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Meandering with Makor

## What We Do



#### Makor

Makor means Source. Makor offers Israel experiences that go to the source, wherever the source may be found. In this sense, it is radical travel. Makor searches out the roots of sites, the origins of stories, what is unique and original in the people that make up this special land. Just as a good journalist wants to get to THE SOURCE, a serious educational travel experience must dig deep under the surface for clues and leads. That is what we do at Makor.



### **Versatility**

Makor specializes in versatility. Makor prides itself in being able to speak almost any language that you will find here in Israel: the language of the right wing and peace activists, the language of secular spirituality and religious pluralism, the language of the Ultra-Orthodox community fighting to preserve a traditional Jewish lifestyle, the languages of peace and conflict — of Israeli Arabs and Palestinians — and any of the other multitude of voices that make up the mosaic of Israeli society.



### **Open Minded**

At Makor we spend a significant part of each year on the road trying to find new people and new places that nobody knows about, but who are, nevertheless, people of substance, making their mark on Israeli life. We are Zionists in the broad sense of the word and have no political or religious ideology. We do, however, have an educational ideology to open up Israel and the Jewish World to everyone. Great education, like great journalism, can't have ideological blinders.



## **Originality**

In modern Hebrew "Makor" has a nuance that means "original." We look for the most possible original ideas to begin our planning process — we don't re-invent the wheel where it is tried and true, but we will always look for an original approach to any project we address. We pride ourselves on listening to our clients' ideas and translating them into original, workable and enriching itineraries.



#### Fun

Fun is a serious issue at Makor. We search out adventures which bring smiles and make for good memories. Biking, Jeeping and ATVing, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Hiking, Rafting, getting lost in Escape Rooms, Arts and Crafts, Group Challenges and even nice walks along the beach — all age appropriate and geared for having a great time.



### **Creativity**

Just because someone doesn't know a lot about Israel doesn't mean he or she doesn't have the tools to understand. Tour educators, creators and facilitators will work hard to meet you where you are, and then to take you to where you want to go. That takes creativity. At Makor, we try to grab the creative impulse that comes from a big picture, deep exploration and of course, a willing spirit.

Maker's Journeys

#### The Hartman Institute

Rembrandt and the Rabbis

A trip to Amsterdam, Antwerp and The Hague

Rome and the Galilee: Two Lands, One Culture

With JTS in Rome and Israel

Family Trip to Israel

Specialized Family Adventure

Temple Emeth

Temple Beth-El of Great Neck Israel Adventure

The Wexner Foundation Institute in Israel

Touching the Spirit and Soul of Israel



#### Bus 2

# THE LEGACIES OF THE SIX DAY WAR 50 YEARS LATER

- A Jerusalem tour led by 2 personalities holding opposite ideologies and narratives who will share their perspectives and memories of the Six Day War as well as its legacy and ramifications for Jerusalem.
- **8:00 AM** Depart Shalom Hartman Institute.
- 9:30 AM Depart for Mount of Olives for a dual narrative tour through Jerusalem with Eliezer Yaari, former CEO, New Israel Fund (left) and Herzi Makov, Director, Menahem Begin Heritage Center and former Cabinet Secretary for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir (right).

#### Route:

- Agnon House, Talpiot
- Ramat Rachel for overview of Zur Baher and the Olive Tree Memorial.

- Begin Center overlooking the Old City and Temple Mount
- Abu Tor overview of both the Seam Zone Barrier and the City of David.
- Descend into the Kidron Valley and drive toward the Old City.
- **Davidson Center**, with a visit to the egalitarian Kotel
- Kotel and conclude with a view from the roof of the Austrian Hospice.
- 3:00 PM Liberated or Occupied: Where to Jerusalem — Conclusion with SHI Fellow Meir Krauss, at the Sisters of Zion Convent, Via Dolorosa
- **4:30 PM** Exit the Old City via the Lions Gate.
- 5:00 PM Arrive at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

#### An exploration of how the United Nations, the European Union and the United States view the current status of Jerusalem and how their policies are implemented on the ground.

**50 YEARS ON:** 

**HOW THE WORLD** 

**SEES JERUSALEM** 

- 8:30 AM Depart for Government Hill (Armon HaNatziv).
- 9:00 AM Visit a UN facility:
   *Jerusalem and the United Nations:* 1947 1917, a dialogue with
   a representative of the UN Mission
   to Jerusalem
- 11:00 AM Visit a project of the EU, USAID or the United Nations in Jerusalem.
- 12:30 PM Lunch en route.

- 2:00 PM Visit European Union
   Office in Jerusalem. Meet with
   the EU representative to Jerusalem
   and the West Bank Implementation
   of European Policy in Jerusalem
- 3:30 PM Visit the American Consulate Political Division for a meeting with the Consul General. The United States and the Palestinian Authority
- 5:00 PM Concluding session with, Prof. Emanuel Navon, Tel Aviv University: How the World Sees Israel.

## 1967–2017: BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND TEL AVIV

- The Six Day War directly affected the borders of Israel in Jerusalem, southern and eastern Israel but not in Tel Aviv — yet the lasting effects of this war have defined much of what the country has become. Today will be a philosophical and practical exploration of the Tel Aviv — Jerusalem connection.
- 8:00 AM Depart for Shaar HaGai.
- 8:45 AM Visit to the not-yet opened Tel Aviv- Jerusalem train line, meant to create growth in Israel by connecting the two major Israeli cities
- 10:00 AM Drive to Tel Aviv
- 11:00 AM From the Dreams of Ahuzat
  Bayit to Global Innovation Hub

   110 Years of Zionist Innovation, guided walk beginning at the Nahum
  Gutman Mosaic and continuing
  to Rothschild Blvd., exploring
  hopes, dreams and realities that
  helped Tel Aviv evolve into what it is
  today.

- 12:30 PM Lunch at Canaan in the Shalom Tower
- 1:45 PM How the Six Day War Changed Tel Aviv, sociologist
   Prof. Maoz Azaryahu at Alma: Home for Hebrew Culture
- 3:00 PM Drive to the Jerusalem Beach
- **3:30 PM** Text and Sand: Between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv with Alma faculty.
- 4:30 PM Return to Jerusalem

#### Bus 4

## CULTURE AS PROTEST / CULTURE AS BRIDGE

#### ART AND CULTURE IN EAST AND WEST JERUSALEM

- Weave seemingly divergent aspects of Jerusalem's populations with the Jerusalem Season of Culture, while exploring some of the various interpretations of borders and boundaries within and around the city — 1948–1967–2017. Engage with both Jewish and Palestinian artists in their own milieu.
- 8:30 AM Depart the Hartman Institute
- 9:15 AM Board the light rail train in Pisgat Zeev
- 9:45 AM Alight at Damascus Gate for a visit at The Schmidt Girls College
- 10:30 AM Meet Frere Olivier-Tomas Venard at École Biblique
- 12.00 Enter the New Gate to visit the Al Mamal Museum for Contemporary Art

- 13:00 AM Board the light rail to Safra Square. Walk to the T'mol Shilshom Literary Restaurant for lunch and a dialogue with writer David Erlich — founder and owner of the restaurant
- 3:00 PM Continue to Machane Yehudah
- 3:00 PM Visit the Alliance House, a center of New Spirit, creative and innovative community artistic hub, for a program with Jerusalem social activists and artists: Casey Girard, Chefzti Tirosh, Avigdor Rabinowitz and Karem Juran.
- 5:00 PM Concluding at Machneh Yehuda market, optional free time at the Shuk or return by bus to the Hartman Institute

#### Bus 5

### GUSH EMUNIM: FOUR GENERATIONS LATER

- Gush Emunim's settlement movement legacy is expressed in a variety of approaches to settlement: established settlements, outposts, hilltop youth, and rebellion against religion and ideology. This day will explore personal definitions of the connection between the Land of Israel, Torah, Zionism, and Israel as a Jewish and democratic state.
- 8:00 AM Depart for Shilo and the Shilo Enclave
- 9:15 AM Gush Emunim: An Anatomy of a Movement, with Yisrael Meidad, veteran resident of Shilo and political activist.
- 11:00 AM Off-road jeep ride through the Shilo Basin

- After viewing the Jordan Valley and Palestinian villages in the area, continue in small groups by jeep to different area hilltop outposts that represent a variety of settlements for dialogues with local residents
- Amongst the outposts to be visited are: Adie Ad, Esh Kodesh, Kida, Ahia, Yishuv HaDaat.
- 1:30 PM Lunch at the Givat Harel outpost, with second and third generation of settlers, who chose a different path
- 3:30 PM Visit the biblical site of Tel Shilo — the anchor contemporary Jewish settlement with Ira Rappaport, one of the founders of Shilo
- 4:15 PM Depart for Jerusalem.
- 5:30 PM Arrive at SHI.



## DEPART JFK FOR AMSTERDAM

### INTRODUCTION TO AMSTERDAM

BY LAND AND BY WATER

- Arrive at Amsterdam airport, with assistance upon arrival by Makor representatives.
- An introductory tour of Amsterdam with tour guide/scholar
   Rabbi Soloveichik, after short walk board a boat for an Amsterdam
   Canal Tour.
- Embrace a true Netherlands experience with a visit to the **Bloemenmarkt** floating flower market, the largest distribution site of flowers in the city of Amsterdam.
- Check in to hotel.
- Free time for rest and relaxation.
- Dinner and briefing: Rembrandt and the Jews: An Introduction to the Treasures of the Rijksmuseum.
- Free evening in Amsterdam.

Overnight Sofitel Legend The Grand Amsterdam

## SEEING REMBRANDT AND VERMEER THROUGH JEWISH EYES

#### MORNING

### SEEING REMBRANDT AND VERMEER THROUGH JEWISH EYES

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Guided visit through
   the Rijksmuseum, the National
   Museum of the Netherlands
   with an unparalleled collection
   of 15th to 17th century paintings
   by the Dutch Masters. We will
   focus on Rembrandt's Nightwatch,
   The Jewish Bride, Jeremiah
   Lamenting the Destruction
   of Jerusalem, Portrait of Ephraim
   Bueno, and several celebrated
   Vermeers.

#### **AFTERNOON**

## FROM THE GOLDEN AGE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF DUTCH JEWRY

- Lunch.
- Tour the Amsterdam Jewish Historical Museum
- Guided visit through Jewish
   Amsterdam from its heyday
   to the the results of the Nazi occupation and devastation of Dutch
   Jewry.
- Tour Anne Frank House.
- Free afternoon to explore Amsterdam and prepare for Shabbat.
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the Portuguese Synagogue, followed by Shabbat dinner. History and Traditions of the Portuguese Jewish Community.

Overnight Sofitel Legend
The Grand Amsterdam

## PORTUGUESE PRAYERS AND PRIVATE ART COLLECTIONS

#### SHABBAT IN AMSTERDAM WITH REMBRANDT AND THE JEWS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Shabbat Tfilot at the Spanish Portuguese Synagogue.
- Shabbat lunch with members of the Amsterdam Jewish community.
- Guided tour of the Jan Six Collection, a unique private collections of Rembrandt paintings.

