

Temple Sinai of Roslyn
**MULTI-GENERATIONAL
ISRAEL ADVENTURE**

With Jerusalem B'nai Mitzvah Ceremony!

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(As of 1/26/18)



Ayelet's Israel Experiences are designed to provide a fun, interactive, hands-on Israel adventure for participants of every age. Generations bond as together they experience the magic of Israel!

Day 1: Wednesday, February 14, 2018: DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States for our overnight flight to Israel!

Day 2: Thursday, February 15, 2018: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive at Ben Gurion airport in the afternoon, and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We travel to **Neot Kedumim** to participate in **tree planting**, connecting us physically and spiritually to the land of Israel.
- We transfer to our hotel in **Jerusalem**, stopping at the **Haas Promenade** to recite the "Shehecheyanu" blessing as we look out over the City of Gold for the first time.
- We check in to our hotel.
- This evening, we enjoy a **welcome dinner** together on our first night in Israel at Ima, a wonderful and well known Israeli restaurant.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Friday, February 16, 2018: DISCOVERING JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit **Ammunition Hill**. Their multi-media presentation will help to clarify the events leading up to the reunification of Jerusalem.
- We proceed to the amazing **Israel Museum**, which recently underwent a complete \$100 million transformation and is world class in every way. Our visit will include a stop at the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls reside.
- This afternoon, we make our way to **Machane Yehuda**, where we take in the sights, smells and sounds as we make our way through the market and watch as the locals busily prepare for Shabbat.



- This evening, we join **Kabbalat Shabbat services** at **Tzur Hadassah**, followed by a group **Shabbat dinner** together with members of the Temple Sinai Teen Tour.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 4: Saturday, February 17, 2018: SHABBAT SHALOM! MASADA & THE DEAD SEA



- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we depart for the **Dead Sea basin**.
- We ascend **Masada** by cable car or snake path, to view the remains of King Herod's palace and fortifications, and hear the story of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the approaching Roman armies.
 - Following our descent from Masada, we enjoy the mud baths and an unsinkable swim in the salty, healing waters of the **Dead Sea**.
 - We take a short hike to the hidden waterfalls in the desert oasis of **Ein Gedi**.
 - We return to Jerusalem and participate in a beautiful **Havdallah** ceremony with the Temple Sinai teens, as Shabbat comes to an end.
- Free time for dinner on own this evening.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Sunday, February 18, 2018: JEWISH HISTORY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin this morning with a discussion with **Rabbi Uri Regev of Hiddush**, an organization dedicated to the separation of church and state in Israel: *Who is a Jew? The unresolved saga: conversion, the consequences for immigrants, the American element.*
- We visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, where we view the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
- Our next stop is at **Mt. Herzl**, Israel's military cemetery, where we visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. We also visit the newly opened **Remembrance Hall** (pending confirmation).
- Free evening for dinner and discovering Jerusalem on our own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 6: Monday, February 19, 2018: JERUSALEM/B'NAI MITZVAH

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning those celebrating **B'nai Mitzvah** will travel on own to the Southern Excavations - Mazel Tov!
- We enjoy a tour of the **Old City**, where we walk through the **Jewish quarter**, including the Roman Cardo marketplace, the **Arab market (shuk)**, as well as the **Christian quarter**. We visit the many historical landmarks, including the **Via Dolorosa** and the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.
- Free time for dinner on own.
- Just outside the Old City walls, we discover **Ir David (City of David)**, where we wander through the carefully preserved archaeological excavations dating back to the time of King David.
- After dinner, we meet again and walk to the **Tower of David** to view the spectacular **Sound and Light show**.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7: Tuesday, February 20, 2018: NORTHERN ISRAEL

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we depart Jerusalem, heading north towards the **Galilee**.
- As we drive along the beautiful coastline, we stop in **Caesarea**, and view the amazing ruins, including the Roman theater and aqueduct.
- We drive to **Haifa**, stopping atop **Mt. Carmel**, taking in the panoramic view of the port city and admiring the beautiful **Bahai Gardens**.
- We travel to **Akko**, where we see the secret Templar tunnels and uncover the storied history of the crusader era fortress, through its use as a prison during the British Mandate.
- We continue north to the **Galilee** and check in to our kibbutz.



Overnight in the Galilee



Day 8: Wednesday, February 21, 2018: A TOUR OF THE NORTH

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- Our day begins with a morning **jeep tour** in the **Golan Heights**.



- We pass former Syrian bunkers and pause atop **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria.
- Approval permitting, we will sponsor and share a **picnic lunch with members of the IDF** at one of their outposts.
- We travel to **Safed**, the mystical city and center of Kabbalah study and practice, where we visit the Ha'ari and Caro synagogues, and have time to shop amongst the many artist studios and galleries.
- We return to our kibbutz for time to relax and refresh.
- We rejoin for **dinner** together at our kibbutz this evening.

Overnight in the Galilee

Day 9: Thursday, February 22, 2018: TRAVELING SOUTH TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- Visit **Atlit** to learn the harrowing stories of those yearning for freedom in the land of Zion during the British Mandate.
- We visit **Zichron Yaakov**, where we stroll through the streets and browse through the shops and cafes of this charming European style village, with time for lunch on our own. We will also visit the **Nili Museum** in town if time permits.
- We continue south to **Tel Aviv**.
- Upon arrival, we visit the **Rabin Center**, where the spiraling exhibits lead us through the history of the modern state and broader world history, through the prism of the life of one of Israel's most beloved leaders, Yitzhak Rabin.
- We check in to our hotel and enjoy a free evening in the city that never stops!
- **Optional performance** this evening at **Nalagaat**, the theatre for the deaf and blind in Jaffa. (additional cost)

Overnight in Tel Aviv

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Day 10: Friday, February 23, 2018: DISCOVERING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit **Independence Hall**, site of the signing of Israel's Declaration of Independence in 1948.
- We spend time at the **Nachalat Binyamin market**, browsing among the street vendors and artisans, watching as the residents of Tel Aviv prepare for Shabbat.
- We join together for **Kabbalat Shabbat** at Progressive congregation Beit Daniel, led by Rabbi Meir Azari.
- **Shabbat dinner** together this evening at our hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 11: Saturday, February 24, 2018: SHABBAT SHALOM! OUR LAST DAY IN ISRAEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We visit the **Ayalon Institute**, where we have a chance to discover the underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence.
- Continue to **Jaffa** for a short walking tour of one of the oldest port cities in the world.
- Spend a free afternoon strolling the streets of Tel Aviv or relaxing at the beach.
- We meet one last time for a **farewell dinner** to remember all of the exciting things we have done together on our adventure in Israel.
- We transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.



Day 12: Sunday, February 25, 2018: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

- Land back in the USA this morning.

The Memories Last Forever!!

**Itinerary subject to change*

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