

**Congregation Sons of Israel**  
**Family Hanukkah Adventure in Israel**  
**Led by Rabbi Steven Kane**  
*December 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020*

June 5, 2019

**Land Package Price Per Person:        \$3619 (not including airfare)**

- In double occupancy hotel accommodations; based on a minimum of 16 participants.
- If there will be fewer than 16 participants, the price per person will increase.

**Options & Discounts**

Option	What is it?	Add/Deduct
Single Occupancy	One person per hotel room <i>(limited availability)</i>	<b>Add</b> \$1300
Child as third in room	For one child under 12 years old as a third in a room	<b>Deduct</b> \$1093
Adult as third in room	For one participant age 12 and up as a third in a room	<b>Deduct</b> \$668

**Deposit & Payment Schedule**

May 2, 2019	Deposit of \$500 per participant <i>(applied to total payment)</i>
July 23, 2019	50% payment due
September 23, 2019	Payment due in full

**Refund Schedule** For cancellation or non-participation for any reason

Cancellation after	Refund
May 2, 2019	Full refund less \$300 per person
July 23, 2019	Full refund less \$1400
September 23, 2019	Full refund less \$1800
November 25, 2019	No Refund

**Payment Options**

- **Online** – Pay with MasterCard or Visa online at <https://www.keshetisrael.co.il/forms/keshet-billing>
- **Check** – Mail a check payable to **Educational Encounters International, Inc.** to:  
**Educational Encounters International, Inc., 110 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 228, Montvale, NJ 07645**

*Keshet strives to offer fair pricing and therefore does not budget for contingencies resulting from weather or security issues. Itineraries may be altered as a result of these factors. Also, the prices listed reflect rates quoted by hotels and vendors as of January 2019. In the event of devaluation of the US dollar exchange rates, hotels and other vendors may add surcharges; Keshet reserves the right to pass such increases on to trip participants.*

**Accommodations**

Hotel	Dates	Hotel	Dates
Orient Hotel, Jerusalem	December 24-29	Isrotel Dead Sea Hotel	December 29-30
Pundak Ramon, Mitzpeh Ramon	December 30-31	Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv	December 31-January 1

**Arrival in/Departure from Israel**

Flights are being arranged by each traveler. Keshet assumes no responsibility for flight arrangements, delays or cancellations. When booking flights, please note the following:

First night of included hotel accommodations	<b>Tuesday December 24:</b> Check-in at the Orient Hotel in Jerusalem from <b>2:00 PM</b> onward
Conclusion of included hotel accommodations	<b>Wednesday, January 1:</b> Check-out from the Carlton Hotel in Tel Aviv by <b>11:00 AM</b>
Start of Program	The program will begin on <b>Tuesday evening December 24 at the Orient Hotel in Jerusalem.</b> <i>The Keshet staff will be happy to help you arrange and pre pay for airport taxi services if you so desire and to help you with any additional accommodations or touring services that you might need to arrange prior to or after the trip.</i>
End of Program	There will be one group bus drop off at Ben Gurion Airport in Israel on Wednesday evening January 1 at the conclusion of the trip. The exact times of the airport transfer will be set to meet the flight departure time of the majority of the group. <b>Please note:</b> <i>If your flight departs Israel at times other than the provided group airport</i>

transportation, you will be responsible for the cost of your own airport transportation.

### Land Package Price Includes

- One group transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport on the last night of the program
- All group transportation in Israel on private chartered bus as per the itinerary
- All hotel accommodations – *double occupancy* - as per the itinerary
- All site admissions and programs as per the itinerary
- Israeli breakfast every morning plus 7 additional included meals
- Keshet Israel Tour Educator
- Customized Sourcebook
- Keshet Hat & insulated water bottle holder
- Keshet Luggage Tags and Map of Israel
- Tips for Bell staff and wait staff at included meals

### Not Included in Package Price

- Airfare
- Meals on your own
- Laundry service
- Airport transfer upon arrival
- Personal charges at hotels and restaurants
- Medical & Trip Insurance
- Tips for guide & driver

### Trip Insurance

Keshet urges you to purchase cancellation insurance and supplemental medical coverage (which covers preexisting conditions). We recommend the "Cancel For Any Reason" policies which offer the broadest coverage. The medical coverage included in most travel insurance is a secondary, supplemental policy, which means that in case of a medical claim, you will first need to file with your own US medical insurance before filing for coverage of medical expenses covered by the travel insurance. Please note that most insurance policies require purchase within 14 days of your date of registration for the trip. While you are free to purchase insurance from any company of your choice, Keshet has made arrangements with SMS-Travel Insurance Center of Omaha, Nebraska. SMS has over 25 years of experience as worldwide insurance brokers and can help you choose the policy that best meets your needs. Our contact people are Jeffrey Barr and Dani Eisenstock:

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*Please note: We cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failure to secure adequate insurance coverage.*

Please contact **Kayla Ship**, Keshet's Program Director, with any questions about the trip: [kayla@keshetisrael.co.il](mailto:kayla@keshetisrael.co.il)



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**Monday, December 23 DEPARTURE**

- Departure from NY (own flight arrangements)

**Tuesday, December 24 BRUCHIM HABA'AIM-WELCOME TO ISRAEL!**

- Rendezvous at hotel in the early evening. (Check-in from 2pm) for Hanukkah Candle-lighting and Welcome Dinner at local restaurant.