- Return to the hotel for Shabbat rest and relaxation
- Visit the Rembrandt House and Museum, where Rembrandt once lived. Briefing: Rembrandt Biblical Scenes Etchings: Akeidah.
- Return to the Spanish Portuguese synagogue for Mincha and Seudah Shlishit (dinner), followed by Maariv and Havdalah.
- Free evening with an optional cultural event.

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The Grand Amsterdam

## RUBENS AND THE JEWS

#### A VISIT TO ANTWERP

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart Amsterdam for Antwerp.
- Visit temporary site of the Museum of Fine Arts at the 16th c. residence of burgomaster and patron Nicolaas Rockox, followed by a short walk through the Old Town. Briefing: The Contrasts between Rubens and Rembrandts Biblical Paintings.
- Stop a Kleinblatt Kosher Bakery, followed by a "heimishe" meal at Hoffy's Restaurant.
- Guided visit to the Rubens House, home of Pieter Paul Rubens.
- Visit private art collections at the homes of some of leaders of Antwerp's Jewish community.
- Dinner at Isaac's Restaurant.
- Return drive to Amsterdam.

Overnight Sofitel Legend The Grand Amsterdam

# THE SPANISH PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive Ouderkerk aan de Amstel to the Beth Haim Cemetery which served as inspiration for a painting the landscape artist, Jakob von Ruisdael, whose mysteries will be elucidated
- Return to Amsterdam.
- Visit the Spanish-Portuguese
   Synagogue, hosted by leaders
   of the Dutch Sephardic community. Photo opportunities
- Lunch, followed by and a taste
   of herring at one of Amsterdam's
   famous canal side "Haring" eateries.
- A visit with an art historian to the Van Gogh Muesum, with the largest collection of paintings the artist
- Free afternoon with various options including:
  - Bike Riding
  - Gallery Hopping with a local art curator
- Dinner and evening on own

Overnight Sofitel Legend
The Grand Amsterdam

# THE TREASURES OF THE HAGUE AND VERMEER'S DELFT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for The Hague.
- Guided tour of the Mauritshuis Museum, which houses the very best of the Golden Age of Dutch painting. Briefing: Saul and David, which just recently been scientifically established as a late work by Rembrandt. We will also see other extraordinary Dutch paintings, including Rembrandt's The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Tulp, and Vermeer's Girl with the Pearl Earring.
- Lunch at the **Israeli Embassy** with the **Ambassador.**
- Spinoza's home, to discuss the story
  of his life, the impact of his thought,
  and the many requests of Dutch
  rabbis to lift his excommunication.
- Meet distinguished Dutch diplomats at the Binnenhof, the oldest parliament in the world.
- Depart the Hague
- (time allowing) **Delft**, home of Vermeer
- Return to Amsterdam followed by free time for rest and relaxation.
- Festive Farwell Dinner.

Overnight Sofitel Legend
The Grand Amsterdam

### **DEPARTURE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart on Return flight to New York.



**ROME** 

### ROME

### ROME/ISRAEL

- Breakfast on your own
- 12:00 PM Meet scholar, Rabbi Burt Visotzky and guide at the Hotel Ponte Sisto for an orientation and study session: On Rome and Its Emperors
- 14:30 Guided visit at Capitoline Museums, home to significant collections of Roman artifacts
- Walk to views of the Roman Forum and Arch of Titus
- 19.00 Welcome dinner at a restaurant in the Jewish Ghetto Taverna del ghetto
- Evening stroll through the heart of Rome

**Overnight Hotel Ponte Sisto** 

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Study session: On Burial, Death, and the Afterlife
- 10:30 Guided tour the Jewish Catacombs (burial grounds) from the 2nd-4th c. for a window into the everyday lives of the Roman Jewish community
- Lunch on your own

- 13:30 Tour of the Vatican

  Museums, focus on the portion
  of the Menorah exhibit.
- Study Session: *Jewish-Catholic* Interreligious Dialogue Since Vatican II
- 19.00 Dinner at Ba ghetto Via del portico with senior Vatican official Father Norbert Hofmann, Secretary of the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews

**Overnight Hotel Ponte Sisto** 

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 Public audience with His Holiness Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica
- Lunch on your own
- Visit Ostia Antica to view the remains of the ancient synagogue in what was Rome's port in late Antiquity
- Boxed Dinner
- Transfer as a group to the airport for the late evening flight to Tel Aviv
- Check in to Sadot Hotel near Ben Gurion Airport

Overnight Sadot Hotel, Tzrifin

### **GALILEE**

- We are joined by **Dr. Lee I. Levine**, Professor Emeritus Institute for Archeology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and JTS alumnus
- Late breakfast at the hotel and study session: Rabbi Gamliel and Greek Wisdom
- Check out of hotel
- Travel to **Bet Shearim**, a UNESCO
   World Heritage Site, where catacombs
   dating from the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> century were
   excavated in the hillside
- Lunch on your own

- Visit Sepphoris a major Roman, Byzantine, and Jewish city to view mosaics (including Aphrodite) and architecture and the puzzling "Zeus-Helios" zodiac in the synagogue
- Time permitting: Visit the synagogue at Hammat Tiberias
- Check into hotel
- Dinner as a group at the hotel
- Evening Study Session with **Dr. Lee Levine**

#### **Overnight Tiberias**

## GALILEE/ JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel through the Galilee and visit synagogue ruins that shed light on post 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Jewish communities — Capernaum (Kfar Nachum), Bet Alpha and Rehob.
- Lunch on own
- Travel to Jerusalem
- Check in to hotel
- Attend Shabbat services as a group (optional)
- Festive dinner together at the hotel, with guest teacher, — Rabbi Matthew Berkowitz, Director of Israel Programs for JTS

#### **Overnight Jerusalem**

## **JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Optional Shabbat morning services at a local synagogue
- Group Shabbat Lunch with study session: On Destruction and Rebuilding
- Spend the afternoon at your leisure
- Dinner on your own
- Motzei Shabbat at your leisure in Jerusalem.

#### **Overnight Jerusalem**

## HERODION / FARE-WELL RECEPTION

#### **DINNER IN ABU GHOSH**

- Breakfast at the hotel with study session: Aphrodite and the Rabbis
- Visit Herodion (Herodium) to view the excavations of King Herod the Great's fortress and palace and the tunnel system built later during the Bar Kochba revolt.
- Lunch on your own
- 13:00 Workshop with Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel.

**BON VOYAGE** 

- Return to hotel with free time for last minute shopping, packing and exploration
- Check out of the hotel
- 19:00 Travel to Abu Ghosh to join the mayor for Iftar, the evening meal eaten by Muslims to break their fast during holy month of Ramadan
- Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for return flights home



## ARRIVAL ברוכים הבאים

- Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport with assistanc by Makor representative
- Drive to Jerusalem through the **Judean Hills**.
- Welcome ceremony at the Haas
   Promenade for an introduction to Jerusalem. Recite the
   Shehecheyanu blessing upon arrival in Jerusalem.
- Check into hotel.
- Dinner

#### **Overnight Jerusalem**

## THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the Old City.
- City of David: underground adventure walking through Jerusalem 3,000 years ago
- Walk underground to the Davidson Center and Park for a glimpse at life in ancient Jerusalem.
- Lunch on your own and free time in the Jewish Quarter.
- Interactive guided visit through **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City .
- Conclude with a "Rooftop Walk" for an overview of Jerusalem's Old City
- Return to the hotel for rest and relaxation.
- Jerusalem Night Spectacular (Sound and Light show) at the Tower of David.
- Dinner at the Tachana, the old Turkish railroad station

#### Overnight Jerusalem

## MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE

• Breakfast at the hotel.

#### **ADULTS**

 Tour Yad Vashem, World Holocaust Remembrance Center

#### **CHILDREN**

- Visit one of the following:
- The Tisch Biblical Zoo
- The Jerusalem Science Museum

#### WHOLE FAMILY

- Macheneh Yehudah "shuk" (market) lunch on your own.
- Free afternoon in Jerusalem.
- Visit the Western Wall (Kotel) to welcome in the Sabbath.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel or with a Jerusalem family.

#### **Overnight Jerusalem**

## SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Free morning for rest and relaxation with lunch on your own.
- Guided visit in the Christian
   Quarter in the Church of the Holy
   Sepulcher.

#### **OPTIONAL**

- Israel Museum, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, the model of Second Temple and the Youth Wing.
- Dinner at a restaurant

#### **Overnight Jerusalem**

# IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN THE DESERT

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
- From the Hadassah Helipad, fly over Jerusalem to the Dead Sea Basin and Masada. Ascend the ancient Jewish fortress of Masada by the Snake Path or cable car for a child oriented guided visit.
- Drive to Ein Bokek for a Dead Sea with lunch and float.
- Fly by helicopter along the Jordanian border and over the Arava desert to Eilat.
- Land in **Eilat** and transfer the hotel, followed by dinner.

#### **Overnight Eilat**

## THE MYSTERIES OF PETRA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Early morning departure for the Araba Border Crossing.
- Cross the border into Jordan and drive to Petra through the desert.
- Guided visit in ancient Nabatean
   Petra, carved into the red rock,
- Lunch at the Basin restaurant in Petra
- Return to **Nebi Musa** (modern Petra) for return drive to the Araba Border Crossing.
- Cross into Israel and transfer to the Filat hotel
- Dinner in Eilat.

#### Overnight Eilat

## THE WONDERS OF EILAT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Fun in the Sun in Eilat, possibilities include:
  - Underwater Coral Reef Observatory
  - Jeep ride to the **Red Canyon**
  - Three Border Tour in the Eilat Hills (Jordan, Egypt and Israel)
  - **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.
- Dinner in Filat.

#### **Overnight Eilat**

### TEL AVIV

### HEADING TO THE FIRST HEBREW CITY IN 2,000 YEARS

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
- Transfer to Eilat airport for commercial flight to Sde Dov Airport, Tel Aviv.
- Visit Independence Hall, where the State of Israel was established.
- Guided walk along Rothschild Boulevard, with mini family scavenger hunt in Neve Zedek
- Lunch on your own.
- Drive to the Ayalon Institute and tour the "kibbutz" cum bullet factory that served the fight for Israeli independence.
- Return to Tel Aviv and check in to the otel.
- Dinner at the Tel Aviv Port.

#### **Overnight Tel Aviv**

## NATURE, SECURITY AND CREATIVITY IN ISRAEL'S NORTH

### **DEPARTURE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Helicopter flight to the **Bental Helipad** on the Golan Heights.
- Jeep ride in nature on the Golan Plateau along the Syrian Border for geopolitical briefing
- Visit the **De Karina Chocolatarie** for a chocolate making workshop

#### **ADULTS**

- Wine tasting at the **Pelter Winery**.
- Lunch in Katzrin.
- Return flight to Tel Aviv, with possible stop in **Ceasarea**.
- Transfer to hotel.
- Dinner TBA

Overnight Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

- Breakfast at the hotel and check out.
- Optional :guided visit to the Jaffa
  Flea Market and Port, with tastings
  along the way.
- Visit the Nachalat Binyamin Arts
   & Crafts Fair
- Lunch on your own.
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport.
- Depart on return flight



### **ARRIVAL**

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport, with assistance by a Makor Educational Journeys representative
- Welcome Ceremony, Trip
   Orientation, and Tree Planting
   at Neot Kedumim Nature Reserve.
- Drive in to Tel Aviv and check in to hotel
- Festive Welcome Dinner at the hotel
- Optional walk along promenade after dinner

Overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

## TO THE FIRST HEBREW CITY IN 2000 YEARS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM Depart the hotel
- Optional Tefillah/Run
- The Milestone of Jewish Independence — Interactive program at Independence Hall where the state of Israel was established in 1948
- Family Scavenger Hunt along Rothschild Boulevard, connecting the origins of Tel Aviv and Tel Aviv's UNESCO White City Bauhaus architecture with the modern 24/7 Tel Aviv of today
- Lunch on your own on Rothschild Blvd.

