

Rabbi Jay Perlman Temple Beth Shalom Tour to Israel December 22, 2022 – January 1, 2023 (updated as of 12/8/20)



Traveling together in Israel is an opportunity to connect – with our brothers and sisters in Israel, with the land itself, and with each other. As a traveling community, we will bond through our shared experiences, from the fun and adventurous to the historical and spiritual.

Day 1: Thursday, December 22, 2022: DEPARTURE

- Depart Boston on our overnight flight to Israel.

Day 2: Friday, December 23, 2022: WELCOME TO ISRAEL

- Arrival Israel, Ben Gurion Airport.
- Upon arrival we are met and assisted through customs.
- As we enter **Jerusalem**, we begin with a spectacular view of the Old City at the **Haas Promenade**, for a special “**Shehecheyanu**” ceremony as we overlook the City of Gold.
- We check into our hotel and gather in the lobby to light the sixth candle of Hannukah together.
- **Shabbat services at Mevasarett L’Zion with home hospitality dinner.**

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Saturday, December 24, 2022: JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning we can choose to enjoy **leisurely time at Liberty Park** playing sports or enjoying a morning **walking tour of the Yemin Moshe neighborhood** with our guides.
- Later this morning we meet at **HUC** and enjoy a guided tour of the campus with two students. We enjoy **lunch** in a private room.
- This afternoon we take a **walking tour of the Old City**, where we walk through the Jewish Quarter, including the Roman Cardo marketplace, the Arab Market “shuk,” and the Christian Quarter.
- Tonight, we celebrate **Havdalah** together and light the seventh Hannukah candle.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 4: Sunday, December 25, 2022: JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Make a moving visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, where we view the many moving exhibitions with a museum guide, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations (*Parallel Track is available for children: **Biblical Zoo OR the Archeological dig**. Separate bus to depart from Yad Vashem. Parent(s) must chaperone*).
- Visit the Mt. **Herzl Museum**, where we learn about the life and work of the Zionist visionary.
- Continue to **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, where we visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, and Yizhak Rabin.
- We continue to the **Hadassah Hospital**, where we view the amazing Chagall Windows.
- We end our day with a visit to the **Western Wall Tunnels**, where we discover the archeological wonders that remained untouched for centuries
- Before dinner (on own) this evening, we gather in the lobby to light the eighth candle of Hannukah together.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Monday, December 26, 2022: DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Travel to **Masada**, former site of King Herod's palace, and the place of the Jewish Zealot's last stand against the approaching Roman armies. Before we celebrate our **B'nai Mitzvah** atop Masada, we take a tour of this historic mountain.
- Continue to the **Dead Sea**, where we have time to enjoy **lunch** and the mud baths and an unsinkable swim in the salty waters.
- Next, we explore **Ein Gedi**, where we take a short hike to the hidden waterfalls in this desert oasis.
- Return to Jerusalem.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6: Tuesday, December 27, 2022: THE GALILEE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning we drive north toward **the Galilee**.
- We begin with a visit to **Beit Shean**, where we stop to see the ancient Roman ruins.
- Continue to **Beit Alpha**, where we see the mosaics in the synagogue.
- We then proceed to **Safed**, center of Kabbalah study and practice, where we visit the **Ha'ari and Caro synagogues** and have time to shop among the many artist studios and galleries. We also have the opportunity to participate in a glass blowing workshop.
- **Dinner** at our kibbutz.

Overnight in the Galilee



Day 7: Wednesday, December 28, 2022: NORTHERN ADVENTURES

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- We begin the day with a **jeep ride** up to the Golan Heights, where we pass former Syrian bunkers and stop atop **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria.
- We then make a delicious stop at the **DeKarina Chocolate Factory** for a tour.
- This afternoon, we enjoy an enjoyable hike through the **Tel Dan Nature Reserve**, passing among streams, rivers, and lush trees.
- **Dinner** at our kibbutz.



Overnight in the Galilee

Day 8: Thursday, December 29, 2022: THE ROAD TO TEL AVIV

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- We begin our day travelling down the coast with a stop to admire **Mt. Carmel**, where we also take in the panoramic views of the port city of **Haifa** and admire the beautiful **Bahai Temple and Persian Gardens**.
- Meet with **Federation's Boston-Haifa Partnership** representatives.
- After our meeting, we continue to **Caesarea**, where we view a multimedia presentation and the amazing Roman ruins, including the Roman Theater and the aqueduct.
- Arrive **Tel Aviv** and check into our hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 9: Friday, December 30, 2022: TOURING TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin our day at the **Ayalon Institute**, where we discover the underground ammunition factory that played a pivotal role in Israel's fight for Independence.
- We then continue to **Neot Kedumim Biblical Gardens**, for a special program about shepherds and sheep herding including participating and a "shepherds Snack".
- We return to Tel Aviv and explore the open-air market of **Nachalat Binyamin**.
- **Shabbat dinner** in a private room at our hotel.

Overnight in Tel Aviv



Day 10: Saturday, December 31, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
 - Join us for Shabbat services at **Beit Daniel**.
 - Afternoon at leisure.
 - Tonight, we celebrate **Havdalah** together as a group.
 - **Farewell dinner** in Jaffa before driving to the airport for our late-night flight home.
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Day 11: Sunday, January 1, 2023: WELCOME HOME!

- Arrive home in the United States.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!!

**Itinerary subject to change*

