

Reading Interfaith Mission
October 17-24, 2018
Preliminary agenda - subject to change

General:

The Reading Interfaith Mission to Israel builds bridges of understanding among peoples of diverse backgrounds building respect and understating across spiritual preferences, religions, races, ethnicities, and cultures.

The vision for the Interfaith Mission is to strengthen the Reading interfaith community:

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport
- Welcome to Israel! Meet your tour guide
- Visit the Yitzhak Rabin Center
- Visit the Independence Hall (perhaps optional?)
- A guided tour of Levinsky Market?
- Tel Aviv – Opening speaker and festive opening dinner (General overview – by a leading journalist)

Overnight/ TLV - hotel TBD

Thursday, October 18, 2018

- Depart for Jerusalem
- Bethlehem and Rachel Crossing (the crossing is optional of course)
- Old City (including Via Dolorosa) and Western Wall Tunnel Tour – optional Temple Mount (security)
- Temple Mount (security)
- Night Spectacular at Tower of David Museum

Overnight/ JLM - hotel TBD

Friday, October 19, 2018

- Yad Vashem
- Machne Yehuda
- Visit Ramallah (if time permits)

Overnight/ JLM - hotel TBD

Saturday, October 20, 2018

- Masada and Dead Sea
- Return to Hotel

Overnight/ JLM - hotel TBD

Sunday, October 21, 2018

- Depart North
- Visit to Tira (Translates to "The Fort") is a predominantly Arab city. Part of The Triangle, a concentration of Israeli Arab towns and villages adjacent to the Green Line and meet with Dr. Dalia Fadila - president of Al Qassemi Engineering and Science College.
- Caesarea on the way north
- Zichron Ya'akov - winery
- dinner in a private room in the hotel with guest speaker

Overnight/ hotel TBD

Monday, October 22, 2018

Depart hotel

- Haifa Bahai Gardens
- Nazareth and The **Church of the Annunciation**
- Lunch on own and shopping in the marketplace of Nazareth
- Visit the **White Mosque**, the most ancient mosque located in the Market
- Visit to Eilabun - an Israeli Arab local council with a population of 5,541 in 2016, which is predominantly Christian
- Return to hotel
- Evening speaker

Overnight/ hotel TBD

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

- Visit Tabgha
- Visit the Mount of Beatitudes
- Golan Heights – jeeps and security briefing
- Winery and lunch
- Visit Ziv Hospital in Safed and learn about “Shchenut Tova” (good neighboring) the project that helps to bring wounded Syrians into Israel for medical care
- Visit the Abuhav Synagogue
- Leisure time for shopping in the quaint alleyways in the Safed Artist Colony (Time Permitting)
- Return to hotel
- Dinner

Overnight/ hotel TBD

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

- Depart south to TLV
- Visit Bina The Jewish Movement for Social Change
- Visit to Bialik Rogozin School
- Leisure time (and dinner?) on own in Sarona
- Drive to the airport and depart to the U.S