- Creativity and Innovation: parallel visits for Youth and Adults, exploring Israel's hi tech boom
- Lunch on your own on Rothschild Blvd.

#### MUSEUM VISIT OPTIONS

Visit the Palmach Museum
 for a glimpse at the trials and tribu lations of Israel's pre-state fighting
 force, which was made up of young
 and idealistic soon to be Israelis

#### OR

 Visit the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, which traces the history of the State of Israel through the life and ultimate death of slain Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin

#### OR

 Visit the Land of Israel Museum (Ha'aretz Museum), for an interactive experience exploring some of the lesser known stories of the Land and State of Israel

#### ALL

- Visit Jaffa for free time to wander through the rejuvenated Flea Market and old city
- Dinner on your own followed by free time in Tel Aviv

Overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

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

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 AM Check out and depart the hotel

#### **TOURING OPTIONS**

 Visit the Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Market and outdoor Carmel Fruit and Vegetable Market, with lunch on your own

#### OR

 Drive to Rehovot to the Ayalon Institute, a clandestine munitions factory from the War of Independence, hidden under a bakery and a laundry — and the beginnings of Israel's Hi Tech Industry

#### ALL

- Depart for the Negev Desert
- Short stop at David Ben Gurion's grave to 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 into the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- 5:12 PM Shabbat Candle Lighting
- Kabbalat Shabbat in the desert
- Festive Shabbat Dinner at the hotel

Overnight Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

## SHABBAT IN THE DESERT

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Opportunity for morning massage, morning run, yoga, meditation
- 9:15 AM Morning Spiritual Desert Walk the rim of the Ramon Crater. Psukei D'Zimrah and Shaharit overlooking the Makhtesh (crater), returning to the hotel for the Torah Reading (Two walking levels will be offered)
- 11:00 am Kiddush
- Receive the Torah Anew —
   Reminiscent of Mount Sinai — Torah
   Reading and Haftarah.
- Shabbat Lunch at the hotel (Dining hall open between 1:00 2:30 pm)
- Free Time Enjoy the world class spa, pool, and hotel surroundings
- 5:00 PM Late afternoon Learning Session with Rabbi Lerner and Me'ir Sherer

- 6:21 PM Havdalah
- Melavah Malka
- Dinner at the hotel
- Night Hike with Flashlights and Star Gazing

Overnight Beresheet Hotel, Mitzpe Ramon

## A MOSAIC OF ISRAELI SOCIETY

- Breakfast at the hotel (Breakfast will be open from 7:15 am)
- Activities Options Meeting in the lobby at 8:00 AM:
- I Bike on the rim of the Crater
- II Rappel down the side of the Crater
- III Run or Walk along the edge Ramon Crater
- IV Drive into the Crater for a quick visit to the Carpentry Shop Rock Formation
- V Rest and relax at the hotel

#### ALL

- 09:45 AM Check out from hotel
- 10:00 AM Depart to Yerucham for a meeting with the young social action oriented

Mayor Michael Biton and the head of Tseirim LeYerucham Foundation

- Lunch with Sephardic women whose cooking is part of an empowerment program for women in the periphery
- Drive across the Negev Desert to the Cana'aim Valley
- Camel Ride and Bedouin
   Hospitality, followed by a Hafla
   Dinner and Drummers Circle
   Those sleeping at the Dead Sea:
   Bus ride to the Crowne Plaza Hotel,
   Ein Bokek
   Those sleeping at Kfar Hanokdim:
   The Desert; Where Wild Things Talk
   Bar Dayar Midaber

Overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ein Bokek//Kfar Hanokdim Bedouin Village

## STRATEGIES FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL

- Early Morning Breakfast
- Ascend Masada.
   If staying at the Dead Sea hotel:
- 6:45 am Depart for the Snake Trail
- **7:30** am Depart for the Cable Car If staying at Kfar Hanokdim:
- 7:15 am Depart for the Roman Ramp
- Special Tefilah and Torah on top of Masada
- Guided visit and exploration of some of the tough questions the Masada story raises, with help from the youth' historo-drama
- Descend from Masada by the cable car and drive to Ein Bokek to float in the **Dead Sea** and enjoy the spa at the Crown Plaza Hotel, with lunch
- Continue to the Ein Gedi Nature
  Reserve and walk through the
  Nahal David Desert Oasis to the
  Ein Gedi Waterfall, catching a little
  of the desert poetry of King David
  who spent a fair amount of time
  here (Time permitting)

Drive toward the Upper Galilee
 Touring Options: (Time permitting)

#### **BUS 1**

 Stop at Qasr el Yahud, where some Jewish traditions claim Joshua crossed over the Jordan into the Land of Israel and where some Christian traditions claim that Jesus was baptized

#### BUS 2

Stop at the Kinneret Cemetery
to visit the graves of Rachel the Poet
and Naomi Shemer the songwriter,
for a glimpse into the pioneering
spirit that built the State of Israel

#### ALL

• Check in and dinner at the hotel

Overnight Kibbutz Hagoshrim Green Hotel, Upper Galilee

## NATURE, SECURITY, SPIRITUALITY

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45 AM Depart the hotel
- Nature walk along the Banyas River
- Ascend the Golan Heights to Mt. Bental

#### **ADULTS**

 Overlook Syria, for an up-to-date briefing on the delicate situation between Syria and Israel.

#### YOUTH

- Orienteering in the Bental bunkers
- Drive across the Galil to Safed

Guided visit through Safed —
 the alleyways, ancient synagogues,
 market, and artist colony using the
 stories of the mystics as a guide,
 followed by:

#### **ADULTS**

Visit the grave of the great mystic
 Rabbi Isaac Luria (The Ari)

#### YOUTH

- The Israel Lens 1 an exploration of Safed with camera/smartphone in hand as the kick-off of the Jewish Lens Photographic Program
- Conclude the day with a performance by the Makom BaGalil
   Jewish-Arab Galilee Circus,
   followed by a circus workshop
- Dinner at Dobrovin Farm

Overnight Hagoshrim Hotel, Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee

# Breakfast at the hotel. 8:00 AM Depart for central Israel after checking out of hotel Some 6th and some 7th graders and

families depart for Haifa for the day

with Me'ir Sherer and meet the rest

of the group upon arrival in Jerusalem

JEWISH RESPONSIBILITY,

**YESTERDAY AND TODAY** 

#### **TOURING OPTIONS**

 Visit Kibbutz Hanaton, where a Conservative/Masorti community has been created, including a special program at the Hanaton Mikva and childrens activity

#### **TOURING OPTIONS**

- Lunch en route in Kibbutz Magal
- My Palestine, Depart for Rawabi, the new Palestinian city north of Ramallah for glimpse at this unique project, a synthesis between private enterprise and public resources, to create one of the anchors of the future Palestinian State, including a meeting and dialogue with developer, Bashar el Masri

#### OR

- Visit Kfar Kedem in Hoshaya for a Jewish living experience from the days of the Mishna, including donkeys, pita baking, shepherding and homing pigeons
- Stop at Moshav Nahalal for Field Gleaning with **Leket Israel**, which collects produce that would go to waste and delivers it to those in need

#### ALL

- Travel south along the Trans-Israel Highway, with an age appropriate
   Security Seminar along the Seam Zone between Israel and the Palestinian territories. Ascend to Jerusalem.
- Shehecheyanu atop the Haas
   Promenade overlooking the lights
   of the Old City of Jerusalem, overview of
   Jerusalem and a welcome ceremony.
- Check into the Hotel
- Dinner on your own, followed by a free evening

Overnight Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

## BNAI MITZVAH ON THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM Depart the hotel
- Tfilat Shacharit and Bnai Mitzvah Service at the Egalitarian Kotel — Robinson's Arch, followed by a guided visit through the Davidson Archaeological Garden, led by the Bnai 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
- Special program with Kids4Peace, a chance to meet Jewish, Christian, and Muslim kids who are part of one of the most inspirational and hopeful peace projects in Israel

- Return to the hotel for free time for rest and relaxation.
- Jerusalem Night Spectacular (sound and light show) at the Tower of David Museum
- Dinner on your own at the Mamilla Mall
- 8:50 PM Meet at Jaffa gate
- Walk along the Old City Rooftops by night to the Kotel and an optional guided visit through the Western Wall Tunnel

Overnight Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

## MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Youth: The Israeli Lens
   Photography Project, in the vicinity of the hotel
- 9:30 AM Depart the hotel

#### **VISIT OPTIONS:**

 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 return visitors to visit the Art Museum

#### OR

 Visit the Israel Museum. Tour to the highlights of the museum in the Jewish Art & Life exhibition (Judaica & synagogues), the Shrine of the Book and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple model (if weather permits)

#### ALL

- Continue to the Macheneh
  Yehudah Open Air Market
  as Jerusalemites prepare
  for Shabbat, with Israel Lens IIII,
  followed by a walk through Israel's
  most pluralistic neighborhood,
  Nachlaot.
- Lunch on your own
- 4:53 PM Shabbat candle lighting Kabbalat Shabbat overlooking the Kotel in the Old City.
- 7:00 PM Shabbat dinner at the hotel

Overnight Mount Zion Hotel, Jerusalem

## 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 the Hurva Square,
   exploring Jewish life 2000 years ago
   and today followed by an optional
   tour of the Christian Quarter
- Free time for rest and relaxation

- 6:10 PM Havdalah
- Sharing Program:
   What This Experience
   Has Meant to Me
- 7:15 PM Depart the hotel after check out
- Festive Farewell Dinner, Blaustein Hall, Beth Shmuel
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport

### Overnight Flight

Departure flight to Boston at 12:05 AM, arriving the same day





### **DEPARTURE**

### TEI. AVIV

#### **CITY OF LIFE**

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport, with assistance by Makor and light refreshments upon arrival.
- Drive to Tel Aviv.
- Meet the group arriving from the optional pre trip to Prague.
- From the Four Corners of the Earth...
   short welcome ceremony at the
   Jaffa Overlook. Check in to Tel Aviv
   hotel.
- Free time
- Welcome to Israel dinner: Maganda Yemenite Restaurant.

Overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv

- 7:30 Optional early morning bike ride along the Tel Aviv Promenade.
- Breakfast at hotel.
- Israel and the Jewish People—
   Independence Hall where the
   Declaration of Independence was signed.
- Graffiti Tour walking through the streets of the Florentine neighborhood with Niro Taub.
- Lunch on your own.

#### AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Choose **ONE** of the following:

- Guided walk through Tel Aviv's Markets, including the Jaffa Flea Market, food tasting at the Levinsky Market, and the Carmel Market.
- Visit the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center which tells the story of the State of Israel through the life of assassinated Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Special program for youth.
- Adults: Visit the Natal Center, the Israel Trauma Center for the Victims of Terror and War.
- Return to the hotel for free evening and dinner on your own.

Overnight Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv Breakfast at the hotel.

A MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Visit Rabin Square, where Israel's Prime Minister was assassinated in 1995. The site has become a memorial to him and the hope for brotherhood between all Jews.
- Stop at the Nachalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair.
- Depart for Northern Israel.
- Visit Caesarea, an ancient city built by the Romans and later conquered by the Crusaders
- Continue to Umm el Fahem Art
   Gallery for Palestinian Art.
   Dialogue with founder and director,
   artist Sa'id Abu Shakra.
- Tour Zippori where the Mishna was codified. Parallel programming for adults and youth.
- Check-in Kibbutz Guesthouse.
- Dinner at the guesthouse.

Overnight Kibbutz Hagosherim Guesthouse, Upper Galilee

## NATURE, SECURITY, AND SPIRITUALITY IN ISRAEL'S NORTH

## ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM

## MEMORIES FOR THE FUTURE

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Banias Nature Reserve nature walk along the Hanging Bridge over the Banias Canyon.
- Ascend to Mount Bental for a view into Syria and an understanding of the delicate geopolitical situation on the Israeli-Syrian border and in the north of Israel
- Walking through alleyways and visiting synagogues, explore the many voices of Safed with a local artist inspired by the Kabbala. Free time in the Safed Artists' Colony.
- Dinner at the guesthouse.
- Meeting with Kibbutz Hagosherim members to explore the changing nature of kibbutz in Israeli society.

Overnight Kibbutz Hagosherim Guesthouse, Upper Galilee

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Jeep ride in the Birya Forest to the remnant of the ancient Nevoriah Synagogue.
- Emma Eig's Bat Mitzvah in the Nevoriah Synagogue followed by a festive Bat Mitzvah lunch at the Bat Yaar Ranch.
- Drive through the Jordan Valley towards Jerusalem.
- Stop at Mt. Scopus to view
   Jerusalem. Recite the traditional
   shehecheyanu prayer upon arriving
   in Jerusalem.
- Enter the Old City of Jerusalem for a glimpse at the multi-ethnic weave of the city walking along the market rooftops for a bird's eye view of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim Quarters to the Kotel (Western Wall).
- Check into Jerusalem hotel.
- Dinner on your own and free evening.

Overnight Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

#### • Breakfast at the hotel.

- The Memory of the Holocaust in Israeli Society, with scholar
- Visit Yad Vashem, the National Jewish Memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.

#### **FIRST TIMERS**

 Guided visit through the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations, the Historical Museum, concluding with the Children's Memorial.

#### **RETURNEES**

 Holocaust Survivors and the Second Generation

#### **ENTIRE GROUP**

- **Memorial Service** followed by time for personal reflection.
- A guided exploration through the alleyways and courtyards of Nachlaot, for a glimpse at a mosaic of Israeli society.
- Visit the Machane Yehudah Open Air Market as residents prepare for Shabbat. Lunch on own.
- Geopolitical Tour around the borders of Jerusalem to explore
   at some of the issues involved
   in the Palestinian Israeli relationship
   in the Jerusalem area.
- Free time to rest, swim, and prepare for Shabbat.
- Participate in the Jerusalem
   Community Musical Kabbalat
   Shabbat at the First Station
- Festive Shabbat
   Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

## A JERUSALEM SHABBAT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Shabbat Services at the Murstein Synagogue, Hebrew Union College.
- Optional late morning teaching by Rabbi Sirbu.
- Shabbat Lunch at the hotel.
- Shabbat afternoon Walking Tour choose two short or one long of the following. Options:

#### **OPTION 1**

 The Poet and the Windmill — Guided walk through Yemin Moshe using the poetry of Yehudah Amichai as a guide.

#### **OPTION 2**

 Bike Ride through the Jerusalem or in the Judean Hills.

#### **OPTION ON YOUR OWN**

 Israel Museum — Visit the Israel Museum, its model of Jerusalem during the days of the Second Temple and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

- Dinner on your own.
- Optional: Meshoah
   Litkuma, From Holocaust
   to Renewal with Avigdor Ravid.
   Avigdor will share the journey of his
   survival in WWII Poland, his immigration to Israel, his life and tribute to
   his country as a jurist in Israel.
- Havdalah overlooking the Old City.
- Free time and dinner on your own on the Mamilla Mall.

Overnight Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

# EXPLORING JEWISH STRATEGIES FOR SURVIVAL

#### **OPTION 1**

#### MASADA - 2000 YEARS AGO

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the **Dead Sea Basin**, ascend by cable car or hike the snake path to the top of Masada.
- Guided visit through Masada to explore some of the questions
  the Masada story raises vis a vis
  Jewish life today in Israel
  and the Diaspora.
- Float in the **Dead Sea** with, with lunch at a Dead Sea hotel.

- Continue to the Ein Gedi Nature
  Reserve and walk through the Nahal
  David desert oasis to the Ein Gedi
  waterfall, pausing to hear some
  of the poetry attributed to King
  David and written in this place.
- Stop at Genesis Land for "Biblical hospitality", a camel ride and a Biblical dinner.
- Return to the hotel for an evening of free time for rest and relaxation.

#### **OPTION 2**

#### **JEWISH CREATIVITY TODAY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for **Kibbutz Netiv HaLamed Heh** in the Elah Valley.
- Participate in a full morning arts and creativity workshop combining Jewish Spirituality, Mind and Soul Eco-Immersion, through art, dance and study.

- Lunch and wine tasting at the Elah Winery, Kibbutz Netiv HaLamed Heh.
- Conclude the day with a visit to Tel Aziekah (or Tel Kaifah) and with Bible in hand, re-visit the story of David and Goliath which took place in the heart of the Elah Valley.
- Return to Jerusalem.

#### **ENTIRE GROUP**

• Free time in Jerusalem and dinner on your own.

Overnight Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

## THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM AND CELEBRATION

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart for the Western Wall Tunnel led, in part, by the Bnai Mitzvah.
- Continue for a guided visit through some of the most exciting excavations in Jerusalem at the City of David with project architect, Beni Levi.
- Continue in the tunnel connecting the City of David to the Davidson Center for a short guided visit of the Southern Wall Excavations and a visit to the Azarat Yisrael pluralistic Kotel.
- Lunch on your own in the Old City.
- Afternoon Tzedek
   Project in Jerusalem.

- Free time for personal exploration and last minute shopping.
- Wrap Up Session a chance to celebrate the trip and process the experience.
- Concluding dinner with Rachel Korazim
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport.

### **DEPARTURE**

• Depart on return flight to the United States.



## DEPARTURE NIGHT DEPARTURE FROM THE U.S. TO ISRAEL

### ARRIVAL ברוכים הבאים

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport, with assistance by xxxx and light refreshments.
- Ascend to Jerusalem.
- Welcome Ceremony at the Tayelet—enjoy the view of the Dome of the Rock, the Old City, the Peace Forest, Arab villages, and the mountains of Jordan where Moses is buried
- Check into Jerusalem Hotel.
- Festive Welcome Dinner at Pompidou Restaurant in the German Colony and introduction to Jerusalem and Israel by Rabbis Meir and Tara Feldman.
- Optional Evening Guided Walk to the Old City, the Kotel (Western Wall), the German Colony, Ben Yehudah Street.

Overnight The Inbal, Jerusalem

## DOWN INTO THE LAYERS OF JERU-SALEM'S STORY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Descend to the City of David and follow the footsteps of the architects and builders of the city some 3,000 years ago.
- Lunch on your own in the Old City followed by a "Rooftop Walk" to take in a bird's eye view of the Temple Mount, the intricate alleyways of Jerusalem's Muslim Quarter, and the skyline of the Jewish Quarter.
- Visit the Kotel (Western Wall) for a moment of prayer and reflection, with some sharing of thoughts by Rabbis Tara and Meir Feldman.
- Return to the hotel for rest and preparation for Shabbat.
- Stand in awe at the Kotel (Western Wall) as young Jews sing and dance their welcome to the Shabbat.

#### OR

- Take in Shabbat at local synagogues such as Kehilat Tzion and Kol Haneshama in Baka.
- Shabbat Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight The Inbal, Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Free morning—a chance to catch your breath. Other options: explore the quiet neighborhoods of Jerusalem, have your own adventure in the Old City, go "synagogue hopping," or enjoy the spa at the Inbal.
- Lunch at the hotel.

#### **OPTIONAL**

- Visit to the Israel Museum, Israel's premier museum, and take in 4,000 years of Jewish culture.
- Afternoon guided tour of the Christian Quarter of the Old City, including the Via Delarosa and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.
- Home Hospitality in the home of Rabbi Bill and Batya Berk for Seudat Shlisheet (light refreshments), discussion, and Havdalah ceremony celebring the transition from Shabbat to the new week
- Free evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem. Options include: Western Wall Tunnel Tour (prior reservations required), Cruising Ben Yehudah St., dinner on Emek Rephaim or the Tachana (Old Train Station), partaking in a cultural offering at the Jerusalem Theatre.

Overnight The Inbal, Jerusalem

## IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN THE DESERT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive south to the lowest point on earth, the area around the **Dead Sea**.
- Hike the snake path or take the Cable Car up to the ancient Jewish fortress of Masada, the place where the last free Jews held out against the Romans after the Temple was destroyed in 70 CE. Explore some of the crucial issues the Masada story raises for contemporary Jewish life in Israel and the Diaspora, including a dramatized debate between Elazar Ben Yair, the leader of the Masada zealots, and Rabban Yochanan Ben Zakai, who created a new Judaism in Yavneh.
- Descend Masada via Cable Car.
- Visit the Dead Sea—lunch on your own and an opportunity to float in the famous water of the world's saltiest sea, with optional spa amenities.
- Hike in the Ein Gedi and Arugot
  Waterfalls and listen to the desert
  poetry of King David who likely
  composed these poems in this place.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Dinner on your own at Mamilla next to the Jaffa Gate.
- Jerusalem Night Spectacular sound and light show on the walls of the Old City, located at the David Citadel Museum, narrating 3,000+ years of Jerusalem's history.

Overnight The Inbal, Jerusalem

## CELEBRATIONS AT THE KOTEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Celebrate our B'nai Mitzvah and a Conversion, life cycle moments of a life-time, at the place where it all began—the Kotel (Western Wall), in the pluralistic Azarat Yisrael Plaza section of the Kotel, near Robinson's Arch, close to where the southern and western walls come together.
- Mitzvah Gorreret Mitzvah one mitzvah leads to another mitzvah--putting the lessons of b'nai mitzvah into practice—drive to the Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Center near the village of Abu Gosh, and meet kids, some of them orphans, some kids at risk with various emotional issues, and after a tour with the staff, join the kids in painting some of the rooms they live in and study in. This painting project saves the Center tens of thousands of dollars each year.

- Celebration Luncheon at Café
   Itamar on Moshav Orah.
- See the Chagall Windows at Hadassah Hospital, a short drive from Moshay Orah.
- Return to the hotel for a meeting with Kids4Peace, 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, Dr. Yakir Englander.
- Dinner on your own and free evening in Jerusalem.

