



This Year in Israel!

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

- Depart JFK -we recommend El Al 010 at 1:30pm (own flight arrangements)

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

- Arrival/Rendezvous at Ben Gurion airport at 6:50am.
- 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** in Tel Aviv
- Peruse the crafts and enjoy the street performers at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair** and the adjacent **Carmel Market**
- Check-in and freshen up.
- Meet with **Dr. Rachel Korazim** for look at Israeli resilience through poetry.
- Dinner at the hotel

Overnight: *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enter the subterranean munitions factory where Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British at the **Ayalon Institute**
- Travel down to the Gaza Envelope
- Lunch stop (on own)
- Pay your respects at the **Tatzpitaniot (observers) Memorial** overlooking Nahal Oz
- **Project 24** program with Kibbutz Reim
- Pay your respects at the site of the **Reim Supernova**, where 364 party-goers and security forces killed
- Treat **Israeli soldiers to a BBQ dinner** and hear their stories
- Processing session

Overnight: *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Thursday, July 30: **TIKKUN OLAM**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Bear witness to what happened on October 7th in **Kibbutz Kfar Azza**, where 64 residents were murdered and 19 were taken captive or Visit **Kibbutz Urim and meet Tali Medina**, one of 20 Israeli women honored by JNF for her October 7th heroism. While her wounded husband and four children evacuated, Tali stayed to run the kibbutz dairy. Hear her story of courage and resilience.
- Lunch stop (on own)
- See the **collection of cars** abandoned on October 7th and hear the stories connected to them.

- **Volunteering** opportunity in the town of Ofakim, a development town in which nearly 50 people were killed on October 7th
- Return to Tel Aviv, followed by some free time in town

Overnight: *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Friday, July 31: GEOPOLITICS-IT'S A TOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Get an update on what has been happening in Israel since October 7th by a **political analyst**.
- Check-out and load bus.
- Travel to Jerusalem
- Lunch break (on own) and time to support Israel's economy on a shopping spree!
- 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.
- Check-in at the hotel and prepare for Shabbat.
- Candle lighting: 18:57.
- 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 late afternoon, walk through the beautiful neighborhoods of **Mishkanot Shaananim and Yemin Moshe**, two of the first neighborhoods outside of the Old City Walls.
- Group Havalah: 20:16
- Free evening on town!

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Sunday, August 2: TAKING IT HOME

- Breakfast at hotel. Check-out and load bus.
- 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.
- **Volunteer food packaging**
- Lunch break (on own)
- Encounter in the **Shalom Hartman Institute** with a Hartman fellow on the situation in Israel today
- **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!

- Recommended flight: El Al 001 at 1:00am.
- Arrival in JFK at 6:00am.
- 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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