



Israel Family Adventure

June 16 – 28, 2024

Led by Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria & Rabbi Josh Foster

Itinerary (subject to change)

Monday June 17 BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL

- Afternoon/evening arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport in Israel
- Head to **Tel Aviv** to check-in (from 2 PM) and relax at our hotel on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea; enjoy the **urban beaches** of Tel Aviv right outside our hotel
- **Welcome to Israel Dinner**

Overnight: Herods Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday June 18 TEL AVIV – THE FIRST ‘HEBREW’ CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Explore **Old Jaffa**. *Learn about its long history and better understand the background of the desire of the Halutzim to establish an independent town outside of Jaffa*
- Continue to **Neveh Tzedek** and hear stories of the early years of this first Jewish neighborhood built outside of Jaffa which paved the way for the establishment of Ahuzat Bayit/Tel Aviv
- Shopping time & lunch on your own at the **Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Market & Carmel Shuk** outdoor market
- Head north along the Mediterranean Coast to **Mt. Carmel** for dramatic **views** of Haifa and the **Bahai Gardens**. *Haifa is the world center of the Bahai faith*
- Continue to **Kfar Kedem**, for **donkey riding**, pita baking and Biblical style dinner
- Check-in at our Kibbutz hotel

Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee

Wednesday June 19 LAND OF BORDERS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Hike and swim** at the Golan Heights. *Non-hikers will tour and taste at the award winning **Golan Heights Winery***
- Lunch on your own
- **Raft down the “mighty” Jordan River**
- Visit and stand in solidarity with civilians and **IDF soldiers** at Israel’s border with Lebanon
- Return to the hotel for dinner
- Evening session with a Kibbutz member to learn about **changes in Kibbutz life**

Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee

Thursday June 20 **LIVING WATERS**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Ascend to **Tzfat** city of the Jewish mystics. *Explore the narrow alleyways and synagogues and learn how the mystical traditions that emerged here 500 years ago continue to impact the Jewish world.*
- Meet a **Kabalistic artist** in his studio
- Lunch and shopping time on your own; explore the galleries and shops of Tzfat
- Continue to our **Beit Shean** Cleveland Partnership Region
- Relax and swim at the natural pools at **Gan Hashelosha National Park (Sachne) in the Beit Shean Valley** described in the Talmud as “the entrance to Paradise”
- Check-in at our Kibbutz Guest House
- **Community partnership program** and dinner with local residents
- **Shean Nights Sound & Light Show** at the Beit Shean National Park

Overnight: Kibbutz Ein Harod Guest House, *Jezre’el Valley*

Friday June 21 **FROM BEIT SHEAN TO JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the guest house; Pack bus and depart
- Step back 1,500 years at the remains of the Talmudic era **Beit Alpha Synagogue** uncovered by 20th century Zionist pioneers in the fields of Kibbutz Heftzibah in the Beit Shean Valley
- Ascend **Mt. Gilboa** for magnificent views of Beit Shean, learn some of the Biblical stories associated with this area and visit the **Gilboa Wind Farm** energy center
- Lunch on your own
- Ascend to Jerusalem and celebrate our arrival with **Shehechyanu** and the magnificent views of the city from the **Mt. Scopus**
- Check-in at our hotel
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** services as a group. *Then join thousands at the Kotel greeting Shabbat with song, prayer and dance*
- Shabbat Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Cassia Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat June 22 **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Shabbat morning services
- **Torah Study session**
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel
- Rest, relaxation and pool time
- Early evening walking tour to the nearby famous **windmill** and the first neighbourhood built outside the Old City walls by **Sir Moses Montefiore** in the 1860s
- Light seudah shlishit dinner and **Havdalah** program at the **Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism**
- Evening on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Cassia Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Sunday June 23 **FROM OUT OF THE CRUCIBLE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Session on the latest **security and diplomatic issues** facing Israel
- Step back 3,000 years to the days of **King David** and the days of the First Temple at the latest archeological finds at **the City Of David** (the original Jerusalem); walk through the water systems built thousands of years ago to secure Jerusalem's water supply. *(Dry option available)*
- Explore and have lunch on your own at the famous bustling open-air **Machane Yehudah** market
- Visit and stand in solemn memory at Israel's **Yad Vashem** memorial to the Holocaust including the children's memorial and the historical museum. *Children under 10 years old will visit the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo*
- Dinner on your own

Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday June 24 **JERUSALEM THE HOLY THROUGH THE AGES**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Bar/Bat Mitzvah** shacharit services at the **Egalitarian** Ezrat Yisrael Prayer area at the foot of the Temple Mount
- At the adjacent **Davidson Southern Temple Mount Archeological Park**, step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple. *Examine the centrality of the Temple experience in Jewish tradition*
- Lunch and shopping time on your own in the Old City
- Explore the restored **Jewish Quarter** together and examine the life of the city through the ages including the rooftops, the Cardo and the Kotel overlook
- At the **Kotel Tunnels**, continue learning about the Temple experience
- *Private prayer and contemplation time at the Kotel (Western Wall)*
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday June 25 **DIG THE PAST**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Saying *lehitraot* to Jerusalem, head to **Beit Guvrin/Tel Maresha** (lunch enroute) for an archeological adventure, stepping back to the days of the Maccabees, digging up the past with our own hands! *(the dig is appropriate for all ages taking place in caves with natural "air conditioning")*
- Lunch
- Check-in at our hotel overlooking the **Dead Sea**- the lowest place on earth. Enjoy the spa and have a float in the Dead Sea **OR optional excursion and hike to the natural pools at Ein Gedi** where young *(not yet King) David hid from King Saul 3,000 years ago*
- Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: David Dead Sea Resort & Spa Hotel, Ein Bokek Dead Sea

Wednesday June 26 WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Cable car up to **Masada** where the last Jewish freedom fighters faced the mighty Roman Empire 2,000 years ago. (*Early morning option for a pre-sunrise climb up to Masada via the snake path with a packed breakfast*)
- **Shacharit services** and tour atop the mountain as we address the troubling issues presented by the Masada story
- Descend via the Roman Ramp to the Kfar HaNokdim Bedouin Ranch for **Bedouin hospitality, lunch,** and a **camel trek**
- Continue to **Tel Aviv** for check in at our hotel
- Evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Herods Hotel, Tel Aviv

Thursday June 27 ISRAEL: LAND OF INNOVATION

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Head to Rehovot's **Ayalon Institute**, the secret underground pre-State bullet factory operated by the **Haganah** right under the noses of the British authorities
- Lunch on your own
- Visit the **Weizmann Institute** Levinson Visitors Center to learn about Israel's leading role in scientific innovation
- Return to Tel Aviv for last minute shopping time on your own and summary session
- Farewell Dinner
- Head to Ben Gurion International Airport for flights to USA

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator & a Keshet Youth Counselor
- All underlined meals are included in the package price.



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