



**Adath Jeshurun of Elkins Park**  
**Adult Israel Exploration**  
**Led by Rabbi Shai Cherry**

*October 13-27, 2022*  
(rev 14 Jun 22)

**Thursday, October 13 DEPARTURE**

- Departure from Newark on El Al flight 028 at 2:00pm.

**Friday, October 14 BRUCHIM HABAIM-WELCOME TO ISRAEL!**

- Arrival at Ben Gurion airport at 7:25am.
- *(Assistance upon arrival by Keshet representatives).*
- Visit the Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature Reserve to see the special Sukkot exhibit.
- Picnic Lunch
- Continue to our hotel in Jerusalem to check-in and prepare for Shabbat.
- Candle lighting
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at the “Ezrat Yisrael” egalitarian Kotel or local synagogue.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Shabbat, October 15 SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Shabbat morning services at Moreshet Yisrael, Shira Hadasha or other local synagogue.
- Day at leisure to explore the city on your own.
- (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5).
- We reconvene in the late afternoon for a walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods with the poetry of Yehuda Amichai.
- Group Havdalah
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

**Sunday, October 16 HOL HAMOED SUKKOT-THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Begin the day with a spectacular outlook over Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade. Delve into the story of the Binding of Isaac and discuss whether Abraham (or Isaac) passed the test.
- Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah! (if available)

- Explore the Southern Wall excavations to gain a better understanding of the role of pilgrimage to the Temple in ancient times.
- Private time at the Kotel
- Lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and Cardo.
- *Optional visit to the interactive Menachem Begin Heritage Center to learn more about the former Prime Minister who made peace with Egypt.*
- *Time to explore on your own*
- Return to hotel to prepare for Chag.
- Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah services at local synagogue.
- Festive Chag dinner at hotel.

**Overnight:** King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

### **Monday, October 17 SHMINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Join a local synagogue for chag services.
- Day at leisure.
- We reconvene in the late afternoon for a meeting with Issam Sa'ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas and is now involved in a unique Jewish-Palestinian dialogue project **OR** with Arab-Israeli journalist, Khaled Abu Toameh.
- Group Havdalah
- Dinner and evening at leisure. (You may wish to join the "Hakafot Shniot" celebrations in the city)

**Overnight:** King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

### **Tuesday, October 18 SHOAH TO TEKUMA/ENVIRONMENTAL COEXISTENCE**

- Breakfast at hotel

Track 1: (Shoah to Tekumah)

- We learn and remember at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial complex, with visits to the Historical Museum and Childrens' Memorial.
- Lunch break (on own)
- We remember Israel's heroes at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery.

Track 2: (Environmental Coexistence)

- Program with EcoPeace Middle East in the "Good Waters Community" of the village of Wadi Fuqin on the outskirts of Jerusalem.
- "Shuk & Cook" at Machaneh Yehuda. Visit various vendors in the shuk with a chef to buy ingredients for the lunch we will all cook together.
- Afternoon at leisure.

Both Tracks:

- Return to the hotel for lecture: Rabbi Peretz Rodman, on conversion and the Masorti movement in Israel
- Group Dinner at The Eucalyptus restaurant.
- Evening Lecture: Archaeologist Dr. Haim Goldfus **OR** Advocate Rahel Benziman, who specializes in Women's Issues

**Overnight:** King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

### **Wednesday, October 19 WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?/ ON THE PERIPHERY**

### Track 1: (What Price Freedom?)

- Early breakfast and checkout from the hotel.
- Depart for the Dead Sea Region. En route, optional photo op with “Shushi” the camel at the “Sea Level” marker.
- Ascend Herod’s mountain fortress of Masada by cable-car. Explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. Descend by cable-car to the visitor’s center.
- Enjoy lunch and floating in the Dead Sea at a Private Beach at Ein Bokek.
- Continue to the Negev.

### Track 2: (On the Periphery)

- Breakfast and checkout from the hotel.
- Set off for the Negev.
- Learn about Netafim, which revolutionized drip-water agriculture around the world, at the factory on Kibbutz Hatzerim.
- Enjoy a home hospitality lunch featuring North African cuisine prepared by one of the "Culinary Queens of Yerucham". Over lunch, our hosts will share their family's personal story of aliyah in the 1950s and arrival to Yerucham.
- Discussion on Ben Gurion’s vision of “making the desert bloom” by his grave overlooking the Wilderness of Zin, where the Children of Israel wandered after the Exodus.

