

**Temple Judea of Coral Gables**

***Teen Israel Adventure***

**Led by Rabbi Jonathan Fisch & Molly Levy**

*December 23, 2017 to January 3, 2018*

*(rev 11 Jun 17)*

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| **Saturday December 23** | ***DeParture*** |

* Departure from Miami on El Al non-stop flight #018 departing at 10:45pm.

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| **Sunday December 24** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion airport 17:30.
* We proceed directly to Old Jaffa for an opening program. Jaffa was the main entry point into Eretz Yisrael for Jews from the time of Jonah until the last century.
* Check-in and welcome dinner at the hostel.
* Evening: Orientation

***Overnight:*** *Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Monday December 25** | ***exile and return*** |

* Begin the day reenacting the moving moment in history when David Ben Gurion declared the establishment of the State of Israel at Independence Hall.
* Explore the weekly arts & crafts fair in the historic Nahalat Binyamin neighborhood.
* Cash Lunch
* Tikkun Olam program with “Save A Child’s Heart” a project of Wolfson Hospital.
* Enjoy dinner at Dr. Shakshouka in the Jaffa Flea Market and free time

***Overnight:*** *Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday December 26** | ***negev*** |

* Visit the Ayalon Institute, a secret underground bullet factory from the Mandate Period.
* Picnic Lunch
* Bedouin women's empowerment at Bat Hamidbar (Desert Daughter natural healing remedies and cosmetics) in Tel Sheva. Meet founder Mariam Abu-Rugayeg.
* Continue south to the Negev and your Partnership community of Yerucham.
* Program with P2G, including a home hospitality dinner prepared by the “Culinary Queens of Yerucham”.

***Overnight:*** *Desert Iris, Yerucham*

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| **Wednesday December 27** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Travel to the Judean Desert.
* Enjoy a camel ride at the Kfar Hanokdim Camel Ranch.
* Ascend Herod’s mountain fortress of Masada by the Roman Ramp.
* Explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.
* Descend by the Snake Path.
* Lunch and float in the Dead Sea at a private Ein Gedi beach.
* Meet Ethiopian families who crossed the desert to Sudan to wait for months in refugee camps before being airlifted to Israel by the Mossad.
* Check-in at hostel
* Dinner at hostel
* Evening: Journal Time

***Overnight:*** *Lev Yerushalayim, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday December 28** | ***this year in jerusalem*** |

* Begin the day with a spectacular outlook over Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade.
* Learn more about the centrality of the Second Temple in ancient times at the Southern Wall Excavations.
* Brief Kotel Visit.
* Jewish Quarter Scavenger Hunt and cash lunch.
* We learn and remember at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial complex, including visits to the historical museum, Children’s Memorial, and memorial *tekes* (ceremony).
* Dinner at hostel
* Evening: Process Yad Vashem with Kol Ha’Ot: Illuminating Jewish Life Through Art- Hands on Art Program

***Overnight:*** *Lev Yerushalayim, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday December 29** | ***this year in jerusalem*** |

* Learn about the father of modern Political Zionism, Theodor Herzl, at the multi-media Herzl Museum.
* Visit the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery and the graves of many young heroes.
* Falafel Lunch at the Machaneh Yehuda fruit & vegetable *shuk*.
* Prepare for Shabbat.
* Kabbalat Shabbat services at Kol Haneshama.
* Festive Shabbat dinner at the hostel.

***Overnight:*** *Lev Yerushalayim, Jerusalem*

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| **Shabbat December 30** | ***jerusalem shabbat*** |

* Private Shabbat morning services at Bet Shmuel (Sefer Torah provided).
* Shabbat lunch at the hostel.
* Walking Tour in the Old City of Jerusalem.
* Group Havdalah followed by free time and cash dinner on Ben Yehuda Street.

***Overnight:*** *Lev Yerushalayim, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday December 31** | ***shoah to tekumah*** |

* Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah.
* Travel north along the Jordan River Valley to Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu.
* Learn how this religious kibbutz led the “Green Revolution” in organic farming in Israel.
* Lunch in the active kibbutz dining room.
* “Bio Bee” tour of the fields and their “bug factory”.
* Check-in and dinner at hostel (or in Tiberias)

***Overnight:*** *Karei Deshe Youth Hostel*

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| **Monday January 1** | ***Golan 360o*** |

* Meet young IDF soldiers defending Israel’s northern border at Kibbutz Malkiya.
* Ascend the Golan Heights.
* Cash Lunch in Kiryat Shemona.
* Hands-on workshop at the De Karina Boutique Chocolate Factory.
* Outlook over Syria from the bunkers of Mt. Bental. Learn about the fateful battles here in 1967 and 1973 as well as an update on current security situation in Syria
* Dinner at guest house
* Evening: Activity TBA

***Overnight:*** *Karei Deshe Youth Hostel*

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| **Tuesday January 2** | ***bashanah haba’ah*** |

* Summary discussion
* Visit the mystical city of Zefat, including the synagogues of the mystics and Jewish Quarter.
* Cash Lunch.
* Art & Kabbalah program with local artist.
* Last minute shopping time
* Farewell dinner en route
* Transfer to airport for departing flight

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| **Wednesday January 3** | ***Arrival in Miami*** |

* Departure on El Al 019 at 1:00am.
* Arrival in Miami at 2:55pm.
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and a security guard/medic.
* All meals are included in the package price.
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