

Israel trip - Important info

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – our official trip will start at 4pm in the Lobby of the hotel.

Hotel Prima Kings -King George St 60, Jerusalem

Entrance to Israel:

If you are asked about the purpose of your visit to Israel, say: We are on our synagogue trip to Israel, we meet everyone in the hotel in Jerusalem.

Our synagogue is: Or Shalom of San Francisco

Our trip provider is: Israel Experts

We start our trip in Jerusalem at hotel Prima King.

You do not have to share your itinerary with them or answer questions about going to visit occupied territories...They should not ask this and you do not have to answer!

Transportation from Airport to Hotel

When arriving Israel, go outside of terminal and follow signs for TAXI to your left. The Taxi rides are organized, people stand in line and there is a very clear big sign with the cost of the taxi to different parts of Israel. The cost to Jerusalem is around 250 Shekel. If it's more than one of you it's worth it...with suitcases and not knowing the country it's the best and easiest way to get to the hotel.

Transportation to Airport at the end of the trip

Our bus will take people, who are flying back that night, to the airport, at no cost.

Important phone numbers:

Zehava's phone numbers: -

415-509-1181- can get any message.

054-254-5180 - Israeli phone number.

Tour Guide: Ilan Bloch

054-691-1001

+972-54-691-1001 (outside Israel)

WhatsApp Messenger- We will create an OS Israel trip group for the trip.

WhatsApp Messenger is a **freeware**, cross-platform messaging and Voice over IP service owned by Facebook. It allows the sending of text messages and voice calls, as well as video calls, images and other media, documents, and user location.

Down load the **FREE** app on your phone.

Israeli Currency: Shekel

3.6 shekel to \$1

Shekel is the currency of Israel and is also used as a legal tender in the Palestinian territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The new shekel is divided into 100 agora.

The currency sign for the new shekel (₪) is a combination of the first Hebrew letters of the words *shekel* (ש) and *hadash* (חדש) (new).

You can use ATM machines in Israel to windrow money in Shekels. Check with your bank or card company. The best option is a card with no international transaction fees.