

***Family Israel Adventure***

*****Led by Rabbi Greg Harris*

*August 5-15, 2024*

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| **Monday, August 5:** | ***Bruchim HaBaim – Welcome to israel!*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
* VIP meet and greet service, which will whisk you through passport control and customs; then meet your guide, load the bus and head out to Jerusalem
* Check into your hotel and freshen up
* **Opening ceremony** overlooking the Old City and orientation
* Welcome dinner

***Overnight:*** *Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Tuesday, August 6:** | ***this year in jerusalem!*** |

* At the **Haas Promenade**, beginthe exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem; remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac, associated with this spot
* Continue to the **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; see the probable foundations of King David's palace; Bible in hand, understand how Jerusalem became the venue for the development of classic Jewish values and our national identity; with your flashlights and water shoes, exit via the **water tunnel dug by King Hezekiah** 2,700 years ago in order to save the city from the Assyrians
* Shopping and lunch in the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
* See just how amazing the Second Temple must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* Meet with a **political analyst** to discuss the most current topics facing Israel today
* Dinner on your own in town

***Overnight:*** *Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Wednesday, August 7:** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Take the cable car up to **Masada**, the fortress built by King Herod and used by Jewish zealots defending themselves from the Roman army; hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* **Hike the Waterfall Trail** in the desert oasis of Ein Gedi and hear the Biblical stories of King Saul and David which took place here
* **Float in the Dead Sea**
* **Ride camels** to Abraham's tent; meet one of our forefathers, experience his well-known hospitality and join him for an early *hafla* dinner at **Genesis Land**

***Overnight:*** *Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, August 8:** | ***One land, two peoples*** |

* Mazal tov! **Bnai Mitzvah Service** at the Ezrat Yisrael section of the Western Wall!
* Tour of the **Security Barrier** in Jerusalem with Col. (ret.) Dany Tirza, who was responsible for creating its route and who served as a senior advisor for Prime Minister Olmert during his negotiations with the Palestinians
* Drive around the “settlement” of **Efrat** to understand what one is
* Enter the **Palestinian town of Hussan**; participate in a Cleaning the Hatred project by their natural springs and hear **Jewish and Palestinian Residents** of the area speak about their visions of coexistance
* Take a tasting tour of the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then participate in a **cooking workshop** and dine together over your creations

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| **Friday, August 9:** | ***from holocaust to redemption*** |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** (younger children to the Biblical Zoo)
* Take the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**; see the tombs of the leaders of the nation and of the soldiers who gave their lives to Israel (youth to the **Herzl Museum** for a look at the founding of Modern Zionism)
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* In the evening, go to the Ezrat Yisrael (Egalitarian Section) of the **Western Wall** to bring **Shabbat in as a community with special Kabbalat Shabbat led by the Masorti movement**; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in Shabbat
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, August 10:** | ***shabbat shalom*** |

* Free morning to rest up or to attend a local Shabbat service
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* Walking tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including the **Via Dolorosa** and the Church of the **Holy Sepulcher**
* Group ***Havdallah***
* Free night out on town

***Overnight:*** *Montefiore Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, August 11:** | ***northern Exposure*** |

* Check out of the hotel
* Travel north along the Mediterranean to King Herod’s ancient port city **Caesarea**, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* Enter the home of an **Ethiopian immigrant** for a traditional Ethiopian lunch and hear the incredible story of her journey “home” to Israel
* **Rafting** down the "mighty" Jordan River
* Continue north and check into the hotel followed by dinner there

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz Hagoshrim Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Monday, August 12:** | ***Golan 360o*** |

* Hike along the **Tel Dan Stream** – one of the three main tributaries into the Kinneret. Adults will see the Biblical archaeology while children will visit the 100 Acre Wood
* Ascend **Mt. Bental** for a view into Syria; hear the heroic stories from the Yom Kippur War
* At Kibbutz Ein Zivan:
  + **Chocolate lovers**: Get your hands dirty at a **chocolate making workshop** in the DeKarina Boutique Chocolate Factory
  + **Wine Lovers**: **Pelter Winery** for a tasting of some of Israel’s finest wines
* Learn about 2,000 years of Jewish life on the Golan Heights at **Ancient Katzrin**
* Dinner in the hotel

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| **Tuesday, August 13:** | ***Mystics and Mountains*** |

* Ascend up to **Tzfat**; explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century. Meet with a **kabbalistic artist** and see how s/he synthesizes Jewish mysticism into her/his art
* Lunch on your own
* **Encounter with Israeli soldiers** on the Israeli-Lebanese border in the upper Galilee; discuss with them what it means to have the responsibility of Israel’s security from the age of 18
* Continue to Tel Aviv
* Time permitting, peruse the crafts, enjoy the street performers and meet the artisans at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair**
* Check into your hotel, followed by a free evening

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, August 14:** | ***startup nation*** |

* Walking tour of the **Independence Trail** and trendy **Neve Tzedek** (first neighborhood of Tel Aviv) for a glimpse at the founding of Israel and Tel Aviv
* At the **Ayalon Institute**, enter the subterranean munitions factory to hear the crazy story in which Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British leading up to the War of Independence
* Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** at the Beit Guvrin National Park
* Enjoy the sunset over the Mediterranean Sea and a free evening to check out Tel Aviv's night life

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| **Thursday, August 15:** | ***If i forget the, oh tel aviv*** |

* **Windows to Israeli Society** with Dr. Rachel Korazim – A Tale of Two Cities, contrasting Jerusalem to Tel Aviv; parallel programming for youth – at the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**, see why Israel is considered the Startup Nation
* Follow 10 youngsters looking to jumpstart the Jewish State leading up to the War of Independence at the interactive **Palmach Museum**
* Site visit to **Save A Child's Heart** whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries suffering from heart disease and who cannot get adequate medical care in their home countries
* Final discussion
* Farewell dinner
* Continue to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and a Keshet Youth Counselor
* There will be parallel educational programming for adults and youth throughout the trip to allow for age-appropriate learning
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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