Temple Emanu-El:
2020 Virtual Israel Study Tours Itinerary: August 13, 20 & 27
All tours are ONE hour long beginning at 11am EDT on ZOOM
(see below for sign-in info)
MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDES:
Rabbi David J. Meyer and Assaf Boker of Boker Tours

Session 1 (August 13, 2020): Jewish life in Jerusalem in the time of the Temple

- Introduction to archeology in the land of Israel. – learn how an archaeological site is structured and the meaning of the unique Hebrew word, Tel.
- Visit the Southern Wall Archaeological Excavations displaying the finds recovered in excavations following 1967, when Israeli had captured the Old City of Jerusalem from Jordan during the Six Day War. The Southern Wall Excavations offer us a time capsule to better understand Jewish life in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, and how some of our current Jewish rituals are connected to this site.

Session 2 (August 20, 2020): Masada – the end of Jewish sovereignty for 2000 years

- Visit Masada, a mountain that has become an inspiring symbol of the Jewish people’s courage and love for freedom. A tour to the top of this ancient 2,000-year-old fortress reveals the bravery of 960 Jews – men, women, and children – who were part of Bar Kochba’s revolt against Roman occupation and oppression. In our tour we will also learn how the modern-day state of Israel has adopted this site to form its national ethos and narrative.

Session 3 (August 27, 2020): Tzippori – So where do we come from?

- Visit Tzippori, a Jewish city that was founded during the Hellenistic era and served as an administrative capital of Galilee during the Roman times. The town has a rather unconventional story; its residents decided not to join the revolt against Rome in 66 CE (that we covered in our last session in Masada) and were saved because of that. Here we will discuss the path not taken by the people of Masada and Jerusalem – a path of co-existence and reasoning rather than violence and radicalism. We will also discuss how the decisions made by the people of Tzippori have shaped the way we live our Jewish lives today.

Join us for any or all of the sessions
(These virtual study tours are free of charge!)
For more information, please call or write the Temple office. Sign-in information will be shared in a forthcoming email from the Temple.

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