Overnight The Inbal, Jerusalem

# LEARNING FROM THE PAST, HEADING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

- · Breakfast at the hotel.
- Rabbi Bill Berk, "Preparing for Yad Vashem."
- Experience Yad Vashem Israel's official national memorial to the six million, with a twinning opportunity for our b'nai mitzvah to make the visit even more special. Option for young children to go to the famous Biblical Zoo instead.
- Short Tour and lunch on your own at Macheneh Yehudah, one of the most famous markets in the Middle East.
- Drive north through the Jordan Valley.

- Stop at Qasr el Yahud
   on the Jordan River, where according to some Jewish traditions
   Joshua crossed the Jordan river
   into the land of Israel and according
   to some Christian traditions, Jesus
   was baptized.
- Drive to Kibbutz Hagoshrim in the Upper Galilee.
- Check into kibbutz hotel guest rooms.
- Dinner at the kibbutz.

Overnight Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee

#### NORTHERN HEIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Tel Dan Nature Reserve for a short nature walk along the Dan River, concluding at the site of the Biblical town of Dan.
- Jeep ride on the slopes of the Golan Heights through the natural beauty and in the footsteps of IDF soldiers who fought in the 1967 Six Day War.
- Ascend to Mount Bental, overlooking Syria, for a Security Briefing and the latest update from the events in Syria. Possible meeting with IDF soldiers.
- Picnic Lunch.

- Guided tour through the mystical city of Safed—walk the alleyways, stroll through ancient synagogues, check out the artist colony, and meet a Kabbalistic Artist. Enjoy Safed's famous market with its Judaica and unique art.
- Dinner at the kibbutz.
- Optional Home Hospitality: visit a kibbutz family and learn about life on a post-modern kibbutz

Overnight Kibbutz Hagoshrim, Upper Galilee

### FROM LEBANON TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Spend the morning in the vicinity of **Kibbutz Manara**, home of Rachel Rabin, sister to slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Begin by taking the **Cable Car** from the southern foothills of Kiryat Shemona to the top of the Naftali range/Kibbutz Manara. This is the longest cable car ride in Israel
  - Tour the kibbutz which is right on the border with Lebanon and meet Rachel Rabin who shares stories of her youth with her brother and what it took to build this kibbutz.
  - This is followed by going down the Mountain Slides—more than 1200 meters of panoramic view track. Kids may opt to try the longest Zip Line in Israel. Lunch on your own en route..
- Drive toward Southern Israel.

#### **CHOOSE ONE**

 Guided tour through Caesarea, including the Roman Theatre, the Hippodrome, the Promenade and the Palace and concluding with the remains of the Crusader City, exploring along the way the relationship between Romans and Jews, with a Historo-Drama performed by the youth.

#### OR

- Visit Atlit, site of the British detention camp for illegal Jewish immigrants between 1945 and 1948 for a guided visit through the re-constructed camp and a glimpse into the challenging years leading up to the establishment of the state.
- Continue to Tel Aviv.
- Check into Tel Aviv hotel.
- Free time and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv.

Overnight Carlton Hotel on the Beach, Tel Aviv

### THE FIRST HEBREW CITY IN 2,000 YEARS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive south to the **Underground Bullet Factory at the Ayalon Institute.** Discover how the Jews who had no weapons and no ammunition found a way to make bullets under the nose of the British who severely punished those caught making weapons. Hear the story how this helped the Israeli Army (IDF) develop a tradition of creativity, technological innovation, and thinking out of the box.
- Return to Tel Aviv.

- Lunch on your own followed by a Desert Tasting Tour at the famous markets Shuk HaCarmel and the Levinsky Market, and stroll through the Nachalot Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair where the artists present their latest creations.
- Return to the hotel for rest, free time, and a chance to prepare for Shabbat.
- Shabbat services and dinner with Rabbi Chen Ben-Or Tsfoni and her community in Raananah.

Overnight Carlton Hotel on the Beach, Tel Aviv

#### A TEL AVIV SHABBAT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Free morning. Options include: group Shabbat service on the roof-top of the hotel, services in local synagogues, strolling on the Beach Promenade or the deck of the refurbished port (Namal) of Tel Aviv, walking the Boardwalk to Jaffa and exploring Jaffa, walking neighborhoods in Tel Aviv, enjoy the beach, walk Ben Yehudah Street to Rabin Square and take in this famous place where political demonstrations are held and where Prime Minister Rabin was assassinated. See the graffiti and the tributes to Yitzhak Rabin, the first prime minister born in Israel.
- Shabbat Lunch at the Hotel.

#### **AFTERNOON OPTIONS**

#### **CHOOSE ONE**

Walking Tour of Jaffa, one
 of the oldest cities in the world,
 hearing the story of Jaffa from
 the time of Jonaht the Prophet
 to the great return of Jewish
 pioneers to the land of Israel
 in 1881.

#### OR

- Visit the Tel Aviv Museum
   of Art, and see the cutting edge
   work of Israeli artists that are
   making waves in the world of
   art.
- Free evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv—there are many musical, dance, theater options to choose...

Overnight Carlton Hotel on the Beach, Tel Aviv

# EXPLORING THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD

ARRIVE BACK
IN THE UNITED
STATES

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Bike the length of Tel Aviv, along the Beach Boardwalk Bike Path, with the Mediterranean on your left and the city of Tel Aviv on your right.
- Take part in a family Svcavenger Challenge through the famous Jaffa Flea Market, Shuk HaPishpishim. Including lunch onyour own in Jaffa.
- Lunch on your own in Jaffa.
- "From Ahuzat Bayit to Global Hi Tech Powerhouse—the Story of Israel on Rothschild Boulevard."
- Free time to prepare for the return trip to the United States.
- Summary Discussion led by Rabbis Tara and Meir Feldman followed by Festive Closing Dinner at the Maganda Yemenite Restaurant.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for the return to the U.S.



#### ARRIVALS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

6:00 PM Dinner in the Ballroom

7:00 PM Depart for the Hirsch Theatre

7:30 PM The Israel Story

8:45 PM Return to the David Citadel

9:00 PM Dessert on the Terrace

Overnight David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

6:30 AM Breakfast at leisure in the Ballroom

9:00 AM Introduction to the Institute with Rabbi Jay Moses: The Tribes of Israel

**9:30** AM Disperse into four groups exploring the Ultra Orthodox, Secular, National Orthdox and Arab Communities respectively

#### **GROUP 1 ULTRA ORTHODOX**

#### 9:30 AM Understanding the Ultra-Orthodox Community with Racheli Ibenbaum

**10:45 AM** Depart hotel on two buses, Men on one bus and women on the other

## 11:15 AM Inside the Inner Sanctum MEN Visit the the flagship Mir Lithuanian Yeshiva. WOMEN Visit the Intel Haredi Employment Program

**12:00 PM** Drive to the *Buchari Community Center* 

**12:30 PM** Dialogues with Haredi Jerusalmites in small groups, including light snacks

**1:45 PM** Lunch in 3 restaurants in *Mea Shearim*, while engaging with local residents

**3:30 PM Living a Haredi Life,** concluding program with *Racheili Ibenbaum* 

5:00 PM Conclude in Mea Shearim

**6:00 PM** Group dinner and wrap up discussion

#### **GROUP 2 NATIONAL RELIGIOUS**

**9:30 AM** Depart for Gush Etzion Herzog College or Har Etzion Yeshiva

**10:30 AM The Many Faces of the National Religious Tribe**, introduction followed by Chevruta study

11:30 AM Women and Jewish Law: A Panel with *Rabbanit Dvora Evron* head of Midreshet Lindenbaum and *Rabbi Moshe Taragan* of Har Etzion

**12:45 PM Shabbat in the Public Sphere**, lunch with *Rabbi Aviad Sanders*,
Neemanai Torah VeAvodah

**1:30 PM Putting the Mosaic Together**, With *Tehila Friedman* 

**2:30 PM** Depart for home visits in small groups to various communities in Gush Etzion, with each group visiting a family which represents a different view with the "National Religious Tribe". Netiv Haavot: *Hardal*, Elazar: *Dati Leumi*, Bat Ayin: *Havakuk*, Kfar Etzion: *Kibbutz Dati* 

4:30 PM The Army and the Other: How Do They Fit In with Rabbi Yaakov Nagen, interfaith activist and Michal Nagen director and founder of Zahali, a women's pre IDF Mechina

5:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

**6:15 PM** Dinner in Jerusalem with summation.

#### **GROUP 3 ARAB**

9:30 AM Depart for Lod

10:30 AM Chicago Matnas with traditinal Arab welcome on arrival, pita and labane

11:00 AM An introduction to the Israeli Arab/Palestinian Israel community
— Faten el Zinati center director and Tali Saani, community organizer

**12:30 PM** Lunch with neighborhood activists

**1:30 PM** Guided visit through the neighborhood, concluding with home visits with Arab families.

3:30 PM Drive to Abu Ghosh

**4:00 PM Israeli and Arab: The Jaber Family of Abu Ghosh,** meet with *Issa Jaber*, Mayor of Abu Ghosh

5:00 PM Depart for Jerusalem

**6:00 PM** Concluding group dinner and conversation in Jerusalem

#### **GROUP 4 SECULAR**

**9:30 AM** Secular Jewish life in Israel today, *Rachel Korazim* 

11:00 AM Depart for Ramot

11:30 AM Finding our Place as Secular Jews in Jerusalem. The Story of Ramot, Meet with Estie Kirmeir - director of the Ramot Community Center including a short bus tour around the neighborhood

1:00 PM Lunch at the Ramot Mall with general manager *Yair Rivlin* (the President's nephew) to discuss the "Tribes of Ramot"

2:30 PM Drive to the Hansen House

3:00 PM Bringing Secular Judaism to the Public Sphere, with *Ariel Levinson*, Hiloni Yeshiva.

**4:30 PM Jerusalem My Home and Maybe Not** — Dialogue with
Jerusalemites who left Jerusalem to live secular lives in Tel Aviv.

**6:15 PM** Concluding group dinner and conversation

8:00 PM City group meetings and processing

Overnight David Citadel Hotel

6:30 AM Breakfast at Leisure

8:30 AM Group 1 and Group 2

**Seth Farber — ITIM:** Accessing the Rabbinate with Modernity: Possible? Interaction between Ultra Orthodox, National Orthodox and Secular — Focus: The Rabbinate

#### **GROUP 1**

Haredi Employment Hub Engage with secular & Haredi women working together to help the Haredi women enter the workforce

#### **Lunch TBA**

Zion: A Musical Cross Tribal Experience workshop with Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum and Yair Harel, exploring how they used various traditions in composing their unique communal format

#### **GROUP 2**

**Mentoring Between Tribes** Special program with *Movilot*, a mentoring program for Haredi women

#### Lunch TBA

Creating New Meeting Places with scholar Tomer Persico, who will explore shifting ideologies between secular and orthodox communities and how they continue to redifine tribal identity

#### **GROUP 3**

**The New Israeli Prayer** with *Rani Jaeger*, founder of *Beit Tflia Yisraelit*, at Beit Avichai

Finding New Paths in Marriage and Divorce
Meet with Batya Cahana Dror director of Mevoi Satum, an organization which works to help women in difficult marriage situations, with Haredi rabbi, Avraham Dov Levine.

