



Israel Family Adventure
Led by Rabbi Stephen Weiss
July 13 – 26, 2016

(Itinerary as of June 27 – Subject to Change)

Wednesday July 13

Bruchim Haba'aim – Welcome to Israel

- One group bus pick up at Ben Gurion International Airport at about 11:45 AM, timed for after the arrival of the Air Canada, United and Delta flights that trip participants are arriving on.
- Head to **Tel Aviv** for our **opening program** and lunch on your own
- Check-in and relax at our hotel on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. *Enjoy the beautiful Tel Aviv beaches just outside of our hotel*
- 6:30 PM – meet in the hotel lobby for departure to our “Welcome to Israel Dinner” at Maganda Restaurant.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Beach Hotel, *Tel Aviv*

Thursday July 14

Partnership

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Head north to **Tzippori**, seat of the **Sanhedrin** after it was exiled from Jerusalem, where **Rabbi Judah the Prince** compiled the Mishnah in the third century C.E., and where we will see beautiful Byzantine Era mosaics.
- Packed Lunch
- Continue to our **Beit Shean Cleveland Partnership Region**. Relax and swim at the **Gan Hasheloshah National Park** (Sachne), described in the Talmud as “the entrance to Paradise”
- Ascend **Mt. Gilboa** and learn some of the Biblical stories associated with this area
- Meet **Partnership** staff, volunteers and families at the “**Babylonian Jewish Village**” at Yardena.
- Traditional Kurdish dinner prepared and hosted by a local family.
- **Home hospitality** coffee and cake with local families
- **Shean Nights Sound & Light Show** at the Beit Shean National Park

Overnight: Garden of Eden Guest House, *Kibbutz Tirat Tzvi*

Friday July 15

Mountains and Mystics in the Galilee

- Breakfast at the guest house
- 8:45 AM - Pack bus and depart
- Ascend to **Tzfat**, city of the Jewish mystics. *Explore the narrow alleyways and synagogues of Tzfat and learn how the mystical traditions that emerged here 500 years ago continue to impact the Jewish world and shape our Jewish identity today.*
- Browse and shop the artist studios, galleries and shops of Tzfat and have lunch on your own.

- Family **rafting adventure** on the “mighty” **Jordan River**
- Check-in at our hotel in Tzfat and prepare for Shabbat
- **7:25 PM – Shabbat Candle Lighting**
- Walk to **Kabbalat Shabbat** with the **House of Love & Prayer** Carlebach Minyan.
- Shabbat “Chef Dinner” at the Barel’s “Way Inn” in Tzfat.

Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, *Tzfat*

Shabbat July 16

Shabbat in Tzfat

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Attend services on your own at one of the many (Orthodox) synagogues in Tzfat
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel
- Afternoon to rest and relax and enjoy the pool
- 6:00 PM – Torah study with **Rabbi Weiss**
- Dinner at the hotel followed by and **Havdalah**. (8:28 PM)
- **Melaveh Malkah Desert Party** at the Barel’s with the **Simply Tzfat Band**

Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, *Tzfat*

Sunday July 17

Golan 360

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45 AM - Depart hotel for our morning options:
- Women: “**Inner Rhythms” Mikvah Spiritual Journey** – a meditation and musical workshop and mikvah tour.
- Men: An inspiring “plunge” into the world of mikvah for men and the opportunity to **immerse in the mikvah of Rabbi Isaac Luria**, the greatest of Tzfat’s 16th century kabbalists *or have a guided walk through the ancient cemetery of Tzfat and stories of Rabbis Luria, Alkabetz, Cardovero, Karo, Irgun fighters, and schoolchildren from Maalot and Avivim.*
- **Ascend the Golan Heights to Tel Saki** at Israel’s border with Syria. Meet **Col (Res.) Nir Atir**, and hear about the heroic defense of Israel when he fought at Tel Saki in the Yom Kippur War.
- Late lunch on your own in Katzrin
- **Hike & swim in Nachal Devorah (*Wadi Gilaboun*)**. Non-hikers will **tour and taste at the award winning Golan Heights Winery**.
- Dinner at the Gilaboun Ranch Grill

Overnight: Ruth Rimonim Hotel, *Tzfat*

Monday July 18

Land of Borders

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Visit and stand in solidarity with **IDF soldiers guarding Israel’s border with Lebanon**. *Learn about life on a border **Kibbutz**.*
- Head to the **Manara Cliff** for the magnificent views, cable car, rappeling, and Alpine Slide
- Lunch on your own
- Continue to Kibbutz Gaaton for a program with the **Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company** at the International Dance Village
- Check-in at our hotel in **Haifa**
- Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, *Haifa*

Tuesday July 19***The Mediterranean Coast***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM – Depart hotel to explore **Crusader Acre**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- See the beautiful mosaics in Akko's **Tunisian Synagogue**
- Lunch on your own
- **Swim in the Mediteranean Sea**
- Explore the dramatic white cliffs and grottos at Israel's border with Lebanon at **Rosh Hanikrah**.
- **Bike riding** along the **Mediterranean coast**
- BBQ dinner at the beach

