2017 Israel Tour
“Come Home To Israel”

Join Robert and Mary Louise Ackerman, Rabbi and Rebbetzin of Beit Shalom Messianic Synagogue, Thomasville, Georgia, on this exciting trip to Israel. Visit significant Biblical sites and hear insights from a Messianic Jewish guide (follower of Yeshua). Pray with us in special places for the people and nation of Israel and for G-d’s eternal plan to be fulfilled. Hear from Messianic Israelis their perspective on Israel, world events and the last days. See exciting sites, do exciting things and enjoy delicious food on this “trip of a lifetime.” If you’ve never been to Israel, it will “change you.”

Day 1
Tuesday, November 28th: Departure: Depart Jacksonville 12:00PM. Arrive Newark 2:19 PM. Depart Newark 4:05 PM.

Day 2
Wednesday, November 29th: Arrival. Arrive at Tel Aviv’s Ben Gurion Airport at 9:25AM. After customs, at approximately 11:00 AM, meet your driver and guide. Drive to Jerusalem for lunch. Visit the Friends of Zion Museum. Experience an exciting 3D and holographic presentation of Israel from the time of the Land of the Promise up to modern times and the Declaration of the State of Israel. Visit Ben Yehudah Street, an exciting open-air shopping plaza for your first opportunity to purchase special momentos of Israel. Drive to Yad Hashmonah Moshav to visit their Biblical Gardens. A moshav is a collective organization similar to a kibbutz. The exciting thing about this one is that it is Messianic; they are believers in Yeshua. The Biblical Gardens provide a glimpse into the spiritual, physical, and agricultural world of the Jewish people in the land of the Bible in Yeshua’s day. Some of the things that you will see are an ancient wine press, an olive oil press, a mikveh (ritual immersion pool), a burial cave, an agricultural watchtower, and a Galilean-type synagogue, Yad Hashmona Moshav. Dinner and overnight.

Day 3
Thursday, November 30th: Yad Hashmona. After breakfast, depart Yad Hashmona and drive through the shephela, the Judean foothills in the center of Israel. Visit the Elah Valley, the site of the battle between the Israelites and the Philistines where young David defeated Goliath. Pick up stones from Brook of Elah, the probable site from which David found his five smooth stones (1Samuel 17). Drive to Beit Guvrin National Park which has 480 chalk caves with over 2000 years of history. Beit Guvrin was formerly the Israelite village of Maresha (Joshua 15:42, 2Chronicles 11:8, 14:9, 20:37 and Micah 1:15). In the park, visit the awe-inspiring Bell Cave, its name derived from its shape and its 60 foot ceiling. Lunch at Bell Cave. Drive through the town of Gath, the home of Goliath as we make our way to the ancient city of Beersheva where Abraham once lived. Visit the ancient site of Beersheba (Tel Beersheva) and sense the presence of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and maybe even Elijah who passed through this city running away from Queen Jezebel (Abraham: Genesis 21; 22, Isaac: Genesis 26, Jacob: Genesis 28; 46 and Elijah: 1Kings 19). See the very ancient well in the city, maybe even Abraham’s well. Depart Beersheva and drive through the Negev, the southern desert, on our way to a Bedouin village, Kfar Hanokdim, for overnight. The encampment is located in a green oasis with shaded areas created by palm leaves and biblically inspired gardens. When we arrive you will be invited inside the Bedouin tent to
Day 4

