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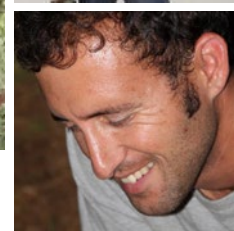
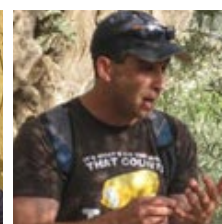
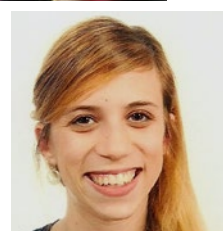
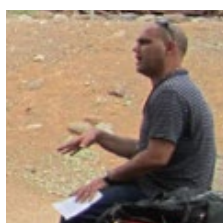
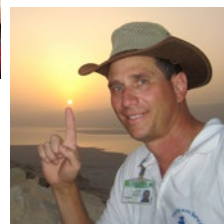
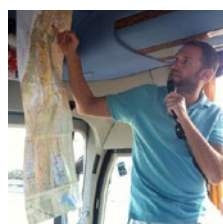
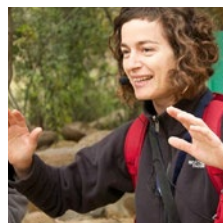
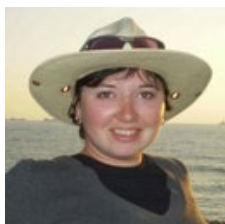
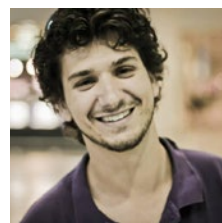
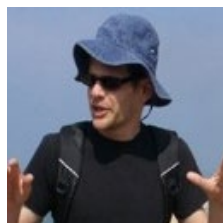
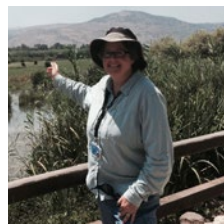
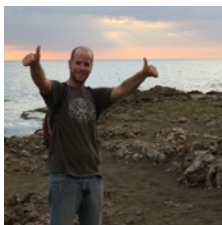
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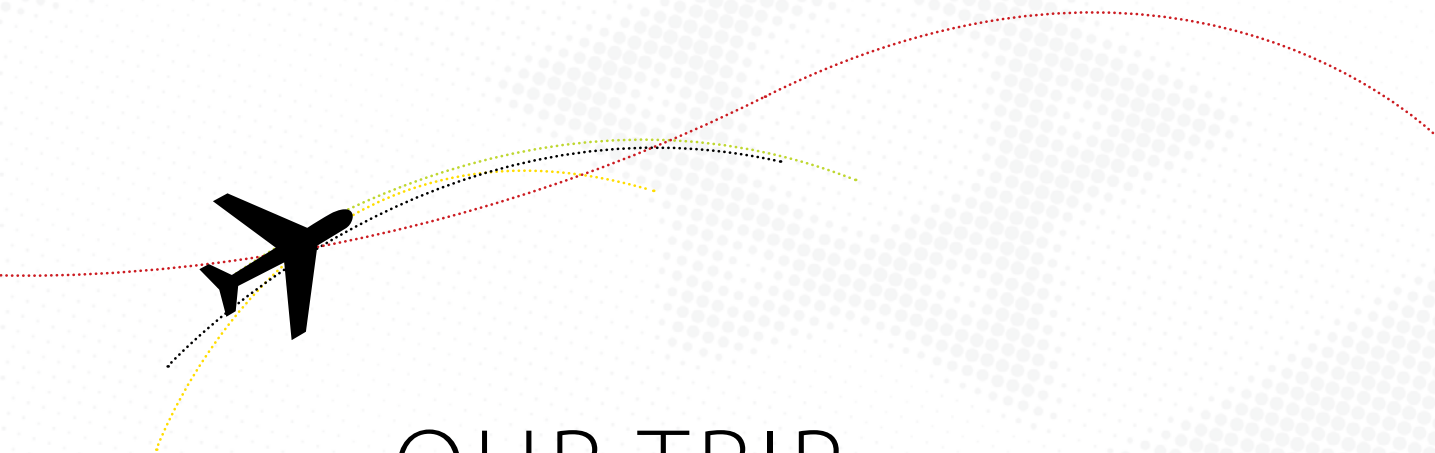


