

***Adult* *Adventure in Israel***

***Led By Rabbi Max Miller***

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| **Sunday, June 2:** | ***Here we come!*** |

* Depart from Atlanta – 2:00pm

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| **Monday, June 3:** | ***Bruchim Habaim – welcome to Israel!*** |

* Land in Tel Aviv at 9:15am – meet and greet service
* Meet your guide, pack up the bus and travel to Tel Aviv
* **Welcome to Israel Ceremony** outside of Independence Hall and along the Independence Trail
* At the interactive **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, track the spread of the Jewish people around the world and their contributions to it
* Lunch on your own at the trendy **Sarona Market**
* Check into the hotel and rest up a little bit
* **Dr. Rachel Korazim** will demonstrate how Zionist poets and songwriters have depicted the “real” Israeli – the so-called sabra – and look at their advice to immigrants to cast off the old ways. We’ll see that, nonetheless, the process of becoming Israeli is as complicated in literature as it is in real life. Dr. Korazim is a renowned educator who uses song, poetry, and literature to shine a light on Israeli life and society
* Welcome dinner in a local restaurant

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, June 4:** | ***startup nation*** |

* Walking tour of **Ancient Jaffa**
* **The Peres Center for Peace and Innovation** was created by the late Shimon Peres, former Prime Minister and President of Israel, to develop peacebuilding programs based on innovation and optimism. Our visit will include a tour of the Israeli Innovation Center, which celebrates the people and companies that are making Israel the “innovation nation.” The center includes continually updated, high-tech exhibits on everything from artificial intelligence to the latest developments in water use.
* Peruse the crafts and enjoy the street performers at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair** and taste the street food at the adjacent **Carmel Market**
* At **Save a Child’s Heart**, learn about this institution which brings children from Africa and across the Middle East to Israel for life-saving heart surgery; then interact with the children as the prepare for or recover from their surgery
* **Boat Ride** on the Mediterranean Sea
* Meet with Emanu-El’s former **Shin-shinim** and spend the evening together
* **The City at Night**: Tel Aviv’s food scene is on fire with world-class chefs and a huge range of happening restaurants. See and taste for yourself during a free evening with dinner (on own account). Afterwards, those who love the nightlife can sample the city’s bar, club and café culture or stroll along the refurbished promenade and port.

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| **Wednesday, June 5:** | ***Northern exposure*** |

* In **Caesarea**, see the incredible ruins of King Herod’s ancient port city, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine periods
* Take a walking tour of **Zichron Yaakov** for a glimpse at the original pioneers of the First Aliya
* Enter the house of an **Ethiopian immigrant**; partake in her delicious *injera* lunch and hear the personal story of her journey “home” to Israel
* The **Alma Security Crisis Simulation**: Become an Israeli Cabinet member for a day… Are you ready…? In this simulation, a research expert from the Alma Research and Education Center will give a field briefing on Israel’s northern border, then we’ll enter Alma’s “Situation Room.” In a mock Israeli Cabinet meeting, we’ll work our way through the decision-making process as we are given a scenario in which there is an escalation in security on the border. Can we keep Israel out of a full-scale war?
* Continue to your hotel; check in, followed by dinner there

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz HaGoshrim Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Thursday, June 6:** | ***Mystics and mountains*** |

* Explore the alleyways, synagogues and galleries of the mystics in **Tzfat** and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century.
* Meet with a **Kabbalistic artist** and hear how s/he incorporates her/his mystical studies into her/his artwork
* Taste some of Israel’s finest wines at the **Adir Winery**
* On the northern border, **meet with soldiers in action**; exchange gifts and understand what it must be like to have Israel's security on the shoulders of 18-year-olds
* Enter the home of a **Druze family**; participate in a **cooking workshop** of tradtional food, learn about he Druze People and partake in a delicious dinner of your hard work

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| **Friday, June 7:** | ***Golan 360o***  |

* Stroll along one of the main tributaries of the Kinneret and see the Biblical archaeology at the **Tel Dan National Park**
* **Overlooking Syria** from Tel as-Saki, meet with **Major (res.) Yaakov Selavan** for a look at the strategic importance of the Golan heights and an update on what is going on in Syria today
* Continue toward Jerusalem and check into your hotel
* In the evening, have a community service at the pluralistic Ezrat Yisrael section of the Western Wall; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in **Shabbat at the Western Wall**
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, June 8:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Optional Shabbat services in a local synagogue
* Walking tour of **Mishkanot Shaananim** and **Yemin Moshe** – two of the first neighborhoods outside of the Old City Walls
* Lunch in the hotel
* In the afternoon, take a tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including a visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
* Musical havdallah
* Free evening

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| **Sunday, June 9:** | ***this year in jerusalem!*** |

* Begin our exploration of the Jewish “love affair” with Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade** with its magnificent views and powerful Biblical, historical and contemporary narratives
* Explore the **City of David’s** latest excavations while considering Jerusalem as the venue for the development of Jewish morality and values; then explore Jerusalem’s nearly 4,000-year-old underground water system and – switching your Bible for a flashlight – wade through **Hezekiah’s Tunnel** (or take the dry tunnel on this wintery day)
* Lunch and shopping time in the Cardo and the Jewish Quarter
* See just how incredible King Herod’s Temple project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* Return to the hostel to freshen up
* **All shuk up**: culinary tour of the **Machane Yehuda Shuk** for sensory overload

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| **Monday, June 10:** | ***What price freedom?*** |

First timers:

* Travel to the lowest place on earth
* Ascend **Masada,** the desert fortress, and hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* Hike the waterfall trail of **Ein Gedi**
* **Float in the Dead Sea**

**Second timers:**

* Meet with **Col. (res.) Dani Tirza** – a former advisor to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin; at the **separation barrier** designed by him, understand the reasoning behind it and the considerations taken into account
* Drive around the town of **Efrat** to understand what a “settlement” is
* Lunch and tasting in the **Gush Etzion Winery**
* Meet with **Jewish and Palestinian residents** of the West Bank to hear their opinions on co-existence in the area

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| **Tuesday, June 11:** | ***from holocaust to redemption***  |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
* Walk the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**; see the graves of the leaders of the nation and hear stories of soldiers who fell defending the Jewish people
* In the evening, bring in the holiday of Shavuot with the **Harel Reform Community**
* Festive dinner in the hotel
* After dinner, take part in the **traditional all-night learning** called “*tikkun leil Shavuot*” with the Pardes Institute

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| **Wednesday, June 12:** | ***chag sameach – happy holiday!*** |

* Free morning in Jerusalem to attend a local synagogue or explore Jerusalem on your own
* You may want to visit the **Biblical Zoo**
* See the Dead Sea Scrolls, a model of Jerusalem during the Second Temple Period and other gems at the **Israel Museum**
* Meet **David Leichman** and have a tasting of his **home-made ice cream**; it is traditional to eat dairy on the holiday of Shavuot…
* Summary discussion
* Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant

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| **Thursday, June 13:** | ***next year in jerusalem!*** |

* Transfer to the airport for your flight home – 11:30am
* Land in Atlanta – 5:55pm
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator
* All breakfasts and underlined meals are included in the package price
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