

Ayelet TOURS
THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Temple Sholom Family Adventure in **ISRAEL**

Led by Cantor Jamie Marx
June 19 - 30, 2025

Israel is a land of connections and reconnections. It is a place that both holds nostalgia and awaits rediscovery. Over the decades, so much in Israel has changed dramatically, yet the essence that draws us remains the same. Traveling together as a community, we will bond through our shared experiences and enhance our understanding of culture and archaeology, religion and politics, the ancient and the modern, as we delve in-depth into Israel's millennia-old legacy as the heart of the Jewish people.

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Journey to ISRAEL

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DAY 1

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025
DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flight to Israel.

DAY 2

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025
WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- **Bruchim Habaim** – welcome to Israel! Upon arrival, we transfer to **Tel Aviv** to settle in and freshen up.
- We welcome **Kabbalat Shabbat** led by Cantor Marx along the **Tel Aviv Promenade** followed by **shabbat dinner** together.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

DAY 3

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025
TOURING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day at leisure, enjoying Tel Aviv and all it has to offer.
- Next, we visit the newly renovated **ANU museum**, telling the story of the Jewish people around the world.
- We make our way to the ancient port city of **Old Jaffa**, filled with a storied past, to wander through the cobblestone alleyways and admire the artist galleries, all framed by views of the sea.
- We enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



DAY 4

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025
A TASTE OF TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we begin at the **Palmach Museum**, where we “join up” with the paramilitary forces from Israel’s pre-Statehood days.
- We enjoy time exploring **Nachalat Binyamin**, where the artists and entertainers bring the streets of Tel Aviv to life, then continue to the adjacent **Carmel Market** to take in the sights, smells and sounds of this bustling marketplace.
- This afternoon, we enjoy a guided **graffiti tour** in the **Florentin** neighborhood, where the colorful and edgy street art brings the fringe into the forefront. We also enjoy a **create-your-own-graffiti** project.
- We enjoy dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



DAY 5

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025
THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we tour the **Israeli Innovation Center** at the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**, founded by the late President Shimon Peres. The center is a non-political, non-governmental organization focused on building a more prosperous Israel and a more peaceful Middle East, through innovation, technology and cutting-edge coexistence programs.
- Next, we depart Tel Aviv and travel north along the **Mediterranean coast** to **Caesarea**, where we view the **aqueduct**, **Herod’s palace** and the **ancient theater** now used as a concert venue.
- This afternoon, we travel to the mystical city of **Safed**, one of the four holy cities in Israel and the center of Kabbalah.
- Later this evening, we check into our hotel with time to relax and refresh.
- We enjoy dinner on own.

Overnight in the Galilee



DAY 6

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025
THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we visit the beautiful **Tel Dan Nature Reserve** and enjoy a short hike, taking in the scenery along the way.
- This afternoon we experience an exciting **jeep tour** through the **Golan Heights**, passing former Syrian bunkers on the way to the top of **Har Bental**, where we take in the views of Syria and learn about the current geopolitical situation.
- While the children are learning to make chocolate at the **DeKarina Chocolate Factory**, the adults will have the option to visit the adjacent **Pelter Winery** for a **tour and tasting**.
- We get a chance to cool off with a refreshing **kayak ride** down the **Jordan River**.
- Our final adventure today is at **Dubrovin Farms**, where we participate in a lively **hummus making competition**.
- Availability permitting, we will meet with families of **Nachal Oz** this evening as they discuss the events of October 7th.
- Tonight, we join together for **dinner** at our hotel.

Overnight in The Galilee



DAY 7

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025
TRAVELING TO JERUSALEM

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel
- This morning, we visit **Tzippori National Park**, known for its extraordinary mosaics and its central role in Jewish life after the destruction of the Temple. We view the spectacular mosaic floor featuring an image known as the "**Mona Lisa of the Galilee**".
- We travel to **Eretz Beresheet** for an authentic **Bedouin** experience and a **camel ride**.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem** and stop atop **Mt. Scopus** to say the **Shehecheyanu** as we look out over the **City of Gold** for the first time together.
- We enjoy a free afternoon in Jerusalem where we can experience the optional **Tower of David Sound and Light show**.
- We enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 8

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025
THE OLD CITY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we meet at the **Hass Promenade** and celebrate our **B'nei Mitzvah** overlooking Jerusalem! Following in the tradition of our ancestors, we take part in the ceremony that marks the transformation into a Jewish adult.
- We continue the day with a **walking tour** of the **Old City** of Jerusalem. We enter the Ottoman walls via the **Jaffa Gate** and stroll through colorful and exotic vendors of the **Arab shuk**. We continue into the **Jewish Quarter**, filled with synagogues, shops and history.
- We stop at the **Kotel**, the **Western Wall**, built 2,000 years ago by King Herod to dignify and support the Second Temple. At this silent monument, a witness to triumph and tragedy, to hope and despair throughout the generations, we take time to reflect and pray, perhaps wedging a sacred note into a stone crevice and enveloping ourselves in the sense of holiness pervading the plaza.
- We head underground to the **Western Wall tunnels** to discover the many layers of Jerusalem's history, passing through grand building projects from ancient Rome through the modern day.
- We return to the Jewish Quarter, via the **Muslim** and **Christian Quarters**, for lunch on our own and shopping in the **Cardo** and **shuk**.
- We proceed to **Ir David**, the **City of David**, where the stories of the Biblical King David come to life through the palace excavations, underground passageways and monumental fortifications. For the fearless, descend with a flashlight into **Hezekiah's Tunnel**, a 2,700-year-old pitch-black, refreshing, water-filled tunnel, a marvel of engineering that brought water into the ancient city.
- We enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 9

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025
WE REMEMBER

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we tour **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**.
- At **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, we pay our respects at the gravesites of **Theodore Herzl**, **Golda Meir**, **Yitzhak Rabin** and **Shimon Peres** while also learning about some of the lesser known heroes buried here.
- We continue to the famed **Machane Yehuda**, where we take in the sights, smells and sounds of the bustling marketplace and try some of Israel's delicacies on our **tasting tour**.
- We enjoy free time to shop, eat lunch, and prepare for **Shabbat**.
- As the sun sets, we all join together to participate in **Shabbat services** with the local community, followed by **Shabbat dinner**.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025
MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We depart early this morning and travel south to the **Dead Sea basin**. Upon arrival, we ascend **Masada** by **cable car** or snake path to view the remains of **King Herod's fortress**, including the synagogue, walls and bathhouses, as we learn about the Jewish Zealot's last stand against the Roman forces.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach for lunch, a chance to enjoy the mineral-rich mud baths and an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- Later this afternoon, we enjoy a short hike to the hidden waterfalls in the desert oasis of **Ein Gedi**.
- We enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in the Jerusalem

DAY 11

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025
DIGGING INTO ISRAEL

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we visit the **Ayalon Institute** and discover the secret underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for independence.
- This evening, we participate in a "hands on" **archaeological dig** in the ruins of **Beit Guvrin**, allowing us the opportunity to unearth remnants from this land's ancient past.
- We return to our hotel to freshen up, then join together for a **farewell dinner** and reflect of the time we've spent together.
- we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.

DAY 12

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025
WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning.

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**Itinerary subject to change*