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Hotel, *Haifa*

Wednesday July 20***Haifa and Mount Carmel***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Tour the **Ein Hod Artists Village** on Mount Carmel
- Visit the **Yemin Orde Youth Village**, which is home, school and safe haven to at-risk and immigrant youth from around the world.
- Meet **Racheli Yaso**, Yemin Orde's Outreach Director and hear her fascinating life story of coming on **Aliyah from Ethiopia** as a young girl, living in an Israeli youth village, serving in the IDF and earning her BA in Social Sciences and Criminology.
- Lunch at Yemin Orde
- Head to **Atlit**, site of the pre-state British Detention Camp for "illegal" Jewish immigrants *which tells the dramatic story of the struggle of Jews fleeing Europe (Ma'apilim), trying to reach British controlled Palestine, only to be arrested and incarcerated by the British*. **Meet Palmach veteran Murray Greenfield**
- Ascend to **Jerusalem**; celebrate our arrival with **Shehechyanu** and the magnificent views of the city from Mount Scopus
- Check-in at our hotel. Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Thursday July 21***Mazal Tov - This Year in Jerusalem!***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **7:00 AM** – depart hotel to **B'nai Jeshurun Bar Mitzvah Service** at the **Azarat Yisrael Masorti Prayer Platform near the Temple Mount**
- Tour Biblical Period Jerusalem at the **City of David**. Consider the unique Jewish values that developed here in the period of the kings and prophets and, flashlight in hand, wade through **the water tunnel** built 2,700 year ago to protect Jerusalem's water supply.
- Depart Jerusalem to the **Dead Sea** area, stopping on the way for lunch on your own.
- Camel riding at Eretz Breisheet
- Continue to the **Dead Sea** for check-in at our hotel overlooking the Dead Sea. *Have a float in the Dead Sea and enjoy the spa and beach.* (Beach is open till 6:30 PM, spa is open till 6:45 PM)
- 7:30 - Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Isrotel Ganim Dead Sea Hotel, *Ein Bokek*

Friday July 22

What Price Freedom?

- 4:15 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel – light snack on bus
- Ascend **Masada** via the Snake Path for **sunrise and Shacharit services**. *Tour atop the mountain as we address the troubling issues presented by the Masada story.*
- Descend for a simple breakfast at the Masada Visitors Center
- **Hike** up to the natural pools and waterfalls at the **Ein Gedi Nahal David Nature Reserve**.
- Lunch on your own
- Return to Jerusalem. Check-in at our hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- 4:45 PM – Meet in the hotel lobby to walk to join local residents and visitors at **Jerusalem's Old Train Station** (the city's newest cultural and entertainment center) for an exciting public, **pluralistic pre- Shabbat** experience with prayer, live music, singing and dancing.
- Return to the hotel for Shabbat candle lighting (7:07 PM) and a B'nai Jeshurun **Kabbalat Shabbat** service on the hotel rooftop overlooking the Old City.
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat July 23

Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - Meet in hotel lobby to walk to Shabbat prayers at the **Moreshet Israel**, Jerusalem's flagship Masorti (Conservative) Synagogue
- Shabbat lunch at the adjacent **Fuchsberg Center**
- Shabbat rest, relaxation and pool time
- 6:45 PM – Meet for a light Seudah Shlisheet snack followed by a session with **Issam Saad**, a Palestinian from Gaza who now lives in Ramallah and is working to create dialogue among Israeli and Palestinian teenagers.
- **Group Havdallah** (8:22 PM)
- Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Sunday July 24

From Out of the Crucible

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM – Depart hotel to the multi-media **Herzl Museum** on Mount Herzl, learn about the father of Political Zionism **Theodor Herzl** and his vision of a Jewish State.
- 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 will visit the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo.*
- Late lunch on your own at the **Machaneh Yehudah Shuk**
- Help feed the hungry of Israel with a volunteer **Chesed Project** at **Pantry Packers**
- Dinner and evening on your own

Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Monday July 25

Mazal Tov - This Year in Jerusalem!

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:10 AM: depart the hotel to the historic and picturesque Mishkanot Sha'ananim neighbourhood (*the first neighborhood built outside the Old City Walls – in the 1860s*) for a

B'nai Jeshurun Bar Mitzvah Service and **Celebratory Brunch** at the **Touro Restaurant** overlooking the Old City.

- Explore the restored **Jewish Quarter** and examine the life of the city through the ages including the rooftops, Cardo, and Kotel overlook
- Shopping time on your own in the Old City
- At the **Kotel Tunnels**, step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple and continue learning about the Temple experience
- Evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Mount Zion Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Tuesday July 26

Tel Aviv – The First Hebrew City

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - 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.
- Head to Tel Aviv to explore, shop & have lunch on own at the **Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Market & Shuk HaCarmel**.
- Examine the struggles leading up to the birth of the State of Israel, with a dramatic reenactment at **Independence Hall** where **David Ben Gurion** declared the establishment of the State of Israel in May 1948
- **Summary session** and Farewell dinner at Liliyot Restaurant- *fine dining with a social conscience*
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport for flights to the USA

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- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
 - Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and youth counselor
There will be parallel educational tour programming for adults and youth throughout the trip
 - All underlined meals are included in the package price.
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