### Both tracks:

- Check-in and dinner at hotel.
- Evening: Lecture on Solar Energy Resources, Technology, and Policy in Israel with faculty of Ben Gurion University

**Overnight:** *Kedma Hotel, Negev*

## **Thursday, October 20** *NEGEV ADVENTURE*

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning Options:
  - Time at leisure to enjoy the pool or spa
  - Self-guided bike tour from the hotel around Sdeh Boker with Geofun (reserve/pay individually- <https://geofun.co.il/en/sde-boker-kedma/>)
  - Visit the Blaustein Institute Ben Gurion University on Sdeh Boker
  - Hike into the Ein Avdat nature reserve (and back out, not up)
- Rendezvous at the hotel to load the bus and depart
- Lunch stop (on own) in Beersheva
- Continue to your Partnership 2Gether community of Sdot Negev for a program with local residents and dinner.
- Continue to Tel Aviv.
- Check-in at hotel
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** *Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv*

## **Friday, October 21** *THE FIRST HEBREW CITY*

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit the newly opened ANU-Museum of Jewish People.

- Stroll through the weekly arts & crafts fair at Nahalat Binyamin.
- Lunch break (on own)
- Afternoon at leisure to explore and prepare for Shabbat.
- Candle lighting
- Join Beit Tefilah Yisraeli for a lively musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Beit Tefilah Israeli is a liberal, independent, and egalitarian community in Tel Aviv, which is committed to Jewish spirit, culture, and social action.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** *Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv*

### **Shabbat, October 22                      TEL AVIV SHABBAT**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Day at leisure to enjoy the city's museums, galleries and café culture or the beach.
- (The Tel Aviv Museum of Art is open 10-4, The Eretz Israel Museum is open 10-2, Bet Bialik is open 10-2, Nahum Gutman Museum of Art is open 10-3, Ilana Goor Museum is open 10-6, Old Jaffa Visitor's Center is open 9-5).
- Late afternoon street art tour or walking tour
- Group Havdalah
- "Jaffa Stories & Coffee" encounter. Meet Doris Hiffawi in her home in the Ajami neighborhood to hear her personal story of a Christian girl growing up in a Jewish, Muslim and Christian area over coffee and snacks (baklava).
- Dinner at leisure

**Overnight:** *Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv*

### **Sunday, October 23                      EXILE AND RETURN**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Meeting Miriam Hartman-Beazly, principal violinist of the Israeli Philharmonic.
- Lecture on Israeli policy regarding renewable resources with a representative of Teva V'Din.
- Lunch stop (on own)
- Learn how Israel leads the world in reclaiming waste water at the Igudan visitor's center at the Shafdan Water Treatment Facility.
- Visit the KKL-JNF Educational Center in Tel Aviv
- Enjoy a group dinner at the Goshen restaurant.

**Overnight:** *Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv*

### **Monday, October 24                      BLUE AND WHITE GOES GREEN**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Travel to the Talmudic City of Zippori, where Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi compiled the Mishnah and site of some of the most beautiful mosaics in the Middle East.
- Packed Lunch
- Drive to Tzfat, the heart of Jewish mysticism, to explore the alleyways and synagogues of the mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th century.
- Art & Kabbalah program with local artist, David Friedman, in his studio.
- Shopping time in the Jewish Quarter.
- Continue to Kibbutz Hotel for check-in and dinner.
- Evening: Meeting with kibbutznik about kibbutz life in 2022

**Overnight:** Kfar Blum Pastorale Hotel, Upper Galilee

**Tuesday, October 25      GOLAN HEIGHTS 360°**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit the Agamon Hahula Nature Reserve, a JNF site. Guided tour to see the birds and other wildlife in the “Hidden Safari” vehicle.
- Lunch break (on own) en route.
- Ascend the Golan Heights
- Continue to Kibbutz Ein Zivan.
  - Chocolate Lover’s Option: Hands-on workshop at the De Karina Boutique Chocolate Factory.
  - Wine Lover’s Option: Wine tasting at the Pelter Winery.
- Meet Capt. (Res.) Yaakov Selavan for an update on the current security situation in Syria.
- Meet young IDF soldiers defending the northern border.
- Return to hotel for dinner.

**Overnight:** Kfar Blum Pastorale Hotel, Upper Galilee

**Wednesday, October 26      LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY**

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at hotel.
- Check-out and Load Bus.
- Lunch stop (on own) en route.
- At Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu to learn how this religious kibbutz led the “Green Revolution” in organic farming in Israel. “Bio Bee” tour of the fields and their “bug factory”.
- Stroll through the beautiful gardens at Ramat Hanadiv and in the charming pioneering town of Zichron Yaakov.
- Farewell Dinner and summary discussion
- Transfer to airport for departing flight

**Thursday, October 27      BASHANA HABA’AH!**

- Departure on El Al 027 at 12:30am.
- Arrival in Newark at 5:15am.

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
- All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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