

Temple Beth Elohim's Family ISRAEL ADVENTURE

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Israel is a land of connections and reconnections, of first-time discovery and returning for new adventure. 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 celebrate our B'Mitzvot, 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.

Day 1: Thursday, June 30, 2022: DEPARTURE

- We depart Boston on our overnight flight to Israel.

Day 2: Friday, July 1, 2022: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport this afternoon and are met by an Ayelet Tours representative.
- We transfer to **Jerusalem**, stopping at the **Haas Promenade** to recite a special "Shehecheyanu" blessing as we look out over the **City of Gold** for the first time.
- We check into our hotel and have time to refresh.
- As the sun sets, we join together to welcome **Shabbat** at the **Kotel** with the people of Jerusalem, followed by **Shabbat dinner** at our hotel.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Saturday, July 2, 2022: SHABBAT AT THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We depart for King Herod's fortresses and castle atop **Masada**, ascending by cable car or snake path to visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue, and the bathhouses while learning about the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman forces.
- We descend the mountain and head to the beach for **lunch** and an unsinkable swim in the healing salty waters of the **Dead Sea**.
- We conclude our day of adventure at **Metzoke Dragot** for an authentic desert experience, including a **jeep tour** and **hike**.
- We return to Jerusalem for a relaxing evening and dinner on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 4: Sunday, July 3, 2022: JEWISH HISTORY IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, 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. (Children under 10 will visit the Biblical Zoo).
- At **Mt. Herzl**, we visit the **Herzl Museum** to learn about the life and work of the great Zionist visionary. We also visit the newly constructed national **Remembrance Hall** dedicated to fallen Israeli soldiers.
- After time to refresh, we venture outside Jerusalem to **Eretz Beresheet**, where we are welcomed by Avraham Avinu into his desert tent. Our time will include a camel ride, a biblical tent dinner and more!



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 5: Monday, July 4, 2022: JERUSALEM’S OLD CITY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we take part in tikkun olam at **Yad L’Kashish**, the workshop known as the “lifeline for the aged” and hear the story behind this amazing place.
- We continue our tour in the **Old City** with a **ramparts walk**, strolling above the rooftops, giving us a birds’ eye view into the different living quarters.
- We enjoy a **walking tour** through history in the **Old City**, exploring the **Jewish quarter**, **Arab market** and the **Christian quarter**, where we stroll along the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**.
- We enjoy a fascinating visit through the famed **Western Wall tunnels**, where we discover the archaeological wonders that once remained untouched for centuries.
- Our next stop is at the **Davidson Center**, where we see the 3D model of the Second Temple in action.
- We continue to the famed **Machane Yehuda**, where we take in the sights, smells and sounds of the bustling marketplace as the locals do their daily shopping. Choose to stay in the market for dinner on own or enjoy dinner at another delicious Jerusalem restaurant.

Overnight in Jerusalem



Day 6: Tuesday, July 5, 2022: DIGGING ISRAEL

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel to **Neot Kedumim** to **plant trees**, connecting us physically and spiritually to the land of Israel.
- Next, 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.
- We discover the secrets of the **Ayalon Institute**, where the underground ammunition factory played a pivotal role in Israel’s fight for independence
- We continue to **Tel Aviv** where we check into our hotel and refresh, before setting out for an evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight in Tel Aviv

Day 7: Wednesday, July 6, 2022: TEL AVIV TO THE MYSTICAL NORTH

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We begin our day with a walking tour of **Old Jaffa**, as we stroll along the cobblestone streets to see the artist’s colony and take in the views of the sea in this ancient port.
- Next, we volunteer to support one of Israel’s amazing **Tikkun Olam projects**, lending our hands to help repair the world (details TBD).
- Lunch on own in Jaffa.
- We travel to the **Galilee** and step into history at **Kfar Kedem**, where we experience life as it was in the time of the Mishna, including hands-on pita baking, goat milking and more!
- check into our hotel, where we have time to explore and relax, followed by **dinner** together tonight.



Overnight in the Galilee

Day 8: Thursday, July 7, 2022: THE BEAUTY OF THE GALILEE & THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We travel this morning to the mystical city of **Safed**, where we view Kabbalah founder Isaac Luria’s beautiful **H’Ari** synagogue and have time for shopping in the artist’s quarter.
- Free time for shopping and lunch.
- We enjoy a **jeep tour** up to the **Golan Heights**, passing by old Syrian bunkers along the way.
- Continue to the top of **Har Bental** to take in the panoramic views of the Galilee and neighboring Syria.
- Next, we try our hand at **chocolate making** and learn from the experts in a delicious and fun experience at the **DeKarina Chocolate Factory** at Ein Zivan.
- We return to our hotel for **dinner** together this evening, followed by **dessert with IDF soldiers** (pending confirmation)

Overnight in the Galilee



Day 9: Friday, July 8, 2022: THE MED COAST

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we travel to **Rosh Hanikra**, where we discover the chalk-cliff grottoes carved out by the Mediterranean waters over time.
- We continue south along the coast to **Haifa**, where we check into our hotel and refresh.
- This afternoon will feature programming created just for us by our partners at **Or Chadash**, and will offer the opportunity for us to connect on a personal and community level with members of their community!
- As the sun begins to set, we join the members of **Or Chadash** for **Shabbat services**, followed by a community **Shabbat dinner** together.



Overnight in Haifa

Day 10: Saturday, July 9, 2022: SHABBAT SHALOM! / DEPARTURE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- This morning, we celebrate our **B'Mitzvot** with Rabbi Rachel Saphire (9:00am) Mazel tov!
- We join together for Shabbat partnership programming with members of **Or Chadash**.
- We stop atop **Mt. Carmel**, where we take in the beautiful views overlooking the **Bahai Gardens**.
- Mid-afternoon, we continue to a **Druze village**, where community representatives will offer us insight into their unique culture and how they fit into the Israeli mosaic.
- Along the way, we stop for a light lunch on own.
- We travel to **Tel Aviv** for free time and last-minute exploring.
- This evening, we join together for a festive **farewell dinner**, recalling all that we have experienced on this journey.
- After dinner, we transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.

Day 11: Sunday, July 10, 2022: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in Boston this morning.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

**itinerary subject to change*

