

Congregation Shaarei Kodesh
Israel Exploration
Led By Rabbi David Baum
June 8-19, 2026

July 29, 2025

Land Package Price Per Person: \$4040

- In double occupancy hotel accommodations, based on a minimum of 26 participants.
- If there will be fewer than 26 participants, the price per person will increase.

Option	What is it?	Add/Deduct
Single Occupancy	One person per hotel room (<i>limited availability</i>)	Add \$ 1370
Child as third in room	For one child under 13 years old as a third in a room	Deduct \$ 820
Adult as third in room	For one participant age 13 and up as a third in a room	Deduct \$ 190

Registration & Payment Schedule

Payment Schedule

December 15, 2025	Deposit of \$500 per participant (<i>applied to total payment</i>)
February 20, 2026	50% payment due
March 31, 2026	Payment due in full

Refund Schedule per Person For cancellation or non-participation for any reason

Cancellation after	Refund
December 15, 2025	Full refund less \$300 per person
February 20, 2026	Full refund less \$1350 per person
March 31, 2026	Full refund less \$1850 per person
May 8, 2026	No Refund

Payment Options

Online – Pay with MasterCard or Visa online at:

https://KeshetIsrael.formstack.com/forms/cong_shaarei_kodesh_2026_registration_form

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 July 2025. 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
Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem	June 9-14	Ramot Resort, Golan Heights	June 14-16
Crown Plaza Beach Tel Aviv	June 16-18		

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	Tuesday June 9: Check-in at the Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem from 3:00 PM onward
Conclusion of included hotel accommodations	Thursday June 18: Check-out from the Crown Plaza Beach Tel Aviv by 11:00 AM
Start of Program	The program will begin on Tuesday morning June 9 at Ben Gurion airport at 8:30am . There will be ONE group bus airport transfer from Ben Gurion Airport to begin the touring program. Please note: <i>If your flight arrives in Israel at a different time or date you will be responsible for the cost of your own airport transportation. 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 Thursday evening June 18 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. Please note: <i>If your flight departs Israel at times other than the provided group airport transportation, you will be responsible for the cost of your own airport transportation.</i>
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Land Package Price Includes

- One **group** transfer from/to Ben Gurion International Airport
- All group transportation in Israel on private chartered bus as per the itinerary
- All hotel accommodations – double occupancy - as per the itinerary
- Israeli breakfast every morning plus **11** additional included meals
- All site admissions and programs as per the itinerary
- Keshet Israel Tour Educator
- Customized Sourcebook
- Keshet hat and insulated water bottle
- Keshet Luggage Tags and Map of Israel
- “Whispers” Audio Tour Guide Headsets
- Standard Gratuities for guide, driver, bell staff, and waitstaff for included meals

Not Included in Package Price

- Airfare
- Personal charges at hotels and restaurants
- VAT at hotels for Israeli citizens
- Meals on your own
- Medical & Trip Insurance
- Laundry service

Trip Insurance

Keshet strongly urges you to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance and supplemental medical coverage (which covers pre-existing conditions). We recommend the "Cancel For Any Reason" policies which offer the broadest coverage, including partial coverage for trip interruption or cancellation or withdrawal on your part due to health issues, pandemic and security related reasons. Most insurance policies require purchase within 10 days of your date of first payment for the trip. Please note that 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. While you are free to purchase insurance from any agent of your choice we can recommend the services of **Brandon Hughbanks -Agent Representative Toll Free:1-866-979-6753 Ext. 3636 Direct: 402-343-3636 bhughbanks@travelinsurancecenter.com www.travelinsurancecenter.com** Let him know that you are with a Keshet group.

Please contact **Kayla Ship**, Keshet’s Director of Programming, with any questions about the trip:
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TRAVEL INSURANCE

A general overview and brief explanation of terminology for most travel insurance plans

Trip Insurance is more important now than ever before.

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

Please note that in general, **only “Cancel for Any Reason” (CFAR) policies cover cancelations due to COVID-19 (or any pandemic)**, reimbursing you up to 75% of prepaid, non-refundable costs. The CFAR policy must be purchased within 10-21 days (*varies by insurance company and policy type*) of your first deposit/payment made towards the trip. You can purchase the insurance policy up front in one payment to cover the full projected cost of the trip – or - you can pay for the policy in segments as you make trip payments to Keshet (*deposit, 50% and final payment*). Payment for each insurance policy segment must be made immediately after you make each tour payment in order to maintain your CFAR coverage. These options should be discussed with the insurance agent prior to purchase.

Trip Cancellation – This allows for reimbursement of prepaid, non-refundable trip costs in the event that you need to cancel your participation in the trip.

A standard trip cancellation policy provides coverage only if you cancel for one of a number of specific, covered reasons spelled out in the terms of the policy (illness, injury, a close relative in a life threatening situation, etc.) for which you can be reimbursed for up to 100% of the non-refundable trip costs.

Some policies offer the option of adding **Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)** coverage. If you add CFAR coverage, you will be covered for cancellation for any reason. With CFAR coverage, if you cancel for reasons specified in the standard policy as “covered reasons” you are entitled to 100% reimbursement. If you cancel for reasons not specified in the policy you will be entitled to 75% reimbursement.

Trip Interruption – This allows for reimbursement, most commonly in a situation when a person needs to leave their trip in the middle, or misses part of the trip, due to a “covered reason”.

This benefit pays up to 150% of the amount insured (taking into account the likely added costs of needing to leave early or possibly being forced to stay longer.) **Your trip interruption must be due to a “covered reason”**. Some plans offer an additional option of purchasing “**trip interruption for any reason**” coverage which will reimburse you 75% for trip interruption for any reason – including trip interruption for reasons not covered by the standard policy.

Medical Protection – This is normally “indemnity coverage”, meaning that you will need to pay the medical expenses directly and the insurance company will reimburse you later. In some emergency situations, the insurance will pay the medical provider directly. Standard coverage is between \$50,000 and \$150,000, depending on the plan. There is also supplemental coverage available if you feel more comfortable with higher medical cost limits.

Emergency Medical Evacuation – When deemed necessary for a person to have medical care provided at a facility in the United States. Standard coverage is between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.



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Travel Delay – If your flight is delayed (typically) 6 hours or more and due to the delay you incur costs - those costs are covered. The standard limit is \$200 per day but it varies by plan.

Missed Connection – If your original flight is delayed (typically) by 3 hours or more and it results in your missing a connecting flight, you can be reimbursed for resulting additional costs. Standard coverage for this \$500, but it varies by plan.

Baggage & Personal Item Protection – If your baggage and/or personal items are damaged or lost by a common carrier, you can be reimbursed for the value, up to the policy limits.

Baggage Delay – If your luggage is delayed (normally 12 hours or more) you can be reimbursed for costs incurred due to the delay, up to the policy limits.

➔ **Preexisting medical conditions can be covered under most policies by following certain guidelines when purchasing the insurance.**

➔ The insurance information provided above is of a general nature only. Keshet urges you to purchase trip cancellation insurance and supplemental medical coverage (which covers preexisting conditions) which meet your particular needs. We recommend the "**Cancel For Any Reason**" policies which offer the broadest coverage.