#### Lunch TBA

**Mentoring Between Tribes** Special program with *Movilot*, a mentoring program for Haredi women

#### **GROUP 4**

### Creating New Jerusalem Realities Program with Hitorerut

the new Jerusalem party built to bring varoius segments of the population together — including a dialogue with *Ofer Berkowitz*, Jerusalem Deputy Mayor and a short walking tour

Haredi National Service Ministry program for Ultra Orthodox men, service without serving in the IDF

#### **Lunch TBA**

The Tanach as a Bridge 929-with founders Gal Gabai /Rabbi Benny Lau — Tanach for all

#### **GROUP 5**

# Haredim in the Workforce Drive to Beitar 'Illit to the JDC Job Placement & engage with orthodox men & women engaged in job searches with secular and national religious Israelis

Leadership Bridge Building Program with Gesher, the one of the first organizations created to bring orthodox & secular Israelis together with JJ Sussman

#### Lunch at Cafit Botanical Gardens

### Shluchai Zibbur — Leadership Development

Development in the Haredi community, with *Naomi Perl* of the *Mandel Institute* 

#### **GROUP 6**

#### **Mentoring Between Tribes** Special program with *Movilot*, a mentoring program for Haredi women

Creating Shared Public Jewish Space Special program with Reshut Harabim with Inbar Bluzer, Ruthie Saragosi, Dov Abrahamson at Jeruslaem City Hall.

#### Lunch at Café Eden (Hashgach Pratit)

#### An Alternative to the Rabbinate Kashrut System

Meet with Rabbi Aaron Leibowitz, Hashgacha Pratit, a venture designed to bring the Kashrut discussion to the pubic domain

5:30 PM Conclude and return to Hotel

6:30 PM Depart hotel for Beit Alliance

7:00 PM Program at Beit Alliance with New Spirit, including short gathering and explanation, followed by a "Free For All" around the building, visiting the art studios and enaging with artists, followed by free evening and dinner on own in the Machane Yehuda Market

Overnight David Citadel Hotel

#### **GROUP 1**

#### CROSS TRIBAL EDUCATION

Visit the Yad BeYad School in Jeruslaem, a Hebrew/Arabic School, with Rebecca Bardach

Depart for Northern Israel

#### Lunch at Habayit BeOlesh

#### 3:30 PM

#### Pioneering Arab Education

Visit the El Qasame College in Baqa el Garbia for a meeting with Engeneering School President, Dalia Fadilla, and and students.

#### **GROUP 2**

#### ENGAGING WITH ARAB SOCIETY

Depart Jerusalem

Visit *Taibeh*, for a guided visit and dialogue with residents on their relationship to Jewish Israel

#### Lunch at Givat Haviva

#### 3:30 PM

#### The Dialogue Challenge

Visit *Givat Haviva*, the Center for a Shared Society, with Jewish and Arab educators

#### **GROUP 3**

#### THE LANGUAGE OF COOPERATION

Depart Jerusalem

Visit Ramle with Mike Prashker of *Kulanana* and the Kemach/ Tzofan Project of Arab andsecular women

#### Lunch at Kibbutz Magal

#### 3:30 PM

### Engaging with Arab Society

Visit Taibeh, for a guided visit and dialogue with residents on their relationship to on their relationship to

#### **GROUP 4**

### THE DIALOGUE CHALLENGE

Depart Jerusalem

Visit *Givat Haviva*, the Center for a Shared Society, with Jewish and Arab educators

#### **Lunch at Givat Haviva**

#### 3:30 PM

#### Jewish-Arab Womens Empowerment

Visit Kafr Kara and the home of Amna Kamaana, an activist in Muslim womens empowerment and coexistance, with Shulamit Ben of Givat Haim

#### **GROUP 5**

#### JEWISH-ARAB WO-MENS EMPOWERMENT

Depart Jerusalem

Visit Kafr Kara and the home of Amna Kamaana, an activist in Muslim womens empowerment and coexistance, with Shulamit Ben of Givat Haim

#### Lunch at Kibbutz Maanit

#### 3:30 PM

#### Art as a Cross Cultural Bridge

Visit the Gallery in *Uhm*El Fahem with founder
and director Said Abu
Shakra and a Jewish
artist

#### **GROUP 6**

#### DIALOGUE THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENT

Depart Jerusalem

Visit Kibbutz Ein Shemer with Jewish and Arab educators and school kids for a workshop in environmental and social (Jewish-Arab) ecology.

#### Lunch at Kibbutz Maanit

#### 3:30 PM

#### **Bettering Civil Society**

Visit the Sikuy offices in Haifa for a dialogue with co directors, Rawnak Natour & Ron Gurlitz and a discussion on their quest for civil equality in Israel

4:00 PM All Groups arrive in Haifa

4:30 PM City Group processing session

**5:45 PM** Drinks on the lawn and in the lobby

6:30 PM Dinner

8:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

10:30 PM Arrive in Jerusalem

Overnight David Citadel Hotel

#### Breakfast

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	GROUP 6
THE ISRAEL TRAIL	CULINARY	HESED	STUDY	ARCHAEOLOGY	THE ARTS
<b>7:00 AM</b> Depart for Ein Kobi	8:30 AM Drive in to Judean Hills Forage	8:30 AM Depart for Shalva for morning	8:30 AM Depart for the Hartman Inst.	8:30 AM Depart for the Old City.	8:30 AM Depart for Hutzot HaYotzer
8:00 AM Hike from Ein Koby to Yad Kenedy	for herbs and spices With Chef Moshe Bason Return to Jerusalem and begin Workshop at Eucalyptus Focus of Workshop:	of Hesed with Shalva, Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities, hosted by founder Kalman	Full morning of learning at the Hartman Institute.	Visit the: new <b>Kishle Dig</b> and continue to closed sections of the <b>City of David</b> , concluding under the <b>Kotel Plaza</b>	Workshop with <i>Kol HaOt</i> and Rabbi <i>Matt</i> <i>Berkowitz</i>
12:30 AM Concluide at Khirbet Saadim			12:30 PM Conclude learning session		12:30 PM Conclude at Jaffa Gate
1:00 PM Picnic lunch					
1:30 PM Arrive in Jerusalem	Shared Jewish traditions in Israeli cooking	12:30 PM Conclusion		<b>12:30 PM</b> Conclude at Dung Gate	
	<b>1:00 PM</b> Conclude Workshop				
	1:30 PM Lunch at Eucalyptus				

Free time and preparation for Shabbat

4:30 PM Depart for Tower of David

5:00 PM Pre Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat the Tower of David

**5:45 PM** Walk to Merkaz Shimshon

7:00 PM Shabbat Candle Lighting

7:20 PM Kabbalat Shabbat -- Traditional and Egalitarian

8:30 PM Festive Shabbat Dinner at the Blaustien Hall, Merkaz Shimshon

Overnight David Citadel, Jerusalem

#### **SHABBAT PROGRAMMING**

Including 6 Shiurim and 4 Walking Tours: 2 Old City, 1 Interfatih and 1 Literature

Lunch at the hotel

Overnight David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

#### **GROUP 1 WEST BANK/JUDEA SAMARIA**

8:30 AM Depart hotel

Security as a Bridge A full day exploring the Security Relationship between Israel and the Palestinian Authority

with Wexner Alumni us *Brig. General Avi Gil*, Divisional Commander. *A New form of Relationship: From Combat to Coordination: An Israeli View.* 

**9:30 AM** Visit the **Nachshonim IDF base** and meet with Divisional
Commander Brig Gen Avi Gil for
an introduction to *Soft Power, Israeli*Palestinian Security Coordination

11:00 AM Security in the Field, with Col (ret.) *Grisha Yaakobovitz* 

12:30 PM Lunch

A New Form of Relationship: From Combat to Coordination: A Palestinian View

2:30 PM Meet with Palestinian Security Officers for an overview of the Palestinian perspective in Kalkilya Area A

4:00 PM Drive to Tel Aviv

**5:00 PM** Reality — Virtual- Reality, with journalist and creator of the popular TV show Fauda, Avi Issacharov.

6:30 PM Conclude at the Hilton Hotel

#### PLEASE NOTE

This track will enter into Area A, under full Palestinian control The entrance will be with the knowledge of Israeli security and will only take place with IDF approval. Israeli citizens must submit their Israeli ID number and obtain permission from the IDF. Area A is not under Israeli control and therefore for entrance rests solely on individual participants.

#### **GROUP 2 GOLAN**

7:30 AM Depart hotel

Drive through the **Jordan Valley** toward the Golan — *Israel and the Syrian Civil War* 

**10:00 AM** Drive to the **Southern Golan** for a briefing with *Col* (res.) *Miri Eisen* at Tel A Safi (or other site to be determined with Miri)

**12:00 PM** Lunch en route TBA *Creating* a New Relationship with Jordan: The Jordan Valley Trade Zone

1:30 PM Stop at the commercial zone between Israel and Jordan for a view of the site under construction and meet with Israeli and Jordanian officials (PC) with Col. (res.) Dr. Danny Tirza

4:00 PM Wrap up discussion en route

5:00 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

6:30 PM Arrive at the Hilton Hotel

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

This track will be traveling along the Israeli Jordanian Border and on to the Golan Heights locations on both the Jordanian and Syrian borders. The day's route will be coordinated with Israeli security officials. The group will be in Israeli territory at all times. All vantage points will be in locations that have been cleared by the IDF for safety. The route for the day is subject to change pending security considerations.

6:30 PM All Groups Arrive in Tel Aviv and Check in to the Hilton Hotel

Free Evening

Overnight Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

#### **GROUP 3 JERUSALEM**

The Geopolitical Human and Political Map of Jerusalem

**8:30 AM** Introduction at hotel exploring the map of Jerusalem and some of the complexities involved in defining boundaries and borders, both physical and cultural between Israelis and Palestinians & Jews, Christians and Muslims

#### 9:00 AM Culural Bridges and Divides

Depart hotel for a full morning exploring **Cultural Bridges and Divides** between East and West Jerusalem, including visits with artists as well as a guided drive along the Jerusalem light rail, with the Jerusalem

**12:30 PM** The Return to Jerusalem: Muslims, 1187, Christians 1917& Jews 1967 Lunch with **Meir Kraus** of the Shalom Hartman Institute and former director of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies. at Montifioree

#### 2:00 PM The Geopolitics of Space

Updated geopolitcal tour around Jerusalem exploring some of the newest developments on the ground and their relationship to the current diplomatic conversation

**4:30 PM** Depart for Tel Aviv. Wrap up conversation en route

#### **GROUP 4 GAZA**

7:30 AM Depart the David Citadel Hotel

#### Israel and Gaza

@ 2017 The View From Erez

**9:00 AM** IDF briefing at the Erez Crossing into Gaza. Gaza From My Window

#### 10:30 AM Visit Moshav Netiv

Ha Asarah for an introduction and overview of the Northern Gaza Strip, including thestory of the original founders who came from Sinai in 1981 and the new Peace Wall with both a protective barrier and environmental art.