Friday, December 1st: K’far Hanokdim. After breakfast, depart K’far Hanokdim and drive to Masada, the Dead Sea fortress built by King Herod and the last holdout of a group of Jewish zealots after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE. Take the cable car to the top (or the snake trail for the more adventurous) and tour the ruins of this small city on the peak of a flat-topped mountain. Hear the story of the last days of the Jews as the Romans furiously built a siege ramp up the western side. After lunch at Masada, drive along the western shore of the Dead Sea to Ein Gedi (Spring of the Mountain Goat). View the hills above where David hid from King Saul (1Samuel 23:29). Ein Gedi is also named in the prophetic description of the days after Yeshua returns (Ezekiel 47:10). Continue driving along the Dead Sea to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. This ruined village is thought to be the home of the Essenes, the Jewish sect which wrote many scrolls of their own and preserved some of the Biblical scrolls as well. Continue to drive along the Dead Sea coast to its northern tip. Begin the ascent to Jerusalem. From 1200 feet below sea level we will climb to Jerusalem at 2,550 feet above sea level; a 3,750 foot climb! We will make Aliyah, go up to Jerusalem. Read together Psalms 120-134, the Psalms of Ascent. Arriving in Jerusalem on Mount Scopus, we will stop at an overlook to share a covenant of salt together before continuing to our hotel. Consider that in contrast to leaven, the use of which is forbidden on the altar, salt is commanded for use on the altar, not only on meats, but also on grains (Leviticus 2, Numbers 18 and 2Chronicles 13). Sharing the covenant of salt together by placing salt on shared bread (grain) as we look out over Jerusalem will remind each of us of the New Covenant which ADONAI (G-d) made with us through His Son Yeshua. The permanence of salt suggests an unbreakable covenant. Continue to Sephardic House Hotel in the Jewish Quarter of ancient Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Sephardic House, dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Saturday, December 2nd: Jerusalem. Shabbat, the Sabbath. No tours. We will have our own Shabbat Service at the hotel, after which you may wish to join other local services. Or, you may just wish to rest and later walk to the nearby Western Wall, the western retaining wall of the Temple Mount constructed by Herod. Today, without a Temple, it is the holiest site in Judaism. You may wish to go there to pray and to place written prayers in niches in the wall. The Kotel, the Wall, is divided into men’s and women’s sections. On your way, you can view the Temple Menorah constructed by the Temple Institute for use in the new Holy Temple. The menorah, containing 45 kg of 24k gold and weighing ½ ton, is worth approximately $3,000,000. It stands alongside the Yehudah HaLevi steps leading down to the Western Wall Plaza. Sephardic House, dinner and overnight.

Day 6

Sunday, December 3rd: Jerusalem. Begin the day atop the Mount of Olives with an overview and orientation about the city of Jerusalem. Drive down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane where Yeshua prayed with His disciples following His last Passover seder (Matthew 26:26-45). Take a moment to quietly pray in this peaceful place. Enter the Lion’s Gate of the Old City. Inside, visit the Pool of Bethesda, the place where Yeshua healed a man ill for 38 years (John 5:2-15). Continue your walk to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Inside this church, first built in 330 CE by Constantine’s mother, is a tomb which most scholars believe to be the tomb in which Yeshua was laid (Matthew 27:57-60). Also inside the church is a place that some believe to be Golgotha (Matthew 27:33). Walk the short distance from the church to the Jewish Quarter and visit the Cardo, a street built by the Romans after the destruction of Jerusalem in 135CE.

Day 7

Monday, December 4th: Jerusalem. Begin the morning with a brief visit to the Western Wall, containing 45 k of 24k gold and weighing ½ ton, is worth approximately $3,000,000. It stands alongside the Yehudah HaLevi steps leading down to the Western Wall Plaza. Sephardic House, dinner and overnight.
the shops of the Jewish quarter and have lunch on your own. Regather and visit the nearby Temple Institute, the organization which is preparing everything needed to reinstitute Temple worship. Hear about progress and see the actual garments, Temple implements, and furniture on display. The re-created large, golden Temple Menorah is nearby. Then visit the City of David and the newly discovered Palace of David (2 Samuel 5:11, 2 Samuel 11:2 and 2 Samuel 16:21-22), evidence further establishing the truth of ancient Jewish presence in Jerusalem (as opposed to what some say). See the ancient street leading from the City of David to the Temple Mount. The City of David complex is connected by an underground tunnel at the ancient street level to the Davidson Center, the Jerusalem Archeological Park, a place dedicated to everything relating to the Temple Mount. Walk from the Davidson Center to the southwestern corner of the Temple Mount. See the excavated Herodian street of Yeshua’s day alongside the Western Wall. Visit the southern Temple steps, the main entrance to the Temple Mount and the location of the mikvaot, the immersion pools, which Shimon Kefa (Simon Peter) would have used to immerse the new believers on Shavuot (Pentecost), just days after Yeshua's ascension into heaven (Acts 2:41). Visit the Western Wall for a time of prayer. Return to Sephardic House for dinner and overnight.

