



**Several events are planned this year to celebrate Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, starting with Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Other events will follow throughout the year. Watch for them here and on our website!**

Visit of Canadian Ambassador to Israel Deborah Lyons – March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Yom Hazikaron – Israel Soldier's Remembrance Day – April 18<sup>th</sup> Temple Beth Ora

Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israeli Independence Day – April 19<sup>th</sup> Fort Edmonton Park

Edmonton Jewish Film Festival – May 6-16<sup>th</sup>, Landmark City Centre Theatres – Several Israeli-made films are featured, including "On the Map," about the Israeli Basketball team on May 6<sup>th</sup> and "Ben Gurion: the Epilogue" on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Heritage Days Festival – August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Hawrelak Park. Come out and volunteer for the Israel Pavilion! We hope to see you there!

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# Israel Anniversary Mission

OCTOBER 17-24, 2018

This fall, celebrate Israel's anniversary with a mission — a Federation Mission. Witness firsthand the impact our work has on the country we helped establish.

Throughout your journey, you'll taste the earth of Israel and feel its storied paths beneath your feet, sip its wine and hold its fruit in your hand. You'll meet real people, break bread, and discuss politics over steaming cups of coffee.

Put your ear to the heart of Israel — its people. Listen to their struggles and successes, their hopes and fears for the future, and share yours with them.

## Day 1

**Dig deep into Israel's history in the ancient coastal city of Caesarea.**

Caesarea was once a storied port to rival Alexandria and Carthage. Gaze upon its past through the lens of the future; using Israel's cutting-edge virtual reality technology, be transported to Herod's Palace, the Hippodrome, and the ancient Roman amphitheater.

Then spend the evening getting to know locals from Zichron Ya'akov, a town founded in 1882 by pioneers of the First Aliyah, and stay the night there at the acclaimed Elma Arts Hotel.

## Day 2

**Head north to discover a world of diversity.**

In Haifa, visit Beit HaGefen, an Arab-Israeli cultural center that shares our dedication to promoting coexistence and tolerance through cultural, artistic, and community programs.

Then travel to the nature preserve and gardens of Ramat Hanadiv, a living memorial to Baron Edmond de Rothschild. Dine at Mata'im, a Federation-supported restaurant that employs and mentors at-risk youth. And sample local wines with renowned Israeli winemaker Roni Saslove.



## Day 3

**All roads lead to Jerusalem.**

Experience a deeper connection to Israel as we journey into Jerusalem. Travel by jeep up the Burma Road and retrace the steps of the 1940s Palmach fighters, the underground army of the nascent Jewish State.

Immerse yourself in the day-to-day life of Israelis and wander through the iconic Mahane Yehuda market. Mingle among locals as they eat, shop, work, and convene.

Later, welcome Shabbat in the ancient Old City and enjoy a communal Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner.

## Day 4

**Experience Shabbat in the world's holiest city.**

Attend morning services at a nearby synagogue and experience the unique beauty of Shabbat in Jerusalem. Or, embark on a different spiritual journey:

- **Visit Masada**, the ancient desert fortress and majestic UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Dead Sea, to learn about the Jewish zealots who held strong to their identities during Roman rule.
- **Take a walking tour** of picturesque Yemin Moshe, the first modern Jewish neighborhood established outside the Old City walls.
- **Participate in a bike tour** to the 9/11 Memorial in the Jerusalem forest on the outskirts of the city to reflect on the cultural and diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Israel.

As Shabbat ends, gather on the terrace of the David Citadel Hotel for a beautiful Havdalah ceremony. Later, relax or join an expedition to the famous Western Wall Tunnels.

# Day 5

## Venture south to the Gaza border.

Travel to the Black Arrow Memorial, overlooking the Gaza Strip, where you'll hear from the former director of the Israeli Counterterrorism Bureau.

Continue into the Negev and fully experience how Federation is revitalizing the desert, inspiring residents, and bringing communities together.

Enjoy an authentic Moroccan lunch with our partners at Hamakom, a community initiative where North African culture is expressed through song, art, and food. Then tour Sderot with residents of Netiv HaAsara — the community closest to the Gaza Strip — to discuss life on the border and how our work sustains it.

### **COST** *includes GA registration*

Per person (double occupancy)	\$3,595
Single supplement	\$1,275

Register 7 participants & the 8th comes free!  
One free land package based on double occupancy.

# Day 8

## L'hitraot, until next year.

Return from your trip feeling connected — to Israel, to Israelis, to your global Jewish community, and to your Jewish values and identity. There's no place like home.

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## TO REGISTER

visit [www.jewishfederations.org/IsraelAnniversaryMission](http://www.jewishfederations.org/IsraelAnniversaryMission)

# Day 6 Day 7

## Join GA 2018 in Tel Aviv!

Welcome to Federation's seminal event — for the first time in Tel Aviv! Communities from around the world will come together to deepen our mutual understanding of one another — putting you at the epicenter of dialogue between Diaspora and Israeli Jews.

Share coffee, conversation, and viewpoints with Israeli philanthropists, intellectuals, and activists. Hear from renowned religious, cultural, and political thought leaders from around the globe on topics that most impact our Jewish world.

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