

# **Sorkin Youth Trip to Israel**

**December 19 – December 31, 2018**

# Program Planning Committee

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# Plan for the Evening

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- Program in Israel
- Guide in Israel
- Administrative Information
- Q&A

# Why This Trip Is Happening

- When he was President of the Beth El Board, Jerry Sorkin (z"l) had a vision to establish a trip to Israel for the Beth El Religious School Confirmation Class
- This initiative is also congruent with our community's interest in:
  - Bolstering the Religious School's upper school program; and,
  - Underscoring the importance we place on sending our youth to Israel

# The Program

- **Itinerary**
  - Developed with the themes of leadership, vision, courage and resilience thread throughout
  - Video
  - Handout
- **Preliminary activities**
  - Participating students will likely be engaged in some preparatory activities in advance of the trip
- **Post-Trip Activities**
  - Participating students will engage in follow-up activities including speaking to younger grades in the Religious School about the experience, writing articles in the scroll, etc.

# Our Guide

Erez Strasburg, Founder, Tour Designer and Host  
Milestones Israel



# Our Guide

- More than 25 years of professional hospitality, educational and tourism experience
- Seeks to create a personal connection between his clients and Israel, not just check highlights off a list
- Customizes trips to the interests and needs of his clients

# The Basics

**Dates:** December 19 – December 31, 2018

## **Cost:**

- Actual trip cost = \$4000 per participant
- Subsidy from Beth EI = \$2000 per participant
- Participant cost = \$2000

## **Registration and Payment**

- March 15, 2018: Registration and \$500 deposit
- April 15, 2018: 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of \$750
- May 15, 2018: Final payment of \$750



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## Chaperones

- One male, one female

## Absence from School

- According to MCPS Parent Handbook this is not an automatically “lawful”/”excused” absence
- However, the principal can use discretion in determining absences as lawful for reasons beyond those listed in the handbook
- Notice and request must be provided prior to the absence for consideration

# Questions

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