

NENY COMMUNITY MISSION TEEN EXPERIENCE

February 15 – 26, 2017

(As of 7/7/16)



Day 1: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

- Afternoon departure from the Capital District by bus to connect with our flight in New York.

Day 2: Thursday, February 16, 2017

- Late afternoon arrival in Israel...meet our guide and drive to Jerusalem.
- Welcome Ceremony – We stop atop the Haas Promenade, where we recite a special “Sh’hekiyanu” blessing as we look out over the City of Gold.
- **Afternoon:** Check into our hotel
- **Evening:** Dinner together

Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 3: Friday, February 17, 2017: Jerusalem Today

- **Morning:** Breakfast at our hotel
- Jewish Quarter to the Kotel - We begin with a fascinating tour of the Western Wall Tunnels stretching under the Old City. Continue to the Davidson Center where we learn about Jerusalem's ancient past, and explore the Southern excavations.
- **Afternoon:** Next we continue with a tour of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem and explore the Cardo, an ancient marketplace where you can still shop today.
- Continue to Machane Yehuda to stroll the Market and enjoy an Israeli Falafel lunch as we watch Israelis shopping for Shabbat.
- **Evening:** Kabbalat Shabbat & dinner together.

Overnight: Jerusalem



Day 4: Saturday, February 18, 2017 - Shabbat in Jerusalem...

- There is no better place to spend Shabbat than in the Holy City itself!
- **Morning:** Breakfast & Shabbat Services...Options abound
- **Afternoon:** Shabbat lunch together at Fuchsberg Center with a special program with Rabbi Sam Shor as we walk through Jerusalem.
- **Evening:** Group Havdalah together with Rabbis from the Capital District in the courtyard in front of the Leonardo Plaza Hotel
- We enjoy a fun and informative **Scavenger Hunt with Sam Shor** through the **Cinema City**, Jerusalem's largest entertainment space, featuring themed theaters, museums, activities and an indoor mall, giving us a better sense of the area, and a chance to interact with local residents.
- Dinner (on own) this evening.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 5: Sunday, February 19, 2017 - Jerusalem

- **Morning:** Breakfast at our hotel
- This morning we uncover the secrets of the **Ayalon Institute**, where an underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for Independence at the end of the British Mandate.
- **Afternoon:** We travel to **Beit Guvrin**, where we participate in a “hands on” **archaeological dig**, allowing us the opportunity to unearth remnants from Israel's ancient past.
- Visit **Machane Yehuda**, Jerusalem's outdoor marketplace, filled with foods of every variety. Together we'll take part in the “**shuk bites**” program, allowing us to enjoy a varied taste of the marketplace in a fun and new way.

Overnight: Jerusalem



Day 6: Monday, February 20, 2017 - Eshkol

- **Morning:** Breakfast at our hotel.
- Depart Jerusalem, traveling south toward **Eshkol**.
- **Afternoon:** Enjoy the day in Eshkol (programming by Federation)

Overnight: Host Families

Day 7: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – Eshkol

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Day 8: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – Eshkol

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Overnight: Host Families

Day 9: Thursday, February 23, 2017 – Eshkol

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Overnight: Host Families

Day 10: Friday, February 24, 2017 – Eshkol

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Afternoon: Welcome Shabbat in Eshkol.

Evening: Shabbat dinner together in Eshkol.

Overnight: Host Families



Day 11: Saturday, February 25, 2017 – Shabbat Shalom!

- **Morning:** Shabbat Shalom!
 - Day at leisure in Eshkol.
 - **Evening:** Havdalah together.
 - We drive to Tel Aviv to meet others from the Community Mission for farewell dinner together.
 - Travel to the airport for our flight back to the United States.
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Day 11: Sunday, February 26, 2017 – Return Home

- Arrive home!

The Memories Last Forever!

**Itinerary subject to change*

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