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Programming for Group Weekday Visits to the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center

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When the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism established the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center in the heart of Jerusalem, it made an important statement about the Conservative movement's rightful place in Israel. The goals of the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center are to strengthen and preserve Jewish identity and values and to support Israel's Masorti/Conservative movement. The Center offers meaningful spiritual and educational programs to enhance and complement other Israel touring experiences. Come visit our Conservative community home in Jerusalem.

20% reduction for USCJ Members!

Introductory Module - (30 minutes minimum)

Welcome to **United Synagogue's Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center**. You'll have a chance to tour the Fuchsberg campus, **see programs in action**, and if time permits, meet with our students. **See a breathtaking view of Jerusalem from the second-floor balcony**, where we will help you identify some of the city's important sites.

Two Hour Educational/Cultural Module - Includes Introductory Module.

Participants can choose either a **learning opportunity** with an educator from the United Synagogue Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center staff **or a cultural session** with an artist and/or a musician.

Learning opportunities include hevruta study (two or three people studying text together) and a shiur (a lecture by the teacher). Sessions are interactive, creative, and suitable for families and individuals. The facilitators are fluent in English and exceptional educators. **No charge for study during weekdays.**

Sample educational themes:

- ***Honoring Your Father and Mother*** - An interactive, intergenerational learning experience where parents, children and grandchildren talk to each other and learn from each other.
- ***Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalem in Psalms and Poetry*** - This session will explore psalms, rabbinical traditions and contemporary poetry that highlight the complex and important role of Jerusalem in Jewish tradition.
- ***Beit Hillel and Beit Shammai - The Controversy about Controversy***. A close look at a number of Talmudic sources where the rabbis reflect about the meaning of the fact that they disagree about everything.
- ***The Notion of Sacred Space in Biblical Sources***. The Bible describes God as filling the world and as living in the Temple and in the heavens. We look at the way biblical theology resolved this tension as we consider the sacred space that is Jerusalem.
- ***An Analysis of Specific Prayers Central to Our Liturgy*** - An analysis of the text of a prayer, its historical background and its relevance to our lives today.
- ***Other topics to be developed by our faculty***
- ***A study topic tailored to your request***

Optional cultural and artistic activities: 20% reduction for USCJ Members!

- ***Chamsot - a good luck session*** - The chamsa, or hand, is an ancient good-luck omen that can be seen in many Jewish and Middle Eastern homes throughout the world. A slide show and a display of chamsot will provide an introduction, and each participant will be able to create a personal good luck charm with the materials provided.

Length of session: 1 - 1 1/2 hours

Cost for group of 20: \$215 Above 20, add \$11 per participant

- ***Judaica Designs*** - The group will meet with an artist who specializes in Judaica design to learn about various designs and inspirations. Each individual participant or each family unit can create an original Kiddush cup or another piece of Judaica with the materials provided.

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Three Hour Educational/Cultural Module - Includes Introductory Module.

Includes learning opportunity as described in the two-hour module or an extended cultural activity.

Cultural activities:

- **A synagogue art experience:** We will begin our journey at the Great Synagogue, where we will take a close look at its beautiful stained glass windows. We will then walk back to Congregation Moreshet Yisrael on the Fuchsberg campus to view its exquisite stained glass windows. The group can have refreshments or a meal at the Fuchsberg Center. Depending on his availability, the group can meet with George Goldstein, the artist who designed the windows at Moreshet Yisrael. Finally, each participant will paint on glass to create a decorative window.

Length of session: 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 hours

Cost for group of 20: \$290 Above 20, add \$14 per participant (Prices do not include refreshments or meals)

- **Israeli mosaics** - A great deal of information about how a society has developed often can be seen in its mosaics. The group will see a slide show that features different famous mosaics found in Israel. Next, each individual or family can create a personal mosaic.

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- **A drumming and percussion workshop** - This session is run by Abe Doron, who is famous for drumming with *Riverdance* and now drums with many artists across Israel. Abe teaches drumming techniques and facilitates a wonderful drumming circle. In the drumming circle, the group bonds, communicates, and creates an atmosphere full of energy and fun.

Length of session: 1 1/2 - 2 hours

Cost for group of 20: \$360 Above 20, add \$18 per participant

Full Day Module - Includes Introductory Module. Includes learning opportunity as described in the two-hour module or an extended cultural activity.

Additional Cultural/Artistic activities:

- **Israeli contemporary art** - Israeli contemporary art says a great deal about Israel's culture. Bezalel Shatz founded Bezalel, the first Jewish Israeli art school, to help Israeli art flourish. Our tour begins at the Old Bezalel Academy on Shemuel Hanagid Street, where we can see the art on display and possibly meet one of the exhibiting artists. We will continue our tour at the new Contemporary Art Gallery at Agripas St. 12, and then possibly also go to Beit Anna Ticho on Rabbi Kook Street. Participants can have lunch at the Fuchsberg Center and then begin their own artistic expression, recalling the sights and images of the day and creating a picture, image, or sculpture to preserve the experience.

Length of session: 1/2 to a full day activity

Cost for group of 20: \$430 Above 20, add \$22 per participant

- **The Anna Ticho Jerusalem scenery session** - Israeli artists have been incredibly influenced by the glorious scenery and atmosphere of Israel. The group will begin the journey at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center, where they will see the work of Jerusalem artist Anna Ticho, whose striking paintings show the city at the turn of the 20th century. Next, the group will walk to the Ha'atzmaut Park, where each participant can take time to internalize the sights and sounds of the unique Jerusalem scenery, and with the help of a facilitator begin painting, drawing, or sketching. The session concludes with a tour at Beit Anna Ticho on Rabbi Kook Street.

Length of session: 3 hours to a 1/2 day activity

Cost for group of 20: \$430 Above 20, add \$22 per participant

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These study opportunities are available on weekdays; most of the cultural activities can be arranged for either daytime or evenings during the week.

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All requests should be confirmed one month before the activity





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Shabbat Programming at the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center

Friday - Choose a tour and absorb the pre-Shabbat atmosphere in Jerusalem. Join Congregation Moreshet Israel for a spiritual Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv and feast on a festive Shabbat dinner.

Shabbat - Join Shabbat services at Congregation Moreshet Israel. Join us for a festive Shabbat lunch. Choose a learning opportunity and/or enjoy a tour. Conclude with havdalah looking over the old city.

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