

BNAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION, WILMINGTON - ISRAEL EXPERIENCE WITH RABBI KOZLOW- MAY 2018

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Note: Itinerary is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

DAY ONE – FRIDAY, MAY 25TH - ARRIVAL- TEL AVIV

- **Welcome to Israel!!!** Arrival at Ben Gurion airport on flight?? where you will be met by Israel Maven representatives
- **Opening ceremony with wine and snacks** as we overlook the city of Tel Aviv from the **old port of Jaffa** the "Gateway to the Holy Land". Goals for the trip
- Short tour of the alleyways and art **galleries of Jaffa**
- Check into Hotel - rest and relax- prepare for Shabbat
- **"Israeli Shabbat"**- Kabbalat Shabbat with live music at the Tel Aviv port!
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY TWO – SHABBAT, MAY 26TH – SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Join a **local Masorti community** in Tel Aviv for Shabbat Services
- **Optional study with Rabbi Kozlow** – parshat Shavua
- Lunch at the hotel
- Meet with **Rachel Korazim** to discuss Israeli society today and the challenges it faces
- Shabbat Menucha
- Late afternoon walking tour of **Nve Tzedek Neighborhood**
- **Havdallah by the Hotel pool**
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv
- Go to a **cultural event** in Tel Aviv- Mayumana or the Bat Sheva Dance Theater

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY THREE – SUNDAY, MAY 27TH – NORTHERN NEGEV AND GAZA AREA

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Visit **Nativ Haasara** – including the “**Peace Wall**” together with Tzameret Zamir
- Meet with **former residence of Gush Katif** and hear their look on the disengagement from Gaza in 2005
- Lunch and **tour and visit of an active Kibbutz** – including meeting the local residents of Kibbutz Alumim
- **Overlook into Gaza** from the Black Arrow lookout
- **Encounter the incredible Israeli innovations** in the field of agriculture and bio tech that help feed millions around the globe at the “**Salad Trail**”
- Return to Tel Aviv
- Dinner on own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

DAY FOUR – MONDAY, MAY 28TH – COASTAL PLAIN

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel- Check out
- Explore the ruins of the amazing **City of Caesarea** – including the Theater, Hippodrome and the Palaces. Hear the stories of Herod, Rabbi Akiva and Chana Senesh
- Meet with local **Druze representative** and enjoy an **authentic Druze Lunch** in the Carmel Mountain
- Hear the story of the **Detention Camp of Atlit**- where Jews were sent by the British after being caught trying to make their way to the Land of Israel following the Holocaust.
- **Descend down by cable car** to the beautiful grottos at **Rosh Hanikra**
- Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Kibbutz Kfar Blum Hotel

DAY FIVE – TUESDAY, MAY 29TH – UPPER GALILEE

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Walk through the cobbled stoned streets in the **picturesque town of Rosh Pina**- hear the story of the first pioneer who established the first settlements in the land of Israel
- Continue to the **mystical City of Tzfat**- Meet with a local Kabbalist to hear about of Jewish Mysticism (Avraham Leventhal or Sheva Chaya the Glass blower)
- **Lunch on a beautiful Tzfat rooftop overlooking Mount Meiron**
- Afternoon exploring the City from the times of the Crusaders and till the 1948 war – walk through the **galleries and the small alleyways**
- **Short learning session at the Ascent of Tzfat**
- **Boat ride on the shores of the Kinneret** and dinner on own

Overnight: Kibbutz Kfar Blum Hotel

DAY SIX – WEDNSDAY, MAY 30TH– GOLAN – TO JERUSALEM

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel- check out
- Morning **rafting down the Jordan River!** Or stay and relax at the hotel and enjoy the facilities and spa
- Ascend the **Golan Heights** to **Mount Bental** and get a security briefing about the Syrian- Israeli relationship
- Lunch on own
- **Off road Jeep tour/ATV ride in the Golan Heights**
- Continue to Jerusalem
- **Welcome to Jerusalem!** Overlook into the City from **Mount of Olives**
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Herbert Samuel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY SEVEN – THURSDAY, MAY 31ST – OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM/JERUSALEM HILLS

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Introduction to the Old City at **Jaffa Gate**
- Visit the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**- the holiest place for Christians in the World
- Continue to the **Jewish Quarter** and visit its many sites- Cardo, Hurva Synagogue and the Herodian Mansions
- Discover the secrets of the Temple as you walk through the **Western Wall tunnels**
- Put a note in the Western Wall- the Kotel
- Lunch in Jerusalem on own
- **2 options:**
 - **1)** Pay tribute to the six million Jews at the **Yad Vashem Memorial and Museum**. Visit the Children's Memorial and other monuments.
 - **2)** **Travel to the Jerusalem Hills** (*people can stay in Jerusalem and relax at the hotel*) – **bike ride through the Burma road**- marking one of the most important places during the Independence War and marking 70 years to the State of Israel
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Herbert Samuel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY EIGHT – FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST – JUDEAN DESERT

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Depart for Judean Desert
- Ascend the **fortress of Masada** by cable car & relive the bitter confrontation between Zealots & Romans
- Lunch at the footsteps of Masada
- Nature walk in the beautiful "**Nachal David**" springs- where David fled from King Saul
- **Float on the Dead Sea** at one of the beaches in the Judean Desert
- **Kabbalat Shabbat together with a local reform community of Kol Haneshama**
- Shabbat dinner at a private place in Jerusalem (Maybe Beit Shmuel)

Overnight: Herbert Samuel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY NINE – SHABBAT, JUNE 2ND – SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Morning services at local Masorti Synagogue** or relax in the hotel- time on own
- Lunch at hotel
- Afternoon lecture- **Anat Hoffman** (pending confirmation)- to hear about the status of the Egalitarian section of the Wall and about- "Women of Wall"
- Late afternoon walk of the interesting **neighborhood of Talbiyah**- including the Prime Minister and the Presidents residences
- **Havdallah service on the roof**
- Dinner in Jerusalem on own
- **Graffiti tour of the Machane Yehuda Market**

Overnight: Herbert Samuel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY TEN – SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD – VOLUNTEER/THE CONFLICT THEN AND NOW

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Sifting projects at Emeq Tzurim**- join local archaeologist as you sift through the remains from the Temple Mount
- **Travel to Gush Etzion**- Hear the story of the Etzion Bloc at the **Kibbutz Kfar etzion sound and light show**
- Lunch on own
- **Meet with local settler Shaul Judelman and local Palestinian Sami Awad** and their strive for peace in the area
- **Volunteer in Shalva Children's Center**- interact with special needs children and their staff
- Late afternoon **cocktails at the King David Hotel** (not included)
- Late check out of the hotel
- Final dinner in Jerusalem- summary of the trip with Rabbi and Guide

Travel to Ben Gurion Airport

Depart for the US on Flight ELAL

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!!!