Drive to Jerusalem
- Shehecheyanu on Mount Scopus
- Check in to the hotel
- Free time and dinner on your own

**Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem**

**Day 10: Thursday February 21, 2019**

**B'NAI MITZVAH ON THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Tfilat Shoharit and **B'nai Mitzvah** service at the **Egalitarian Kotel** - Robinson's Arch, followed by a guided visit through the Davidson Archaeological Garden, led by the B'nai Mitzvah.
- Stop at the **Kotel (Western Wall)** for a reflection by Rabbi Lerner, followed by time for meditation and prayer.
- Descend to the **City of David**, in order to go back another thousand years, for a guided visit through some of the newest excavations in Jerusalem, with Bible in hand, in separate groups, adults and youth.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Program with **Kol HaOt**.

**Option I**

- Visit **Yad Be Yad – Hand in Hand**, bilingual school in southern Jerusalem, for a special program with teachers and students on creating a new narrative in a multi-narrative environment.

**Option II**

- Special program with **Kids4Peace** and a chance to meet Jewish, Christian, and Muslim kids, who are part of one of the most inspirational and hopeful peace projects in Israel, as well as the founder of Kids4Peace.
- Return to the hotel for free time and some rest.
- Special program at **Beit Alliance**, and innovation and creativity hub next to the Shuk (Machaneh Yehuda), followed by dinner on your own in the shuk.

**Option III**

- Special program with **Al Mishmar HaKnesset** of the **Israeli Masorti Movement**. This could be one of the following:



- Group visit to the **Knesset** with a representative from Al Mishmar HaKnesset
- Meet a representative from Al Mishmar HaKnesset after Option I or Option II, at the hotel.

**Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem**

**Day 11: Friday February 22, 2019**

**MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Adults:** *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary State of Israel*, a dialogue with **Rachel Korazim**
  - **Youth:** **The Israeli Lens** Photography Project, in the vicinity of the hotel.
- Visit **Yad Vashem**, the National Memorial to the Six Million Jews Killed in the Holocaust, including the Avenue of the Righteous, with parallel programming for adults and youth, as well as an opportunity for return visitors to visit the **Art Museum** and Room of Great Questions.
  - **Children:** Special program at the **Israel Museum Youth Wing**.
- Continue to **Machaneh Yehudah** Market as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat, with Israel Lens III, followed by a walk through Israel's most pluralistic neighborhood, Nachlaot.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Shabbat Candle Lighting at 4:52 pm
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** overlooking the Kotel in the Old City.
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem**

**Day 12: Shabbat, February 23, 2019**

**SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Shabbat Morning Services.
- Lunch at the hotel.
- Depart for the **Old City** of Jerusalem for a guided walk from **Jaffa Gate** along the **Rooftops of the Old City** for a bird's eye view of the **Temple Mount** and continue into the **Jewish Quarter** for a **Scavenger Hunt** through Hurva Square, exploring Jewish life 2000 years ago and today, followed by an optional tour of the Christian Quarter.

**Additional Adult Options**

- **Agnon in Jerusalem** – Walk through the streets of central Jerusalem, using the writings of Shmuel Yosef Agnon, Israel's first Nobel Laureate, as a guide, exploring the Jerusalem of over 100 years ago, its differences and similarities to today.
- **The Poet and the Windmill** – Guided walk through **Yemin Moshe** with the poetry of Yehudah Amichai.
- **The New Israel Museum** – Visit the Israel Museum, its model of Jerusalem during the days of the Second Temple and the Dead Sea Scrolls, followed by an opportunity to visit the Jewish Life and Living, Archaeology, Israeli Art and Design exhibits and much more.



- **The German Colony of Jerusalem** – Walk through the German Colony, built by the German Templars in the late 1800's, with its unique buildings and stories that have become part of Jerusalem's lore.
- **Christian Jerusalem** – Guided visit through the Christian Quarter, including part of the Via Delorosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.
- Guided walk to the **Hill of Mistaken Identities**, where nothing is what it seems, at Mount Zion.

#### **Youth Options**

- Sports afternoon in Liberty Bell Park with Noam Youth.
- Free time for rest and relaxation.
  
- Meet to leave hotel and travel to **Havdallah**.
- Concluding Program and Sharing: *What this Experience Has Meant to Me*.
- Festive **Farewell Dinner** in Blaustein Hall in Beit Shimshon overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem.
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport.

#### **Overnight: Flight**

#### **Day 13: Sunday February 24, 2019**

##### **DEPARTURE**

- 12:05 AM Departure flight to Boston, arriving at 5:30 AM