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HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey of education and inspiration
- Explore the mosaic and diversity of Israel's population
- Druze village and Kibbutz – window into unique worlds
- Behind-the-scenes look at the organizations that are saving lives
- Engage with activists, thinkers, and journalists
- From the mountains to the sea: Galilee to Tel Aviv
- Shabbat in the holy city of Jerusalem
- Superb service with top-notch educators

הקרוסלה העובדת האשונה



DAY ONE ▾ MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

DEPARTURE

- 7:45 p.m. Depart San Francisco on United Airlines flight #954.

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO ▾ TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020

THE START OF A SPECIAL JOURNEY

- 7:55 p.m. Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport. Our representative will be on hand to assist with all formalities and ensure your journey has the smoothest of starts.
- Transfer to Jerusalem.
- Check into the hotel and get to sleep!

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY THREE ▾ WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

THE NEW JERUSALEMITES OF THE ANCIENT CITY

- Breakfast at an Israeli hotel is an experience in itself. Start the day with a bounteous buffet before departing the hotel.
- Meet your tour educator in the lobby.
- Meet Elhanan Miller, a journalist and rabbinical student for a discussion focusing on sharing basic concepts of Judaism in the Arab World.
- Depart the hotel and drive to the Haas Promenade for an overlook of the Old and New City of Jerusalem and to recite the traditional “shehechyanu” blessing.
- Walk into the Old City of Jerusalem for a field seminar, meeting representatives of the major religious groups which together create the makeup of this 3,000-year-old city.

- Judaism: Stop at the Kotel (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this holy site, followed by a walk through the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Western Wall alongside the Temple Mount.
- Islam: Visit the Temple Mount, site of the First and Second Temples, and today the location of the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site in Islam (subject to security, time permitting).
- Lunch on your own.
- Christianity: Explore Christian East Jerusalem through visits with Christian personalities and institutions along with Hana Bendcowsky, Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish Christian Relations. Visit the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and other Christian sites. On the way, stop by the “Sisters of Zion Monastery” for a dialogue with the clergy.
- Walk along the Rooftops of the Old City for a behind-the-scenes look at how the various communities live alongside each other.
- Challenges and Triumphs of Religious Pluralism and Social Justice in Israel: Meet with Rabbi Noa Sattath of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner on own.

