



Congregation L'Dor V'Dor & Temple Beth Torah Multi-Generational Journey to Israel Led by Rabbi Steven Moskowitz and Rabbi Susie Heneson Moskowitz

December 21 – 31, 2019

Saturday, December 21, 2019

- Departure from the United States.

Overnight: In Flight

Day 1: Sunday, December 22, 2019

Note: The first day's itinerary may change depending on arrival time

BRUCHIM HABAIM AND WELCOME!

CHANUKAH FIRST CANDLE

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport with assistance by a Makor Educational Journeys representatives and a light meal.
- Proceed to Tel Aviv.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Light the 1st Chanukah candle.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv





Day 2: Monday, December 23, 2019

**BIG ORANGE VIBES
CHANUKAH SECOND CANDLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Guided walk** along the **Tel Aviv Promenade**.
- Tour in **Jaffa**, one of the oldest cities in the world, hearing the story of the city from the time of Jonah the Prophet to the great return of Jewish pioneers to the land of Israel in 1881.
- Travel to the Bat Yam.
- **Chanukah party** with **Amigour's Bat Yam Housing Project for Seniors'** exemplary choir, consisting of 15 singers and instrumentalists with a rich repertoire of popular songs and classics in Russian, Yiddish, French and Hebrew.
- Lunch on own.
- *The Writing on the Wall as a Teacher of Culture and Language*: graffiti tour and Hebrew lesson with **Guy Sharett**.
- Light the 2nd Chanukah candle.
- Dinner and evening on own.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 3: Tuesday, December 24, 2019

**NEGBA – TO THE NEGEV
CHANUKAH THIRD CANDLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check-out of the hotel and proceed to Neot Kedumim.
- At **Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve** (located within the Land of the Maccabees, the ancient city of Modi'in), picking olives, pressing them in an ancient olive press and witnessing the oil seeping out of them—the meaning of the “festival of light” comes to life.
 - **Tree planting**
- Proceed to the **Ben Gurion Institute** in Sde Boker.
- **Lunch** in Sde Boker Desert Research Institute.
- Overlook from the gravesite of the first prime minister of the State of Israel, David Ben Gurion, on to **Tzin Valley** that the children of Israel had come through on their way to the Promised Land.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Light the 3rd Chanukah candle.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon





Day 4: Wednesday, December 25, 2019

**A HOLE IN THE EARTH
CHANUKAH FOURTH CANDLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Morning Desert Walk** along the rim of the **Ramon Mahktesh** (crater).
- **Jeep ride** through the Ramon Mahktesh with geological formations unparalleled elsewhere in the world, with the magnificent panorama and its fascinating story of geomorphologic evolution.
- Lunch on own in Mitzpe Ramon.
- Return to the hotel for rest, relaxation and spa.
- **Bedouin hospitality**, followed by a **Hafla** dinner and drummers circle.
- Light the 4th Chanukah candle in the desert.

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Day 5: Thursday, December 26, 2019

**A CRACK IN THE EARTH
CHANUKAH FIFTH CANDLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check-out of the hotel.
- **Art and Agriculture:** Visit **Moshav Neot HaKikar** in the northern Arava, where local **artisans** produce jewelry, pottery and metal sculptures as the moshav's farmers offer tours of their fields that include an introduction to **desert agriculture**.
- Proceed to **Ein Bokek** for an opportunity to float in the Dead Sea, followed by lunch.
- Ascend **Masada** for a guided visit through the site and an exploration of the symbolism and questions that arise from the Masada story and their implications for Jewish life today.
- Continue to Jerusalem's **Mount Scopus** for an overview and welcome to the city with traditional bread and wine.
- Check in to the hotel.
- Light the 5th Chanukah candle.
- Participate in "latke making" with members of **Shutaf**, an NGO that offers year-round activities for children, teens, and young adults, with and without disabilities.
- Dinner and evening on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem





Day 6: Friday, December 27, 2019

**JERUSALEM THROUGH THE AGES
CHANUKAH SIXTH CANDLE**

- 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.
- Stop at the **Western Wall**, a section of the retaining wall that encircled the Temple Court in ancient times and only remnant of the Temple compound built by Herod the Great.
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter.
- Walk through the Old City to today's **Jewish Quarter** for a guided visit through the Upper City of 2000 years ago.
- Return to the hotel.
- Light the 6th Chanukah candle at a Jerusalem synagogue.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** at a Jerusalem synagogue.
- Festive **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel or home hospitality.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 7: Saturday, December 28, 2019

**A JERUSALEM SHABBAT
CHANUKAH SEVENTH CANDLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Morning for services or relaxation.
- Shabbat options (*leadership to choose one*):
 - **The 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 their unique buildings and stories that have become part of Jerusalem's lore
 - **Jerusalem: A City of Many Traditions** – Return to the Old City for a walk along the Ramparts and free time in the Old City Market – the Shuk
- **Havdallah**
- Light the 7th Chanukah candle.
- Dinner and evening on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem





Day 8: Sunday, December 29, 2019

**FROM DESTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION
CHANUKAH EIGHTH CANDLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided visit through **Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center**, the Jewish national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, with separate programming for adults and youth/children. Come together at the *Valley of the Communities* for a special concluding program.
- Lunch on own in **Machane Yehuda** open air market.
- Travel to the Jerusalem hills.
- Near **Kibbutz Tzuba**, tour an **ancient winepress** from 2000 years ago, followed by one of these activities:
 - tour of **Tzuba Winery** and wine tasting
 - chocolate making at **Galita Tzuba**
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Light the 8th Chanukah candle.
- **Menorah tour** of Jerusalem.
- Dinner on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day 9: Monday, December 30, 2019

WALL TO WALL JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Leaving the Old City Walls*: Guided walk through Mishkenot Sha'ananim/Yemin Moshe, among the first Jewish neighborhoods established outside the Old City in the 19th c., using the poetry of **Yehuda Amichai** as a guide.
- Travel on the **Jerusalem Light Rail**, which follows the route where the wall dividing Jerusalem between 1948 and 1967 once existed.
- *Walls You See; Walls You Don't See*: With urban planner, **Dr. Hersch Katz**, tour the **Neve Ya'akov** neighborhood, a microcosm of the Jerusalem macrocosm, to understand the security, political, sociological and economic urban processes of modern Jerusalem.
- Lunch and afternoon on own.
- Festive **farewell dinner**.
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport for return flight to the United States.