Day 7

Monday, December 4th: Jerusalem. Begin the day at Yad Vashem, Israel’s memorial to the Holocaust. This very moving place is named from Isaiah 56:5; where G-d says, “I will give them (Yad) a memorial and (Vashem) a name. You will want to spend time inside the main museum and also walk down the “Avenue of Righteous Gentiles” where carob trees are dedicated to those who saved Jewish lives during the Holocaust. Visit and tour the Knesset, Israel’s parliament. The tour presents the nature of Israeli democracy, the Knesset’s roles and responsibilities and the works of art in the building. The Knesset Committees Wing, the Plenary Hall, Chagall Hall and the exhibit of Israel’s Declaration of Independence are also visited. Travel to the Israel Museum and spend the remainder of the day at the complex which contains the Jerusalem Model, the Shrine of the Book, and the Israel Museum. The Jerusalem Model covers almost an acre and depicts Jerusalem at its peak in about 66CE. The Shrine of the Book contains the Dead Sea Scrolls discovered at Qumran along with many other exhibits of that time and area. The Israel Museum houses works dating from prehistory to the present day in its Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Jewish Art and Life Wings. Return to Sephardic House for dinner and overnight.

Day 8

Tuesday, December 5th: Jerusalem to the Galilee via Samaria. After breakfast, depart Jerusalem. Drive through Samaria to Tel Shiloh. Shiloh was the religious center of Israel during the times of the Judges and spans 4,000 years of continuous settlement. Shiloh was one of the locations of the Tabernacle (Joshua 18:1). Be still at the probable site for the Tabernacle and experience the amazing presence of the L-rd there. Continue driving north through Samaria and view Mount Gerizim (Har Gerizim) to the west. This is the Biblical site where G-d commanded Joshua to pronounce the blessings (Joshua 8:33). Continue north for several more miles and view Mount Ebal (Har Eval) to the west. On this mountain the altar was constructed and the curses were pronounced (Joshua 8:30-33). Our trip continues through Samaria into the Jezreel Valley where you will visit Ein Harod, the Spring of Harod, which flows out from the base of Mount Gilboa. It was on the top of Mount Gilboa that King Saul and his three sons died; his sons at the hands of the Philistines and Saul by his own hand (1Samuel 31:2-6). The Spring of Harod is the place where Gideon gathered his men before battling the Midianites (Judges 7:1-25). Look toward the north from the spring and see the Hill of Moreh (Judges 7:1) where Gideon and his 300 men defeated the Midianites. Visit Beit She’an, where the Philistines took the bodies of Saul and his sons, and placed them on the city wall (1Samuel 31:8-13). It was a city of the Decapolis in Yeshua’s day. Later occupied by the Romans, it was destroyed by an earthquake in the 7th century. Continue to Kinar Galil Hotel on the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. This beautiful spot has its own dedicated swimming beach and a view of the Golan Heights. Nearby is Kursi, which is thought to be the site of the healing of the Gadarene demoniac (Mark 5:1-19). Kinar Galil Hotel for dinner and overnight.
Day 9

Wednesday, December 6th: The Galilee. After breakfast, drive south to Kibbutz Ein Gev on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee and board a fishing boat for a trip across the lake. Dock at Kibbutz Nof Ginosar about 10 kilometers north of Tiberias. This is the location of the famed “Jesus Boat.” Visit the 2000 year old boat in the museum there, a fishing boat similar to those which Yeshua and his disciples would have used. There is also an excellent gift and Judaica shop here. Drive to the village of Kfar Nachum, Capernaum, where Yeshua found his first disciples (Matthew 4:12-22). Visit the Capernaum synagogue where He taught (Mark 1:21-22). See the home of Shimon Kefa, Simon Peter, where Yeshua may have stayed (Matthew 8:14-17, Luke 4:38-41 and Mark 2:1-12). It was also here that Peter found the coin in the mouth of the fish (Matthew 17:24-27). Drive to Tel Dan, the partially restored site of the ancient city of Dan. Dan is the second site of the “golden calves” of King Jeroboam, king of the northern Kingdom of Israel (1Kings 12:25-29). In the vicinity of Dan, visit the former Canaanite city of Laish. The amazing thing about Laish is that it is “in situ,” exactly as it was and not reconstructed. Is it possible that Abraham and Sarah walked up those very steps and entered the city gate of Laish on their journey south into Canaan? Nearby, visit Banias at the foot of Mount Hermon (Har Hermon), the site of Caesarea Philippi, the place where Yeshua asked "Who do men say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-19). The spring of Banias, flowing from the base of Mount Hermon, is one of the three streams which later join to make up the Jordan River. Sit in a certain spot and imagine that Yeshua is there asking you that very question. Return to Kinar Galil Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10

