

Draft itinerary as of January 17, 2019

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Or Shalom Journey to Israel and the Palestinian Territories
With Rabbi Katie Mizrahi & Zehava Dahan
June 19-30, 2019

Day 1: Wednesday, June 19

(Program will be adjusted to accommodate arrival time)

- Welcome to Israel
- Shehechyanu on Haas Promenade overlooking Jerusalem
- Group dinner at hotel

Overnight: Prima Kings, Jerusalem Dinner included

Day 2: Thursday, June 20

Breakfast at hotel

- Morning service at the Ezrat Israel area of the Kotel
- Walk through the **southern excavations**, viewing the evidence of destruction and the building of successive societies. End at the **Western Wall**.
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter
- Walk the alleyways of the Old City's **Jewish Quarter**. Hear stories spanning 3000 years of Jewish life in the quarter
- Options:
 - Tour the moat and old Turkish Prison at the Tower of David Museum
 - Walk through the narrow alleyways of the "Souk" and enjoy the sights and sounds of a Middle Eastern bazaar. Visit key religious and historical sites on the way.
- Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Prima Kings, Jerusalem Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 3: Friday, June 21

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour the world's foremost memorial and museum dedicated to the victims of the Holocaust, **Yad Vashem**. Children will visit the **Biblical Zoo**.
- At **Mt. Herzl Cemetery** "Meet" the dreamers, statesmen, and fighters who gave us the State.
- Visit the colorful Machne Yehuda Market
- Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with **Naava Tehila** at First Station
- Shabbat dinner at hotel

Overnight: Prima Kings, Jerusalem Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 4: Saturday, June 22

- Breakfast at hotel
- Optional tefilot
- Walk along the **Ramparts** of the Old City, getting a bird's eye view.
- Tour the **Christian, Armenian, and Muslim Quarters** of the Old City, discussing the diversity found in this one square kilometer space.
- Lunch in Old City
- Rest time/Optional visit to the Israel Museum
- Havdala
- Night out (on own). Suggestion: After dinner- Ben Yehuda street or enjoy Light & Sound show at the Tower of David

Overnight: Prima Kings, Jerusalem Breakfast and Lunch included

Day 5: Sunday, June 23

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- Breakfast at hotel
- Experience Israel Experts Signature **Changing Map of Israel** program. This interactive program provides background on the history and external forces that shaped the borders of modern Israel.
- Tour the security barrier in the Jerusalem area. Understand the security, geographic, and political concerns that determined its route.

Bethlehem & the Occupied Territories

- Travel to **Bethlehem** with Palestinian guide Husan Jubran. Tour the checkpoint that Palestinians cross on their way to work in Israel. Understand the security, humanitarian, and political challenges. Enter Bethlehem. Hear from civil society activists and tour the geopolitical landscape. Discuss the religious significance of the city. Visit the Banksy Walled Off Hotel.
- Visit with residents at the West Bank community of **Tekoa**. Hear about their lives and their views for peaceful coexistence.
- [While adults are in Bethlehem & West Bank, youth will participate in a dialogue with **Kids for Peace**, and a **scavenger hunt** in the Nahlaot neighborhood of Jerusalem]
- Dinner at hotel
- Processing Session

Overnight: Prima Kings, Jerusalem Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 6: Monday, June 24

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit to **Ein Gedi Nature Reserve**
- Float in the **Dead Sea**
- Enjoy lunch at the Ein Gedi Spa
- Visit the **Bedouin village** of Segev Shalom and meet with local residents. Hear about the Bedouin way of life of their challenges in modern Israel.
- Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Leonardo Negev, Beersheva Breakfast, and Lunch included

Day 7: Tuesday, June 25

- Breakfast at hotel
- Tour the **Western Negev**. Survey the border with Gaza and meet with local residents.
- Visit the Beita Village, an experiential mock **Ethiopian village** located outside Kiryat Gat. Hear about the lives of Ethiopian Jews both in Ethiopia and in Israel. Explore their crafts and cuisine.
- Lunch on own
- Visit the Israeli Arab town **Taibe**. Tour the town with Nasreen Hadad Haj-Yahya, resident of Taibe and Director of Arab-Jewish Relations Program at the Israel Democracy Institute. Meet in Nasreen’s home and discuss the position of Israeli Arabs in the larger Israeli society.
- Enjoy an **authentic Druse dinner** in Usefiya

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 8: Wednesday, June 26

- Breakfast at hotel
- Participate in an **archeological excavation** at Korazim, a site important to the development of Rabbinic Judaism and Early Christianity.
- Explore **Safed** – the ancient and modern home of Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism). Tour ancient synagogues and the artists’ quarter.
- Lunch on own

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- Enjoy beach time on the Sea of Galilee

- Dinner at hotel
- Evening program with **Rabbi Amy Klein**

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 9: Thursday, June 27

- Breakfast at hotel
- Explore the beautiful landscape of the north during a light water **hike**
- Ascend **Mt. Bental** for a view of the Golan Heights and into Syria. Discuss the challenges on Israel's northern borders and the ongoing conflict in Syria.
- Lunch en route (on own)
- **Kayaking** on the Hatzbani
- Dinner at hotel
- Evening program with **Breaking the Silence**

Overnight: Nof Ginosar, Galilee

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 10: Friday, June 28

- Breakfast at hotel
- Learn about traditional kibbutz life at **Kibbutz Ein Shemer**
- Adults will visit the **Givat Haviva Institute**, which strives to create a thriving Israeli democracy based on mutual responsibility, civic equality and a shared vision of the future, while youth will tour **Caesarea**, the seaside resort of King Herod.
- Pick up lunch (on your own) at the open-air **Carmel Market**
- Walk through the biweekly **Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Fair**
- Kabbalat Shabbat on Tel Aviv Port with **Beit Tefila Yisraeli**
- Shabbat Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Prima City, Tel Aviv

Breakfast and Dinner included

Day 11: Saturday, June 29

- Breakfast at hotel
- Gain insights into Israeli politics and culture through a **Graffiti tour** of South Tel Aviv.
- Options: Beach Time or walking architectural/historical tour
- Havdala
- Night out in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Prima City, Tel Aviv

Breakfast included

Day 12: Sunday, June 30

- Breakfast at hotel
- Encounter with members of the grassroots group **Women Wage Peace**
- Walk through the ancient city of **Jaffa**, focusing on Jewish and Arab coexistence. Meet with local coexistence advocates Ihab and Ora Balha.
- Visit Independence Hall and relive the historic occasion of Israel's founding
- Lunch on own on Rothschild Blvd.
- Free time for exploring and shopping
- Closing program at Israel's public square -- **Rabin Square**
- **Final dinner** at Tel Aviv Restaurant

Late night departure for San Francisco

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