**12:30 PM** Lunch with local **social activists** in *Sderot* 

2:30 PM Overlook into Gaza and the new Advanced Detection System under construction along the Gaza border

3:30 PM Wrap Up Conversation

4:30 PM Drive to Tel Aviv

#### PLEASE NOTE

This track will visit areas near the Gaza Strip.

All of the places and areas visited will be under Isreali control and the visit will be coordinated with Israeli security officials. As there has been intermintent tension in these areas over the past few years, the route might change due to security considerations

6:30 PM All Groups Arrive in Tel Aviv and Check in to the Hilton Hotel

Free Evening

Overnight Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**6:30 AM** Group Breakfast

8:30 AM A New Israeli Order or the Israeli Order Renewed? Eilon Schwartz, founder of Shacharit

**8:45** AM Depart for the Tachana, Old Train Station

9:30 AM — 12:30 PM Tel Aviv Your Way — A Tel Aviv personal small group exploration experience with artists and maps, cafes

12:30 PM Lunch and afternoon on own

4:30 PM Depart the hotel

5:00 PM Final Program at the Peres Center Peace and Innovation

6:30 PM Festive Farewell Dinner

8:30 PM Departure to Ben Gurion Airport



### SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDERS

 1:15 PM departure from LAX on El Al flight #006

- Arrive in Tel Aviv at 1:45 PM
- Drive to Zichron Ya'akov and check in to the Elma Arts Hotel.
- Afternoon options on own include:
- Explore Main Street, "Rehov Ha-Meyasdim" (also known as "Derekh HaYayin"), and check out the small chocolate shop called Xocoatl (48 Hameyasadim Street).
- Spend time at The First Aliyah museum
- Pre-book and enjoy a spa treatment at the highly rated Elma Arts Spa
- Sunset is 6:06 PM
- Opening dinner at Oratorio\_ Restaurant with critic, author and translator Hillel Halkin: "Touching the Spirit & Soul of Israel."

**Overnight Elm Arts Hotel,** Zichron Yaakov

### THE ORNAMENTS OF THE GALILEE

- Sunrise is 6:44 AM
- Breakfast at the hotel
- The Other in Israeli Poetry with Dr. Rachel Korazim
- Drive to Haifa and visit Beit
  HaGefen in Wadi NIsnas, for a
  guided walk thorugh the neighborhood and an upclose look at the dual
  narratives of Isralei society.
- Living with the Other, guided visit through Zippori, a Roman/Jewish city from almost 2,000 years ago and the site of the codification of the Mishna, for a guided visit through the reconstructed site using Mishnaic texts as a guide.
- Lunch and wine tasting at Kibbutz
   Hanaton, meet with Haviva
   Ner-David, 45, a writer and one
   of the first women ordained as an
   Orthodox rabbi in Israel, and Jacob
   Ner-David, an intense 46-year-old
   who meditates and runs marathons
   for pleasure, is a serial entrepreneur
   and investor who has established
   a boutique winery, Jezreel Winery,
   set in a former tractor repair shop

- on the kibbutz grounds. Also meet with **Rabbi Yoav Ende** and others who are re-envisioning Jewish life in Israel and the future of the Kibbutz.
- Drive to Amuka in the Biriya
   Forest and the grave of Yonatan
   Ben Uziel, sage of the Mishna, for a window into the world of Kivrei Tzadikim Graves of the Righteous, and how visits to such graves has become a central form of worship to certain communities in the Jewish world.
- Mincha a Moment of Reflection at the ancient **Nevoriah Synagogue** in the Biriya Forest
- Sunset is 6:05 PM
- Check into hotel for dinner with special guest Josh Lauffer. As a singer/songwriter who is a self-defined "obsessive Torah-study fanatic," Josh composes moving and rhythmic melodies that poetically express the deep layers of meaning contained in Midrashic teachina.

Overnight Galilee (Kfar Blum Pastoral)

### MYSTICS AND MODERN PIONEERS OR TALMUDIC SAGES AND NATURE RESERVES

- Sunrise is 6:45 AM
- Early morning hike: Nahal Snir Nature Reserve
- Breakfast at the hotel

#### **DAY CHOICES**

Two tracks — Meron/Tsefat or Golan Heights

#### ROUTE A Meron/Tsefat

- We will start our morning on Mt.
   Meron at the graves of Rashbi and
   Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, "author"
   of the Zohar, where we will also
   visit the remains of a 2000-year-old
   synagogue.
- Guided visit to Tsfat, walk the alleyways and explore the ancient synagogues with Yossi Chajes.
   During our visit, we will spend time with artist Avraham Lowenthal and kabbalist Baruch Emanuel Erdstein
- Lunch on your own
- Visit Ethiopian absorption center for tour and meeting with Dr. Yehoshua Sivan.

#### **ROUTE B Golan Heights**

- Walk through the Tel Dan Nature Reserve, located on the largest tributary of the Jordan River, and explore the ruins of the great Biblical city of Dan.
- Ascend to the Golan Heights
   for a visit to the Druze village
   of Bukhata and a dialogue with
   Adeeb and communal leaders on
   their complex relationship to Israel
   in the wake of the Syrian civil war.
- Visit the Katzrin Talmudic Village and explore its archaeological remains, including the partially reconstructed synagogue and homes from a thriving ancient Jewish community.

- Enjoy the culinary delights of a chocolate workshop at the **De Karina** Chocolate Factory in Ein Zivan, followed by Wine Tasting at the **Pelter Winery (Matar Kosher Label)**
- Visit the newly excavated and renovated synagogue at Umm el Kanatir.
- Sunset is 6:04 PM
- Dinner in Rosh Pinah with gourmet chef Ronni Bar El and his wife, artist Genine Bar El. After dinner enjoy Genine's one-woman show.

Overnight Galilee (Kfar Blum Pastoral)

### THE GALILEE TO JERUSALEM: JEWISH SPIRITUAL ARTISTRY

- Sunrise is 6:45 AM
- Breakfast at the Hotel, check out early
- Heading to Jerusalem multiple stops along the way:
- Visit Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the base of Jesus' Galilean ministry, with its remains of an ancient synagogue.
- Drive via **Tiberias**, an ancient/ modern city located on the shores of Lake Kinneret (Sea of Galilee). One of Israel's four holy Jewish cities, this is where the "Jerusalem" Talmud was codified. Included in our visit:
- Visit the graves the Rambam (Maimonides) and Rabbi Akiva in Tiberias, considered two of the greatest rabbis in Jewish history. Why Tiberias and what have their graves come to represent?
- Continue to the Kinneret
   Cemetery, where some of the
   great secular Zionist pioneers,
   including Rachel the Poet and
   Naomi Shemer of Yerushalayim
   Shel Zahav fame are buried only
   a 15-minute drive from Rabbi Akiva
   and the Rambam and yet worlds and
   centuries apart in their understandings
   of Jewish life.

- Visit Hamat Tiberias, a Talmudic city with excavated synagogue, and one of the most significant Zodiac mosaics found in Israel Lunch at your own expense.
- Meet Rabbi David Bigman at Yeshivat Ma'ale Gilboa, considered by many to be the most progressive Orthodox yeshiva in Israel. Take in the view of Mt. Gilboa listening to the Bible's dramatic description of the battle fought here between the Israelites and the Philistines, with special attention to the story of Israel's first king, King Saul, and his sons.
- Travel to Jerusalem, stop at the Haas Promenade for an overlook of the Old and New City of Jerusalem and the traditional "shehechiyanu" blessing.
- Check in at the Mt. Zion Hotel

- Sunset is 6:02 PM
- Welcome to Jerusalem dinner at Siebenberg House with Isaiah Gafni, President of the Shalem College.
- After dinner, take a walk to the Kotel or Optional late night visit to a Challah Bakery in Jerusalem.

#### JERUSALEM: OLD AND NEW

- Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
- Sunrise is 6:46 AM
- Optional early morning activity from 7:00 — 9:00 AM, participate in (or view) Women of the Wall service at the Kotel.
- Breakfast at the Hotel with Shlomit
   Naor (Modern Orthodox feminist)

#### MORNING OPTIONS

- Explore the **Old City**of Jerusalem the Jewish
  Quarter, the Christian Quarter, the
  Muslim Quarter, and the Armenian
  Quarter. See the latest archaeological finds, get a feel for the diversity
  of this amazing city, meet some of
  the people who make their lives in
  this intense center of Jerusalem.
  Enter the Old City through the Jaffa
  Gate and walk along the rooftops
  for a glimpse into each of the
  Quarters.
- The Israel Museum 1 Start Up Nation Tour: a special tour at the Israel Museum with Elana Ben Haim. During our tour in the museum,
- Elana will incorporate details about Israel as a Start Up Nation and show Israel's innovations over the years; and 2 The Allepo Codex at the Israel Museum, with Mati Freidman, 3 Challenge, Question, Engage and Enlighten: Text study with Bina, the Secular Yeshiva, which represents the Secular Jewish Renaissance and Yahadut Hevratit (Jewish Social Activism) in Israel.
- Meet Mordecahi bar Or and spend the morning with KOLOT fellows and visit intentional communities in Jerusalem changing the social fabric of the City and the Country.
- Lunch on your own or sign up for food tour of Machane Yehudah
   Open Air Market using "Shuk Bite Tasting Cards".
- Return to hotel for free time and to prepare for Shabbat (check out the pre-Shabbat happenings at the Tachnah Ha Rishonah right near our hotel).

- Candle lighting at 5:21 PM
- Shabbat services at 6:00 PM at hotel with view of the Old City. Or with the Nava Tehila Congregation.
- Tasty Shabbat Dinner at our Hotel with "Lone Soldiers" and/or with Social Entrepreneurs from Kolot.

### SHABBAT IN THE CITY OF PEACE

- Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan (Parashat Noach)
- Sunrise is 6:47 AM
- Breakfast at the Hotel, overlooking the Old City
- Choice of walking tour or suggested services (including Kehillat Zion, Sod Siach, Raz' Minyan, Maayanot, Shir Hadash, Yakar, Yedidya, Shira Hadasha):
- Walking Tour: The Poetry
  of Jerusalem From the Psalms
  to Yehudah Amichai, while walking
  through the neighborhood of Yemin
  Moshe and Abu Tor, explore how
  Jerusalem was viewed by generations of poets, those who never set
  foot in the city, as well as those for
  whom it was a lifelong home.
- Shabbat lunch at the Hotel
- Late afternoon leisure (we've had quite a busy 6 days, time to relax a bit, take a nap)

- Optional Walking Tour of Rehavia, one of Jerusalem's oldest neighborhoods and home to many of Israel's greatest leaders, with stories and gossip from the 1950's and 1960's.
- Seudat Shlishit (light meal), Havdalah, discussion, and a little Torah study at the home of Rabbi Bill and Batya Berk.
- Shabbat ends at 6:37 PM (Sunset is 6:00 PM)
- Free evening for dinner in Jerusalem, the German Colony or along Ben Yehudah Pedestrian Mall

#### LATE NIGHT CHOICES

- Tower of David Sound and Light Show at 9:00 PM for those who make reservations.
- Small group visit to home of mixed media assemblage artist Jo Milgrom
- Late night art tour in Machaneh Yehudah with artist — Solomon Souza

### ISRAEL'S RELIGIOUS ISSUES AND SPIRITUAL TRENDS

- Sunrise is 6:48 AM
- Breakfast at the Hotel with Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum and/ or Rabbi Benny Lau: "Creating Community in a Messy World."

