



Bring Your Heart Home

A Journey of Dedication and Return to

ISRAEL

Led by **Ellen Hershkin**

Dec 12 – 17, 2021

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*As the world begins to heal and return to life, join Hadassah's National Past President, **Ellen Hershkin** on a journey of **renewal and hope** in Israel. Together we'll lend our support and see for ourselves **the cutting-edge developments** coming from Hadassah hospital and other Israeli innovators leading the battle against Covid-19. We'll hear stories of those impacted and those **making a difference** in the lives of others daily. Hadassah has **stood with Israel** through challenging times for over 100 years and our mission will speak volumes through our actions, as we stand together in Zion, with an eye focused on the future.*



Day Sunday Dec 12, 2021: DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States on our overnight flights to Israel

Day 2: Monday Dec 13, 2021: WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- Welcome to Israel! Our time in this incredible land has officially started and our excitement mounts as we set off on the adventure ahead. For those of us on the group arrival: just beyond passport control, an Ayelet representative will meet us in the baggage claim area and assist us through customs, and testing. Temporary quarantine can be arranged for anyone requiring such following results of testing done upon arrival.
- We ascend to **Jerusalem** and recite the Shehecheyanu overlooking the golden city of Jerusalem
- We pay our respects at the gravesite of **Henrietta Szold**, a Zionist leader and founder of Hadassah.
- We complete our day at the **Mt. Scopus Hadassah Hospital**, including greetings, a VIP update and tour of the facility.
- We enter the **Old City** this afternoon, including time for personal reflection at the **Western Wall**.
- We check into our hotel and refresh before our **welcome dinner** this evening with Hadassah guests.



Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 3: Tuesday Dec 14, 2021: TRAVELING SOUTH - ASHKELON AND THE GAZA BORDER

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Early this morning we depart for Ashkelon. This seaside city was subjected to over 800 rocket attacks in the summer 2021. We take a bus tour covering impact sights, joined by a high-level city official, who briefs us on the situation and the physical damage. To assess the mental impact, we next meet with **Talia Levanon**, director of the **Israel Trauma Coalition**.
- We stop at the **Assaf Siboni Gaza Overlook**, for a briefing with an **IDF officer**. We hear the tragic story of Siboni, and how the 20 wind flutes hanging here were created to memorialize his life and service.
- Lunch in Sderot, followed by an in-depth tour including a **Protected Playground**, the **police station** and a **storage depot** containing rockets launched from Gaza into Israel.
- Continue to **Kibbutz Ein Hashlosha**, hosted by security officer and youth worker **Tal Shamir**, for a glimpse into both the challenges faced by the Kibbutz as well as their “resilience infrastructure”, created to help residents cope with the uncertain security realities in the area.



- We continue to the famed **Machane Yehuda** marketplace, once more filled with colorful produce, spices, meats, cheeses, and delicious treats. We enjoy a light **Tasting program** together (pre-arranged).
- Dinner on own tonight (Reservations arranged).

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 4: Wednesday Dec 15, 2021: INSPIRED BY THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we set out to the biblical landscape preserve **Neot Kedumim**, where we **plant trees**, connecting us physically and spiritually to the land of Israel.
- We travel north to **Hadassah's Meir Shfeya Youth Village**, where we interact with the Youth and staff and visit the village, working farm and winery. Our visit includes **lunch** with the youth and staff.
- After lunch, we travel south of **Tel Aviv** and tour **ANU: The Museum of the Jewish People** for a tour emphasizing strong powerful Jewish women.
- We enjoy a visit to the amazing **Agam Museum** to view the abstract kinetic artworks described as a “visual symphony” of images based on Jewish-Kabbalistic iconography.
- We complete our day with a delicious and festive **dinner**, including wine at the beautiful **Barkan Winery**.
- We return to Jerusalem for overnight after dinner.

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Day 5: Thursday Dec 16, 2021: HADASSAH BEHIND THE SCENES

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Today, we are informed and inspired as we experience a dynamic visit to **Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO)**. While here, we enjoy VIP meetings with the medical staff and leadership. Connecting with **Young Judea** participants and staff. We visit the iconic **Round Building**, the centre of Covid-19 treatment and hear about plans for future expansion/renovation.
- We enjoy **lunch** with guests at HMO.
- This afternoon, we return to the **Old City** for a visit to the **Jewish Quarter**, including a discussion on the latest archaeological finds.
- Free time for shopping or exploration around the **Jewish Quarter/Cardo Market**.
- We return to our hotel to pack up and check out, followed by a festive **farewell dinner**, recalling our shared experiences on this journey of dedication and return.



- We transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to the United States, landing tomorrow.

OR CHOOSE TO STAY IN ISRAEL TO

CELEBRATE SHABBAT

(ON OWN)

Day 5: Thursday Dec 16, 2021: MAIN TOUR DEPARTS

- Bid farewell to the main group.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 6: Friday Dec 17, 2021: DAY AT LEISURE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Enjoy the day at leisure exploring this amazing land.
- Join a local congregation to welcome Shabbat or enjoy a quiet evening on own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 7: Saturday Dec 18, 2021: SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Spend Shabbat at leisure attending Shabbat morning services, exploring the city or relaxing.
- Dinner on own before transferring to the airport for your overnight flight back to the United States.

Overnight in Jerusalem

Day 8: Sunday Dec 19, 2021: WELCOME HOME!

- We arrive back in the United States this morning. Welcome home!

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!!

*Itinerary subject to change

