



Adath Jeshurun of Elkins Park
Israel for Vatikim
Led by Rabbi Shai Cherry

October 13-27, 2022

(rev 17 Mar 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.
- Torah study with the Conservative Yeshiva.
- 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
- Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah!
- Enter the Old City and Jewish Quarter from Zion Gate.

- Lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and Cardo.
- Private time at the Kotel
- 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 ENVIRONMENTAL COEXISTENCE

- Breakfast at hotel
- 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.
- 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 options:
 - Archaeologist Dr. Haim Goldfus
 - Advocate Rahel Benziman, who specializes in Women’s Issues

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, October 19 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.
- 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 at leisure to enjoy the hotel spa or pool.
- Optional activities:
 - Hike in Maktesh Ramon (Crater)
 - Mitzpeh Ramon visitor's center in memory of Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon z"l
- Check-out and lunch stop (on own) in Mitzpeh Ramon
- 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
- Oneg Shabbat program with BINAH, the secular yeshiva

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 Whiskey Bar in Sarona.

Overnight: *Tal by the Beach, Tel Aviv*

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

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Travel to Kibbutz Hanaton. Program with Rabbi Dr. Haviva Ner David.
- Enjoy wine tasting and lunch at the Jezreel winery, founded by Jacob Ner David.
- Continue to the Galilee.
- Visit the Kaima organic farm at Hukkuk, which employs youth at risk.
- 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. (Option to ride a bike around the reserve on your own).
- 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 **WESTERN GALILEE**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning at leisure or Optional kayaking adventure on the Jordan River.
- 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".
- Visit *My Tree in Israel's* olive grove and olive press.
- 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 meals are included in the package price.
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