#### **MORNING OPTIONS:**

 1 Yeshivat Talpiot- an egalitarian religious yeshiva in Jerusalem creating a unique blend of commitment to religious study and practice and

- the values of feminism, democracy, and human rights with Co-founder and Rosh Yeshiva Shoshana Cohen. Time permitting, field visit to **Ein Prat** in the Judean Desert, including a presentation and study session with **Dr. Micah Goodman**.
- 2 Israel's Supreme Court meet one of the recently retired Supreme Court Justices for a frank discussion about religion and state in Israel.
- 3 Morning meeting with Suggest Shalmi Bar Mor followed by private tour of Yad Vashem (Israeli Society and the Holocaust or Why Did We Need a New Yad vashem Museum?)
- Lunch with artist Andi Arnovitz at her Baka home
- Explore the excavations at the City of David
- Sunset is 5:59 PM

- Dinner with Hartman Fellow
   Tomer Persico, at the Eucalyptus
   Restaurant with master chef
   Moshe Basson
- Late night bike-ride in the Old City (extra cost applies).

#### DIVING DEEP INTO THE POLITICS OF THE LAND/ SOAKING UP THE PAST

#### Cooking up Some Excitement

• Sunrise: 6:48 AM

- Breakfast at the Hotel, overlooking the Old City
- Optional early morning visit to the **Temple Mount**, site of the First and Second Temples, also known to Muslims as the Harem eh Sharif, the Holy Sanctuary, where Mohamed arrived at the Distant Place (Al Aksa) on his midnight journey from Mecca to Jerusalem. We will explore the Mount from theological. geographical and geo-political perspectives, in an attempt to gain further understanding of its spiritual meaning, while at the same time, the role it plays in the complex and ever changing realities between Jews and Muslims. Arabs and Israelis & Israel and the world. With guide Ibrahim Gazawi

#### MORNING EVENT

- The Jewish Character of Israel:
   Dialogue with Dr. Tal Becker/
   Yossi Klein-Halevi at the Hartman
   Institute.
- Morning Tracks (Founders and Followers, Cooking & Masada):
- Founders and Followers: My Home in Judea and Samaria — I am here to stay — visit two Jewish communities, which represent some of the current nuances of the settlement movement:
- Geopolitical drive along the Seam Zone barrier to Gush Etzion.
- Visit the outpost of Sde Boaz overlooking Bethlehem for a dialogue with one of the leaders of the new Outpost Movement.
- Stop at Kibbutz Kfar Etzion to meet with poet and peace activist Eliaz Cohen

- Visit Alon Shvut, one of the more established settlements in Gush Etzion and located on Derech HaAvot, the Patriarchs Way for a short walk and dialogue along Derech HaAvot with Biblical guide and scholar Aryeh Rottenberg.
- Study session in Efrat with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, with lunch.
- Meet with Rami Nazzal, local journalist and guide, for a dialogue and tour of the streets of the city of Bethlehem
- Conclude the day with a visit to Rachel's Tomb
- Jerusalem Cooking Program: Eat & Meet Jerusalem will take you on a private culinary tour in the Nachlaot neighborhood and Mahane Yehuda market, "The Shuk." At the market, we'll taste and pick the freshest ingredients for an exciting cooking class at their kitchen close by. Then, we will peel, slice, chop, grind, bake and fry a delicious and colorful feast of the local cuisine.
- Masada & the Dead Sea: Pack bathing suits, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses and towels for a day of adventure in and around the Dead Sea. Ascend by cable-car or walk up the Snake Path to Masada, Herod's mountain palace and the site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defense and its current significance in modern Israel. Text study atop Masada: Elazar Ben Yair and the Zealots of Masada & Yochanan Ben Zakai and the Rabbis of Yavneh.
- Lunch on own
- Experience sense of weightlessness as you float in the super-saline
   Dead Sea.
- Sunset is 5:58 PM
- Dinner at Piccolino, with Rabbi Yaakov Nagen, an Orthodox interfaith activist.

### FROM JERUSALEM TO TEL AVIV

- Sunrise: 6:49 AM
- Breakfast at the Hotel, overlooking the Old City (final time to enjoy the view from our beautiful hotel)
- Special program at the Maaleh Film School
- So Close Yet So Far, Guided drive around **Lod**, a mixed Arab- Jewish city located 15 minutes from Tel Aviv and known for its socio-economic challenges, for an introduction to the city and its challenges. Visit the site described in Ari Shavit's book where the Arabs were expelled from the city in 1948 with commentary explaining the various historical claims.
- In what is considered the worst neighborhood in Israel meet a woman who is considered by many to be one of the most inspiring people in the country Shirin Natour Hafi, Principal of the Arabic High School of Lod. Hear the story of this courageous woman who, in her spare time, volunteers to teach Hebrew Literature at religious high schools in Jerusalem! Meet kids who are attending a high school that has gone from a 9% matriculation rate to 40% in five years.
- Visit the new student village and explore a new model of living in Israel where young Israeli students are trying to reshape the complexity of Lod.
- Lunch on your own at the Sarona Market in Tel Aviv. From the Templers to the Hipsters — the newly renovated Templar town of Sarona is now a hip and vibrant fashion and culinary center.

#### AFTERNOON CHOICES

- 1 Reading Yochi Brandes with Yochi Brandes — an afternoon salon exploring her journey from the world of Ultra-Orthodoxy to one of Israel's best known writers, who takes traditional Bible and Jewish themes and relates them to contemporary life.
- 2 Visit the Tel Aviv Port with Ganit Mayslitz Kassif, the chief architect of the project, including a presentation on the eighty-year old port and the vision that defined the planning of the re-invigorated port, followed by a guided walk through the port complex, which last year had over four million visitors
- Sunset is 5:47 PM

• Dinner at Goshen or at Liliyot Restaurant with Kobi Oz (a musical legend in Israel) and Agi Mishol (possibly Israel's most popular living poet) — evening event exploring the poetry of Israel, two different perspectives, moderated by Rachel **Korazim**. What is the connection between urban planning and crime? A walk from Rabin Square to Hamedina Square is a lesson in urban planning and its impact on society — the way people move and act in the city, its memories and the various services it offers to those who walk in it

Overnight Carlton Hotel on the the Beach, Tel Aviv

#### GREATER TEL AVIV – HISTORY AND BREAKING NEW GROUND

- Sunrise: 6:50 AM
- Breakfast at the Hotel, overlooking the ocean
- Israel as a Jewish-Democratic state a Vision and a Challenge, dialogue with **Dr. Ruth Calderon,** former member of Knesset and the founder of ALMA and currently a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.
- Morning Tracks:
- A Tel Aviv Culinary Adventure embark on a food selection and buying crawl through the Carmel Market, followed by a Tel Aviv cooking workshop and concluding with lunch with mother and daughter chefs, Sari and Michal Ansky.
- Holon the City of Museums —
   for a glimpse at how the vision of one
   man, Mayor Motti Sasson, changed
   a city, including a visit to the Israeli
   Museum of Design, the Cartoon
   Museum, the Story Gardens, and a dialogue with Motti Sasson.
- Come with us as we go into the belly of the New Central Bus Station of Tel Aviv. Two and half hours of mysterious oddities, located in one

- of the most notorious buildings in Israel. Join us to find out why it's one of the craziest places in the country. Architecture, breakdancing, Yiddish and Tagalog, And what's with all the graffiti on the 7th floor? and WHAT?! there's a bat cave?!!! Curious?
- Lunch on your own in Tel Aviv

#### **AFTERNOON TRACKS**

- Small group visits to artists' studios around Tel Aviv, exploring how they translate their relationship to Judaism and Jewish life into their art.
- The Jewish-Arab Tour of Jaffa guided walk through Jaffa with an Arab guide and a Jewish guide, exploring the people and the places they share, the narratives they don't share, and a chance to take in a strong dialogue, in conjunction with Mishkenot Ruth Daniel.
- \*\* TBESOC special afternoon with Kehillat Raanan (Beit Samueli)
- Sunset is 5:58 PM
- Free evening in Tel Aviv —
- Explore the Tachana, Tel Aviv's newly renovated old train station and now

- a center of boutiques and good food, and one of Tel Aviv's blooming hot spots
- Meander through the Old City of Jaffa.
- Stroll down Rothschild Boulevard, with its many cafés and bars.
- Experience Tel Aviv Port, with its restaurants and clubs.
- Explore the newly gentrified Neve Zedek neighborhood.
- Saunter down the Tel Aviv Beach Promenade
- \*\* TBESOC special evening with Kehillat Raanan (Beit Sam
- Optional Dinner in the Dark at the Na LaGaat Theater.
- Late Night Option: What is the connection between urban planning and crime? A walk from Rabin Square to Hamedina Square is a lesson in urban planning and its impact on society — the way people move and act in the city, its memories and the various services it offers to those who walk in it What is the connection between urban planning and crime? A walk from Rabin Square to Hamedina

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### THE BEST HUMUS IN THE WORLD... AND OTHER DELIGHTS

- Sunrise: 6:51 AM
- Breakfast at the Hotel, overlooking the ocean
- Late Check out
- Morning Tracks:
- The Writing on the Wall as a Teacher of Culture and Language — Graffiti Tour and Hebrew Lesson with artist and social commentator, Shirel Horowitz.
- Guided walk along Rothschild Blvd. from the Founders' Memorial outside Independence Hall to the Habima Theater, with landscape architect Dr. Gideon Sarig who re-designed the four large boulevards of Tel Aviv. Explore how Rothschild Blvd. is now a synthesis of a leisure center and global high tech hub, together with a UNESCO World Heritage site of Bauhaus architecture and one of the most important Zionist sites.

- Battle of the Humus Joints pick your Jaffa humus place for lunch and see if it's the best in the world.
- **1 Hummus Abu Hassan** 14 Shivtey Israel St. Jaffa
- **2 Abu Dhabi Hummus** 81 King George St. Tel Aviv
- **3 Hummus Abu Adham** 7 Carlebach St. Tel Aviv
- **4 Hummus Hacarmel** 11 HaCarmel St. Tel Aviv
- **5 Hummus Mashausha** 40 Pinsker St. Tel Aviv
- **6 Shlomo and Doron** 29 Yishkan Street. Tel Aviv

- Return to Hotel for final shopping, strolling, packing or just relaxing.
- Making Sense of it all opportunity for conversation on experiences, feelings and thoughts for the future.
- Sunset is 5:56 PM
- Walk to Shenkin St. for festive farewell dinner with Etgar Keret at Orna and Ella, considered by many to be one of the contemporary classic eateries of Tel Aviv, on one of the most trendy streets of Tel Aviv.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for flight back to the USA

#### **FLIGHT BACK**

Overnight Flight back to Orange County, CA with our Neshama Yetera (our new extra soul) on El Al 005

Departing on Friday October 27th<sup>th</sup> at 1:10 AM, arrival at LAX at 7:00 AM Friday morning.





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