

## This Year in Israel!

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Monday, July 27: AND WE'RE OFF!!

Depart JFK – flights TBD

#### Tuesday, July 28: BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- Land in Tel Aviv in the morning
- Meet your guide, pack up the bus and start your exploration •
- Volunteer at the **Leket Distribution Center**, which saves food from fields and events and sends it to those in need
  - Lunch on own in the Sarona Foodie Market
- Peruse the crafts and enjoy the street performers at the renowned Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair and the adjacent Carmel Market
  - Meet with **Dr. Rachel Korazim** for look at Israeli resilience through poetry
    - Dinner in a local restaurant

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

#### Wednesday, July 29: A HELPING HAND

- Enter the subterranean munitions factory where Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British at the **Ayalon Institue** 
  - Project 24 program with Kibbutz Reim
- Pay your respects at the site of the **Reim Supernova**, where 364 party-goers and security forces killed
- See the **collection of cars** abandoned on October 7th and hear the stories connected to them
  - Treat Israeli soldiers to a BBQ dinner and hear their stories
    - Processing session •

**Overnight:** Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

## Thursday, July 30: TIKKUN OLAM

- Bear witness to what happened on October 7<sup>th</sup> in **Kibbutz Kfar Azza**, where 64 residents were murdered and 19 were taken captive
- **Volunteering** opportunity in the town of Ofakim, a development town in which nearly 50 people were killed on October 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Travel to Jerusalem
- Encounter in the **Shalom Hartman Institute** with a Hartman fellow on the situation in Israel today
  - Check into your hotel, followed by a processing session and a free evening

**Overnight:** Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

#### Friday, July 31: THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

- Encounter at the hotel with **Issam**, a **Palestinian** who grew up in Gaza but fled and now lives in the West Bank; hear his point of view on the latest political situation in Gaza as he sees it
- Get an update on what has been happening in Israel since October 7th by a political analyst
  - Visit the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, including the graves of former Prime Minister Golda Meir, and fallen IDF hero, Hannah Senesh; pay your respects to those who have recently fallen protecting Israel
    - !Support Israel's economy on a shopping spree
      - Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat •
- In the evening, participate in a group **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the pluralistic section of the **Western Wall** or overlooking it; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in **Shabbat at the Western Wall** 
  - Shabbat dinner in the hotel •

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

## Saturday, August 1: SHABBAT SHALOM

- Optional Shabbat services in a local synagogue or as a group
  - Study session with Rabbi Dalton
    - Shabbat lunch in the hotel
- In the afternoon, walk through the beautiful neighborhoods of **Mishkanot Shaananim and Yemin Moshe**, two of the first neighborhoods outside of the Old City Walls
  - !Free evening on town

**Overnight:** Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

# Sunday, August 2: TAKING IT HOME

- Volunteer food packaging
- Learn about Israeli struggle to break the siege on Jerusalem in 1948 at the **Khan Shaar Hagai**National Park
  - Hike down the biblical period farms and dip in the waters of the Sataf National Park
  - **Shuk and cook:** Take a culinary tour of the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then take part in a !cooking workshop, culminating in a farewell dinner on our makings
    - Summary discussion •
    - Transfer to the airport for your flight home

#### Monday, August 3: NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

- Flight TBD
- Land in JFK .
- !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.
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