Thursday, December 7th: The Galilee. After breakfast, depart the Kinar Galil Hotel to begin our journey south for our final day of touring. On the way, drive by Mount Tabor. It was here that the Israelites gathered under the Prophetess Deborah to battle the Canaanites led by Sisera (Judges 4 & 5). Mount Tabor is also thought by some to be the site of Yeshua’s transfiguration. We think that it was more likely on Mount Hermon to the north, since he and his disciples were at Caesarea Philippi just prior to the event (Matthew 17:1-13 Mark 9:1-9 and Luke 9:26-38). Pass near Ein Dor, where King Saul sought to speak to the spirit of Samuel through the witch of Ein Dor (1Samuel 28:7-25). Pass near the ancient town of Nein (Nain) where Yeshua raised a widow’s son from the dead (Luke 7: 11-17). Drive through the Jezreel Valley, the Valley of Armageddon, to the mound of Megiddo, Har Megiddo in Hebrew, which gave its name to Armageddon. View 6000 years of civilization on this tel with its 26 levels of civilization and its impressive 9th century BCE water system constructed by Solomon. Leave Megiddo and begin the ascent to Har Karmel (Mount Carmel), the site of Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal. On the way, have lunch at a Druze restaurant. The Druze are a sect said to be descended from Jethro, Moses’ father in law. At the summit of Mount Carmel, visualize the scene of Elijah’s triumph over Baal and look down on the Valley of Armageddon and see the Wadi Kishon where the prophets were slain (1Kings 18:19-19:14). You can also look directly across the Jezreel Valley and see Mount Gilboa. From Mount Carmel, one can see both the eastern and western extents of the small nation of Israel. Drive down Mount Gilboa and turn south along the Mediterranean coast. Drive to Caesarea Maritima, with its magnificent harbor, theater, and aqueduct which were constructed during the reign of Herod. It was here that Simon Peter explained the way of salvation to Cornelius (Acts 10:1-48). Sha’ul, Paul, was also imprisoned here before being sent to Rome (Acts 23:33-26:32). Drive to Yad Hashmona Moshav. For dinner and overnight.

Day 11

Friday, December 8th: Yad Hashmona. After a good night’s sleep and a delicious Israeli breakfast, drive to Ben Gurion Airport. After clearing customs, depart at 11:50 AM. Farewell to beautiful Israel for now, remembering the words of the psalmist: 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I cease to remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my chief joy (Psalm 137:5-6 TLV). Arrive Newark, Saturday, December 8th at 4:35 PM. Depart Newark at 8:30 PM and arrive in Jacksonville at 11:50 PM.
1. REGISTRATION AND FINAL PAYMENT: A **$275.00 U.S.D.** with a **$175** non-refundable registration fee by March 30th. Second payment on **June 30th, 2017**. Full payment is required by: **August 30th, 2017**.

Registration Form: Tours of the Holy Land requires a completed form for all passengers travelling to Israel. Refusal to comply with this will revoke a passenger’s reservation.

2. HOTELS: This price is based on double occupancy. A limited number of rooms with a single bed are available at an additional cost of: **$750**. Tour participants without a roommate will have to pay this single supplement rate.

3. MEALS: Inland tour price includes two meals daily; breakfast and dinner.

4. LAND TRANSPORTATION: Our motor coaches are modern, air-conditioned/heated vehicles designed especially for sightseeing, and range from 15/50 tour participants as available locally.

5. SIGHTSEEING: includes the services of a local guide, all entrance fees to sites, breakfast and dinner.

6. LUGGAGE: Free allowance for checked baggage aboard airlines varies from one airline to another. Check your airline’s website for further information regarding luggage requirements/restrictions. Tours of the Holy Land is not responsible for the lost, damaged or stolen luggage.

