



Israel Itinerary

DAY 1, Monday, July 6, 2009: B'ruchim Haba'im!... Upon arrival at the airport, we transfer to our hotels... Enjoy dinner this evening at the Jaffa Courtyard Restaurant at the David Intercontinental Hotel... Mincha/Ma'ariv services before beginning our mission in Israel with a **kick-off celebration at a local army base**, including a special movie presentation, speakers, and performances... Return to Tel Aviv... Overnight Tel Aviv.

DAY 2, Tuesday, July 7, 2009: Breakfast and optional morning services... **Meeting with Shlomo Lahat, former general and 8th mayor of Tel Aviv...**

Track sessions:

High Tech Track: Visit the **Weitzman Institute** of Science in Rehovot, including a visit to the Solar Research Center. Continue to the Volcani Center of Agricultural Research, where we learn about developing technological advancements in the field of agriculture

First Timers Track: Tour of Tel Aviv including the **Hagana Museum, Independence Hall and the Ayalon Institute**, where we discover the underground ammunitions factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence.

Art & Culture Track: Walk through the **Neve Tzedek** neighborhood to view the artist galleries and studios, visit the **Kamery Theater, Nachalat Binyamin's street fair**, and enjoy a wine tasting at a local **Israeli winery**.

Cantors Study Track: Study with **Dr. Sobel and Akiva Zimmerman** at the Intercontinental Hotel

Archaeology Track: Visit **Tel Kasilla at the Haaretz Museum**, where archaeological digs have revealed the ancient civilizations from Israel's past. Discover the ancient Roman wonders on an in-depth tour of **Caesarea**.

Shopping/Fun Track: Visit the **Levinsky Market**, where we enjoy the array of Mediterranean delicacies. Meet sculptor **Richard Minns** in his home at Neurim, and view his unique artwork focusing on biblical motives and human anatomy.

We join together for Mincha before **visiting Ariel**, where we meet city representatives and enjoy a tour of the town... This evening we will enjoy **dinner and an Israeli carnival at an Ariel School Park...** Ma'ariv services followed by an **evening concert in the local park...** Return to Tel Aviv for overnight.

DAY 3, Wednesday, July 8, 2009: Breakfast... Morning opportunity to **donate blood** to Israelis in need through Magen David Adom at the Intercontinental Hotel... **Morning lecture on Current Security Issues in the Middle East by Miri Eisin, former spokeswoman for the IDF and foreign media advisor...** Drive south from Tel Aviv through the **Negev Desert** to visit Beer Sheva and Ben Gurion University... **Welcome Address by Dr. Rivka Carmi, President of the University...** **Lecture by Prof. Alon Tal**, a leader in Israel's research and development of desert ecology... Tour the campus and enjoy lunch on site... This afternoon we are treated to **performances by local dance troupes** including new Olim (immigrants), with special choreography to cantorial music... Visit the biblical site of **Tel Beer Sheva** before returning to Jerusalem, where we enjoy a special Mincha service and "Sh'hekiyanu!" blessing atop **Mount Scopus**, including **greetings from the Mayor of Jerusalem...** Ma'ariv services... Evening performance at the Inbal Shoha Theater... Overnight Jerusalem.

DAY 4, Thursday, July 9, 2009: Breakfast... Morning services at the **Haas Promenade**, including Bar Mitzvah ceremonies for our participants...

Track sessions:

High Tech Track: Tour **Teva Pharma**, Israel's leading pharmaceutical company, to learn about advancements being made in modern medicine. Continue with a unique behind-the-scenes tour of the biotech innovations at **Hadassah Hospital**.



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DAY 4, Thursday, July 9, 2009 (cont'd):

First Timers Track: Morning tour of the **Old City, including the Cardo, the Jewish Quarter, and the Arab "shuk"**. Enjoy the multi media displays at the **Davidson Center**, detailing the history of the Temple Mount. View the amazing **Chagall Windows** at the **Hadassah Hospital** before continuing with a visit to the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are preserved and displayed.

Art & Culture Track: Visit the **Israel Museum**, with its many exhibitions of ancient and modern artwork, including a viewing of the **Billy Rose Sculpture Garden and Modern Art** exhibitions. Continue with art gallery and studio visits before visiting the **Museum of the History of Jerusalem at the Tower of David**.

Cantors Study Track: Special workshop with **Hazzanim Eli Schleifer and Chaim Feifel** at the HUC Campus.