Overnight: Jerusalem



DAY FOUR ▾ THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020 THE MOSAIC OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- The Jerusalem Mosaic - Creating a Multicultural City: Meet with Tehila Friedman-Nahalon, Co-Founder of The Jerusalem Movement Coalition, building bridges between the different communities to bring about a more tolerant existence.
- 1 City, 2 States, 3 Religions, and 4 Quarters: Take a ride on Jerusalem's Light Rail, starting at the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood and continuing through the Arab villages of Shuafat and Beit Hanina and Ultra-Orthodox areas of Ramot Eshkol and Mea Shearim, and ending at the Old City. Get a chance to see first-hand the mosaic and diversity of the Jerusalem population. Meet local activists and discuss the differences between East and West Jerusalem, as well as the ongoing struggles between the city's different communities.
- Enjoy the sights, smells, tastes and sounds on a multi-cultural tasting journey through the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem's Machaneh Yehudah open-air market; lunch on own if still hungry!
- Cinema as a Window into Daily Life: Get a glimpse into Israeli society through film with the Ma'aleh Film School. Watch a few choice short films and meet the filmmakers, with time for questions and dialogue about their portrayal of Israeli society.
- Drive through the Israeli "Capitol Hill": along the Knesset - Israel's Parliament and its famous Menorah, the Supreme Court building, the Prime Minister's Office, the Israeli National Bank and the future site of the Israel National Library.
- Stroll along the Ben-Yehuda Street and Nachalat Shiva pedestrian malls, joining the many Israelis out on the town, with dinner on own.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FIVE ▾ FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020 | PESACH SHENI CHALLENGES AND HOPE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- LaDa'at The Geopolitics of Jerusalem: Travel through the city of Jerusalem, exploring some of its political and diplomatic complexities - including the 'Security Barrier' - to gain a behind-the-headlines insight into current developments.
- Drive to Gush Etzion, located in the Judeans Mountains and visit the Gush Etzion Winery for a tour and wine tasting with lunch on own.
- Creating a Joint Future for Palestinians and Israelis: Meet with Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, Ali Abu Awwad, and Shaul Judelman who all live in the Bethlehem / Gush Etzion area and together founded the Roots Coexistence Project. The Roots project draws Israelis and Palestinians who, despite living side by side, are separated by walls of fear - not just fear of each other, but also fear of the price of peace.
- Return to Jerusalem and time to freshen up for Shabbat.
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at Kehillat Yozma in Modi'in, led by Rabbi Nir Barkin.
- Home Hospitality Shabbat dinner/communal Shabbat dinner with local congregants OR festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Jerusalem



DAY SIX ▾ SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020
**SHABBAT OF ACTION, ART & POETRY IN
JERUSALEM | Free Day**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services.
- Lunch on own.
- Enjoy the rest of the afternoon off to relax and explore Jerusalem on your own.
- Possibly visit the renewed and wonderfully creative Israel Museum, with its wide-ranging and eclectic collection, from Archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls, to Jewish Life and Art, European art, contemporary Israeli art and the open-air model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period.
- Return to the hotel.
- Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah overlooking the Old City.
- Free time in the Mamilla pedestrian arcade, a very contemporary shopping area with a whiff of the past, located outside the Jaffa Gate of the Old City; dinner on own.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY SEVEN ▾ SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020
DREAMS AND CONQUEST ON THE ROAD NORTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel, depart Jerusalem and drive northwards along the Jordan Valley, part of the enormous Syrian-African Rift.
- A Light Unto the Nations: Meet Navonel (Voni) Glick, co-CEO of IsraAID who provides disaster relief and ongoing rehabilitation assistance to crisis areas around the world. You'll hear the inspiring

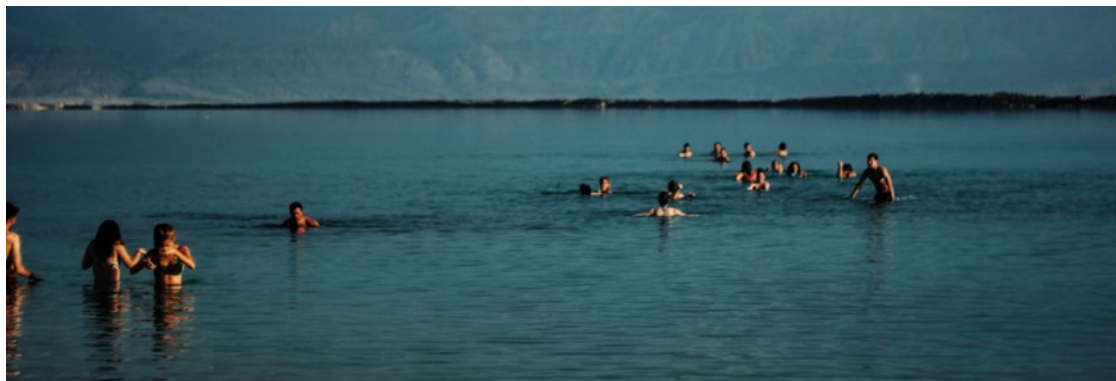
story of how this Israel-based organization is saving lives and creating long-term partnerships with people struck by disaster.

