

Ayelet TOURS

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Ayelet Solidarity Mission to

ISRAEL

Show your ♥ for Israel!



Led by Rabbi Susan Rheins
February 11 - 16, 2024



In Israel's time of need, we invite you on a unique mission. Travel to Israel to show support for the victims of terror, to console the families of the hostages and those displaced, to meet with leaders, first responders, social service agencies and more. Traveling to Israel now is not for everyone. But for those who choose to support Israel by being there in person, this trip offers the opportunity to bring comfort at this critical time.

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DAY 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
DEPARTURE

- Depart the United States on your overnight flight to Israel.

DAY 2

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024
BRUCHIM HABAIM –
OUR MISSION BEGINS

- Various arrivals (aim for noon or earlier arrival). Upon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, we are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- 1:00pm: After a stop for a quick lunch on own, we travel to **Jerusalem**.
- 2:30pm: At **Hadassah Hospital**, we offer care for those in need and hear a high-level update on the medical and psychological impact of October 7th and the war in Gaza.
- 5:30pm: We check into our hotel and refresh.
- 7:30pm: Following our **welcome dinner**, a leading Israeli journalist shares with us *“The Lay of the Land in Israel After October 7th”* (possibilities include **Matti Friedman, Gil Hoffman, or Haviv Rettig Gur**).

Overnight in Jerusalem (D)



DAY 3

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024
JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- 9:00am: **Col. Res. Grisha Yaakubovitch**, who served in the IDF Civil Administration in the Gaza region, briefs us on *"The Gaza Story"*.
- 10:30 am: We visit the **Hamal Hayerushalmi** in the **Sam Spiegel Film School complex**, the Jerusalem Civil Coordination Center, for a briefing with **Adir Schwartz**, a Jerusalem community leader and one of the founders of the center. This is followed by an opportunity to take part in the **volunteer effort**.
- 1:00pm: Lunch on own.
- 2:00pm: This afternoon, we **volunteer** at the **Ahim Laneshek (Brothers in Arms) Volunteer Center**, to assist in the massive effort to help soldiers in both the south and the north. We share songs and prayers of comfort.
- Dinner is on our own this evening.

Overnight in Jerusalem (B)



DAY 4

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024
GAZA BORDER

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- 8:30am: We meet with **Gil Hoffman** to discuss the current political landscape of Israel and Honest Reporting's analysis of the stories, articles, op-eds and images that appear in the media's coverage of Israel regarding the war in Gaza.
- 9:30am: We drive to the **Gaza Border Region** and **volunteer in the fields, orchards, or packing houses** of one of the moshavim.
- 1:30pm: In **Shokeda**, we cook for the soldiers at the **Soldier Refreshment Center**. Since October, this site has helped re-energize soldiers on the front lines in Gaza.
- **Lunch** is included en route.
- 4:30pm: Later this afternoon, we tour **Kfar Aza** and hear the horrific stories of what happened here on October 7th, followed by a stop at the **Nova Festival site**.
- 7:00pm: We continue to **Tel Aviv** to check into our hotel, followed by dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv (B, L)



DAY 5

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
TOUCHING BASE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We begin our day visiting evacuees from the **Nahal Oz** community. We meet with **Rabbi Yael Vurgan**, leader of the **Shaar HaNegev Progressive community**, to learn about her work with the families and communities there following October 7th.
- We drive to **Eden Inn** to help **cook for displaced families and soldiers** and eat **lunch** together.
- At **Tel Hashomer Hospital**, we meet with wounded soldiers.
- We continue to a meeting with **Za'akah** to hear about their heroic work during and after the October 7th massacre.
- Next, we visit the **Hostage Task Force Center** in Tel Aviv for an understanding of what is being done to raise awareness of the hostage situation and meet with one of the families.
- We join in the **daily Reform prayer** at **Hostage Square**, where families, locals and visitors pray as one.
- At our **farewell dinner**, we reflect on all we have seen and experienced together.
- After dinner, we transfer to **Ben Gurion International Airport** for our return flight back to the United States.

DAY 6

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024
ARRIVE BACK IN THE USA

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.
- * Sample programming – speakers and program will shift based upon availability and the situation during our time in Israel.

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**Itinerary subject to change*



***Security points for travel to Israel at this time:**

- All itinerary planning and implementation will be carried out in conjunction with the guidelines set out by the IDF Homefront Command and Israeli police.
- During all programming and travel, special attention will be given to making sure that safe and protected spaces are in close proximity at all times.