Archaeology Track: Begin at **Ein Tzurim**, where we enjoy a "hands on" opportunity to unearth remnants from Israel's ancient past. Continue to the **Kidron Valley**, walking around the periphery of the walled city, ending at **Shiloach**, where we discover the remains of Jerusalem as it stood during the time of King David.

Shopping/Fun Track: Visit the **Machane Yehuda Marketplace**, accompanied by a local chef, followed by a cooking demonstration and lunch with the chef. Continue with shopping at the **Alrov outdoor shopping market**, where special discounts will be offered to CA participants (additional \$45.00 per person, includes lunch)

AJC/Hartman Track: "The Rebel and Rebellion in Jewish Communal Life" Part I (additional \$300.00 per person for 2-day track, minimum of 25 participants)

Following our track sessions, we will gather for Mincha/Ma'ariv services... Overnight Jerusalem.

DAY 5, Friday, July 10, 2009: Breakfast... Morning visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's Holocaust Memorial, where we hold a **special ceremony at the Warsaw Ghetto Monument**, with a new understanding of the heroism of our Eastern European ancestors... Following tours of the exhibitions and installations, we continue to **Mount Herzl** to visit the burial sites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, among others... After lunch (on own) we continue to **Machane Yehuda**, where we take in the sites and sounds of the outdoor marketplace as Jerusalemites shop in preparation for the approaching Shabbat...

OR:

AJC/Hartman Track: "The Rebel and Rebellion in Jewish Communal Life" Part II (additional \$300.00 per person for 2-day track, minimum of 25 participants)

Take some time to relax and refresh at our hotels before joining together for an amazing **Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony at the Southern Steps**, including a shofar blowing... Enjoy a moment of reflection at the **Western Wall** before gathering for **Shabbat Dinner at the Inbal Hotel**... Overnight Jerusalem.

DAY 6, Saturday, July 11, 2009: Breakfast... **Shabbat services in the beautiful HUC courtyard**, followed by **Shabbat lunch** at the Beit Shmuel dining room and courtyard... Enjoy time for Shabbat relaxation at your hotels... **Shabbat Walking Tours to the Old City and New City** will be offered this afternoon, along with special **study sessions with Prof. Eli Schleifer**... Late afternoon study session at the **Fuchsberg Center**... This evening we enjoy Mincha and Maariv services, along with **Malava Malka and Havdalah**, at Liberty Bell Park... Enjoy the evening at leisure... Overnight Jerusalem.



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DAY 7, Sunday, July 12, 2009: Breakfast...

Track sessions:

High Tech Track: Visit **Intel**, Israel's largest private employer, with almost 7,000 employees, where we learn about the vast technological developments being made and the worldwide impact of these products. Continue to **Via Maris Ashdod**, where we learn about the desalination process, crucial to the increase of Israel's water reserve.

First Timers Track: Travel to the **Dead Sea Basin** where we will take a short hike to the hidden desert oasis at **Ein Gedi** and ascend the desert plateau at **Masada** to view King Herod's fortifications. Enjoy an unsinkable swim in the **Dead Sea** before we return to Jerusalem.

Art & Culture Track: Visit an **Ethiopian absorption center** to meet with new Olim and hear their stories. Continue to a nearby community to see the **separation barrier** and **meet with local border police** to discuss the current political climate. Visit **Yad L'kashish, Lifeline for the Old** - a program offering aid and opportunity to Jerusalem's elderly residents.

Cantors Study Track: Enjoy unique study sessions together with your peers.

Archaeology Track: Visit the **Bible Lands Museum**, where we learn about the vast history of archaeology in the country dating back to biblical days. Continue to **Ir David** for an exploration of the remnants of Jerusalem from the time of King David.

Shopping/Fun Track: Visit the **Hatzorfim Judaica Factory** and watch a demonstration of the making of beautiful Judaica art work. Continue to two art galleries, including a workshop with a local painter.

Following services this evening, we enjoy a **closing ceremony including testimonials and a Sing Along/Shira B'Tzibur... Farewell Gala Dinner and Performances** this evening, including "Anachnu Asirei Tizvah - We are Prisoners of Hope" Concert and stand-up comedy... Mincha/Ma'ariv services... Buses will transfer us to the **Ben Gurion airport** for our flights back to the United States.

DAY 8, Monday July 13, 2009: Arrive back in the United States OR Continue on with a Post-Tour to Israel's North or Eilat & Petra/Jordan!

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

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