- Visit Kibbutz Gesher on the Jordanian border to view the model of the pre-State Naharayim Power Station and the museum depicting the challenges faced during the War of Independence. Descend to the Jordan River bank, the borderline that separates Israel and Jordan.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- LaDa'at Kinneret Cemetery: Enter the world of the early Zionist pioneers and learn about their hopes and dreams, their trials and tribulations and their ultimate success. Pause at the graves of legendary personalities such as Rachel the Poetess, Zionist philosopher Ber Borochov and songwriter Naomi Shemer.
- Stop at the monument erected at Shear Yishuv in memory of the 73 Israeli soldiers killed in a mid-air helicopter collision in 1997.

OR

- Visit the Hula Lake (Agamon HaHula) for bike-riding, golf-carting, nature walks and bird-watching.
- Drive north through the Hula Valley to the Upper Galilee and check into the kibbutz hotel.
- Enjoy dinner at the Dag al ha-Dan fish restaurant, located in a pastoral setting along the Dan Stream.
- Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee



DAY EIGHT ▾ MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE NORTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- Take a nature walk along the Banias Stream at the base of the Golan Heights.
- From the panoramic views from Mt. Bental (overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra) get a sharp insight into Israel's security situation on the Golan Heights, and the enormous challenges it faced in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- The Balance of Power on Israel's Northern Border: Field seminar on the northern border and dialogue with Guy Malal, a former intelligence officer.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Visit a Druze village for a window into the unique world of the Israeli Druze community, with lunch on own account.
- Living on the Edge: Look into Southern Lebanon from Kibbutz Misgav Am and discuss some of the issues relating to the security of communities in Northern Israel, including a dialogue with a Kibbutz member.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel.
- Where Is My Kibbutz Going? Dialogue with kibbutz members on the ever-changing nature of kibbutz life today.

Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee

DAY NINE ▾ TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 | LAG BA'OMER FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and drive to the Western Galilee to Akko (Acre), a UNESCO Heritage Site, for a multi-layered experience from the days of the Crusades through contemporary Israel, including guided visits to:
 - The restored Crusaders' Fortress.
 - The colorful Akko shuk (market).
- Visit the new JNF visitor center and learn about the development effort in Akko.
- Visit The Dror Israel urban kibbutz in Akko, a kibbutz established by members of the Noar Ha'oved veHalomed Youth Movement, who have dedicated themselves to improving society through education and adapting kibbutz life to the 21st century.
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Visit the Yemin Orde Youth Village, one of Israel's most innovative educational institutions, specializing in integrating new immigrant youth into Israeli society. Dialogue with faculty and students.
- Drive to the city of Tel Aviv, known as the "city that never sleeps," with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Check into the hotel.
- Free Evening and dinner on own in Tel Aviv, for an opportunity to:
 - Meander through the Old City of Jaffa.
 - Stroll down Rothschild Boulevard, with its many cafés and bars.
 - Experience Tel Aviv Port, with its restaurants and clubs.
 - Explore the gentrified Neve Zedek



“Sabra, the Hebrew name for prickly pear cactus fruit, fruit of the nopale cactus, native to Mexico, now endemic in the Middle East.”