7. TRANSFERS: Include all transfers if arriving with the group only. Tourists who request deviations and/or land only passengers, are responsible for their own transfers and payments.

8. TAXES and FUEL CHARGES: Airline security, Custom and Departure taxes are in addition to all airfares. These taxes are included in your tour price at the time of quotation, but are subject to change as per government regulations and currency fluctuations. Final taxes will be advised at time of ticketing.

9. CANCELLATION FEES: Without Travel Protection Plan the following penalties will be applied: From the day of registration to 105 days prior to departure you will be charged an additional $100 administrative fee in addition to the $175 non-refundable fee. **PLUS ANY AIRLINE Deposits and FEES** (if applicable.)

10. TIPS: for guide and driver are NOT included.

11. PASSPORTS: All tour members must have a passport valid for 6 months beyond their return date. It is the responsibility of each person to confirm the passport validity.

12. ITINERARY CHANGES: Request for changes must be approved in writing by TOURS of THE HOLY LAND; flight times are subject to change by airlines without advance notice. TOURS of the HOLY LAND is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

13: DEVIATIONS: If you do not return with the group, there is a $100 surcharge plus the additional airfare charges differential for the deviation.

14. INSURANCE: TOURS of THE HOLY LAND is not responsible or liable for loss, damage, theft of luggage or personal belongings, personal injury, accidents or illness. For your protection we strongly recommend that you purchase Group Travel Insurance to cover these eventualities and trip cancellation costs.

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16. CONDUCT: In order to ensure a companionable group tour, Tours of the Holy Land reserves the right to accept, reject or expel anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with general well being of the group as a whole. Or if the individual is not in good physical condition to keep up with the tour.

17. SPECIAL NEEDS: If a tour participant needs a wheelchair, there will be an additional cost of $150.00. And if the individual is not in good physical condition, Tours of the Holy Land reserves the right to accept, reject or expel anyone whose conduct is deemed incompatible with general well being of the group as a whole. Or if the individual is not in good physical condition to keep up with the tour.

**We offer Group Travel Insurance upon request**

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TOURS OF THE HOLY LAND

**PRICE OF TOUR INCLUDES:** Roundtrip airfare, deluxe buses, first class hotels, guided sightseeing, transfers, entrance fees to sites, breakfast and dinner.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Travel Insurance of any kind, individual transfers, passports, visas, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals, excess baggage, increase in taxes after brochure printed, personal expenses. Tips for driver, guide or portage.

**REVISED:** January 2017

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BEIT SHALOM ISRAEL TOUR- 2017

DEPARTURE TOUR DATE: November 28th, 2017  RETURN DATE: December 8th, 2017

***Payment of tour DEPOSIT/REGISTRATION constitutes an agreement between the parties and recognition that the participant has read and understood all terms and conditions regarding the tour and is in agreement with the terms and conditions without modification, deletion or addition.

TOTAL PRICE for TOUR from Jacksonville, FL - $3,075 U.S.D.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: additional $750.00 (max 4 in 50) (one individual per room)

DEPOSIT/REGISTRATION fee is due by: March 30th, 2017

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IF PAID WITH A CREDIT CARD... 4% Administrative fee will be added.

If you are paying by check, make your checks payable to: Tours of the Holy Land and mail it to:

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BEIT SHALOM ISRAEL TOUR 2017
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REGISTRATION FORM for BEIT SHALOM- ISRAEL TOUR 2017

By submitting this form to Tours of the Holy Land, you agree that you have read the terms and conditions.

***PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BELOW EXACTLY AS IT IS WRITTEN IN YOUR PASSPORT***

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LAST NAME   FIRST NAME   MIDDLE NAME

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(Please see number 17 in the Terms and Conditions)

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☐ I want a room alone for an additional $750.00 USD (single supplement)

☐ I will need a room instead of the tent in Kfar Hanokdim $45.00(2x) $85.00 SS (upon availability only)

☐ Registration/Deposit: $275.00 USD

☐ Second Payment - $1,400.00 USD

☐ Final Payment - $1,400.00 USD

☐ Need additional flights from ____________________________