***Overnight: Orient, Jerusalem***

**Wednesday, December 25 THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM**

- We begin the day exploring where Jerusalem first began at the City of David. Discussion on Jewish Political morality in light of the story of David and Batsheva
- Then we'll walk through a Second Temple Period tunnel which leads underground to Robinson's Arch.
- Explore the Southern Wall excavations to gain a better understanding of the centrality of the Temple and pilgrimage in ancient times.
- Private time at the Kotel
- Ascend to the Jewish Quarter. Lunch break (on own) in the Jewish Quarter and Shopping time.
- Kids-Jewish Quarter Scavenger Hunt
- Visit Ammunition Hill, site of a fierce battle for the reunification of Jerusalem during the Six Day War.
- Hanukkah Candle-lighting
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight: Orient, Jerusalem***

**Thursday, December 26 "TO BE A FREE PEOPLE IN OUR OWN LAND"**

- Visit Yad L'Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah!
- Learn about the father of modern political Zionism, Theodor Herzl, at the multi-media Herzl Museum.
- We pay our respects to those who have fallen to defend the State of Israel at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery.
- Lunch break (on own)

- Visit Kaima Farm in Beit Zayit-an organic farm which employs youth at risk.
- Hanukkah Candle-lighting
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** *Orient, Jerusalem*

#### **Friday, December 27    DIGGING JERUSALEM**

- Political Briefing with leading journalist/analyst.
- Participate in a unique archaeological project, sifting through remains from Jerusalem dig sites.
- Explore the vibrant Machaneh Yehuda fruit & vegetable market for lunch (on own).
- Return to hotel to prepare for Shabbat.
- Hanukkah & Shabbat Candle-lighting
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the egalitarian Kotel or local synagogue.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel

**Overnight:** *Orient, Jerusalem*

#### **Shabbat, December 28    SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Shabbat morning services at local synagogue.
- Day at leisure to explore Jerusalem on your own.
- (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5).
- We reconvene in the late afternoon for a meeting with Issam Sa'ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas and is now involved in a unique Jewish-Palestinian dialogue project.
- Group Havdalah & Hanukkah candle-lighting
- Tower of David "Night Spectacular" sound & light show, projected on the walls of the museum. (Dress warmly as we will be sitting outside)
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** *Orient, Jerusalem*

#### **Sunday, December 29    TIKKUN OLAM**

- Begin the day with a spectacular view from the Haas Promenade overlooking the Old City. Did Abraham pass the test?
- Mitzvah Project at Pantry Packers, or Yad Ezra V'Shulamit
- Lunch stop (on own)
- Travel south to the Dead Sea Region, lowest point on earth
- Check-in at hotel. Time to float in the Dead Sea or enjoy the hotel pool and spa facilities.
- Hanukkah Candle-lighting
- Dinner at hotel

**Overnight:** *Isrotel, Dead Sea*

#### **Monday, December 30    WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?**

- Morning at leisure to enjoy the Dead Sea, pool, and spa.
- *Optional morning tour of Masada, Herod's ancient mountain fortress where the Jewish rebels lived after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans.*
- Check-out by 11:00am.
- Lunch TBA

- Jeep ride in Sdom or Maktesh Ramon
- Visit David Ben Gurion's grave overlooking the Wilderness of Zin.
- Check-in and dinner at hotel.
- In the evening, take advantage of the low light pollution by stargazing near the hotel.

**Overnight:** Pundak Ramon, Mitzpeh Ramon

**Tuesday, December 31 MAKING THE DESERT BLOOM**

- Mitzpeh Ramon Visitor's Center dedicated to Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon z"l.
- Enjoy a Home hospitality lunch prepared by one of the "Culinary Queens of Yerucham". The Culinary Queens project provides opportunities for women in Yerucham to share their culinary traditions and skills and share their families' stories of Aliyah from North Africa in the 1950s.
- Continue to Tel Aviv.
- Enjoy strolling through the weekly arts & crafts fair at Nahalat Binyamin.
- Check-in at hotel.
- Dinner and evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

**Wednesday, January 1 TEL AVIV-CITY OF HEBREW CULTURE**

- Leisurely morning and check-out at 11:00
- Visit the Taglit Innovation Center which highlights the latest in the Israeli Hi-Tech Sector.
- Lunch stop (on own)
- Docent tour of the Reuven Rubin Museum, focusing on the rebirth of Hebrew culture and art in Tel Aviv's early years.
- Explore Old Jaffa and the Jaffa Flea Market
- Visit the Shalom Tower to see the new "We Declare" exhibit about the founding of the State of Israel and then walk along the new Tel Aviv Independence Trail, inspired by Boston's Freedom Trail.
- Summary and conclusion session
- Farewell dinner
- Transfer to airport for departing flights (own arrangements)

**Wednesday, January 2 BASHANAH HABA'AH!**

- Arrival in New York

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
- All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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