From Wikipedia



- Saunter down the Tel Aviv Beach Promenade.
- Wander through the Tachana, Tel Aviv's renovated old train station, now a center of boutiques and good food, and one of Tel Aviv's blooming hot spots.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY TEN ➤ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020** **FOUNDATIONS OF A CITY AND STATE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the Old City of Jaffa and ascend from the old port through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began, followed by a walk through the famous Jaffa Flea Market - "Shuk Hapishpishim".
- Challenge, Question, Engage and Enlighten: Visit Bina, the Secular Yeshiva, which represents the Secular Jewish Renaissance and Yahadut Hevratit (Jewish Social Activism) in Israel; participate in a limmud session with students and tour of the area with a chance to explore the reality of the thousands of migrant workers, asylum seekers, and refugees from war-torn and impoverished African countries.
- Da'at Encounters Out of East Africa: Meet African women seeking refuge in Tel Aviv and see how they are working towards a brighter future by creating beautiful crochet products. Kuchinate (meaning crocket in Tigrinya) is a collective that empowers and provides support to women asylum-seekers, many of whom suffered great hardships while fleeing to Israel, and a celebration of African art and culture. Here we'll:

- Join with women from East Africa for a traditional coffee-making ceremony and talk with them about their lives in Israel and the struggles they are seeking to overcome through creativity and collective action.
- LaDa'at EthnicTasting Tour: Walkthrough Tel Aviv's famous Levinsky Market, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them, followed by lunch on own if still hungry!
- Urban Culture Tours of Tel Aviv, Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti: Join a local resident, to explore the urban culture of the city foreign worker in Tel Aviv as you walk through the streets of South Tel Aviv.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner on own.
- Optional: Evening cultural event (dance, theater, music - not included in the package).

Overnight: Tel Aviv



DAY ELEVEN ▸ THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

THE MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out and depart hotel.
- LGBTQ Israelis: Between Civil and Jewish Law: Enter the Gan Meir Gay Center of Tel Aviv for a visit and discussion regarding the progress and challenges of the LGBT rights movement.
- Stop at Rabin Square, a center of Tel Aviv's cultural and political life, named for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who was assassinated here. Take a quiet moment at the Rabin Memorial.
- Walk through the museum at the Rabin Center, dedicated to the history of society and democracy in Israel. The life of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin serves as a time-thread connecting the faces and events of modern Israeli history.
- Visit Sarona Market; through the smells, flavors and tastes of this renovated historical Templers town, explore the range of cuisine from local street food to fine dining by world-renowned Israeli chefs, with lunch on own.
- Stroll down Rothschild Boulevard to view examples of the intriguing Bauhaus-style architecture from the 1930s; the local proliferation of the style won Tel Aviv recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage site and the nickname of 'the White City'.
- Free time for last-minute shopping and packing.
- Festive farewell dinner at Old Man by the Sea.

For those flying this evening:

- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your return flight to the USA.
- Departure flight to the U.S.A., arriving the following day (May 15th).

For those flying tomorrow:

- Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Flight/Tel Aviv

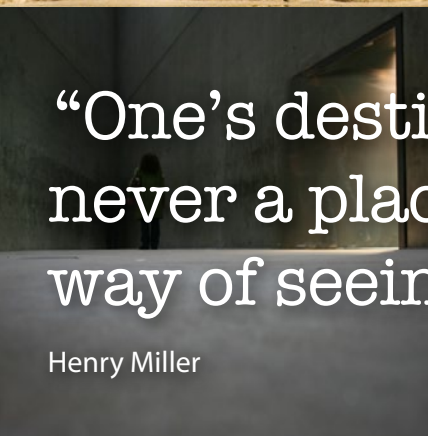
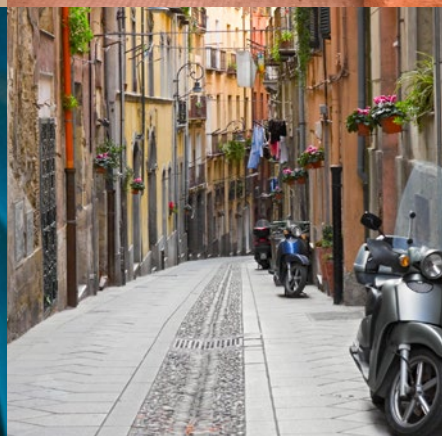
DAY TWELVE ▸ FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

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- 6:00 a.m. Arrive San Francisco.

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