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***Family Israel Adventure***

*Led by Rabbis Andrew and Cheryl Jacobs*

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| **Sudnay, June 11:** | ***Bruchim HaBaim – Welcome to israel!*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
* VIP meet and greet service, which will whisk you through passport control and customs; then meet your guide, load the bus and head out to Tel Aviv
* Check into your hotel and freshen up
* **Opening ceremony** and orientation
* Welcome dinner

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv – Premium Sea View Rooms*

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| **Monday, June 12:** | ***startup nation*** |

* Walking tour of the **Independence Trail** and trendy **Neve Tzedek** (first neighborhood of Tel Aviv) for a glimpse at the founding of Israel and Tel Aviv
* At the **Ayalon Institute**, enter the subterranean munitions factory to hear the crazy story in which Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British leading up to the War of Independence
* Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** at the Beit Guvrin National Park

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

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| **Tuesday, June 13:** | ***If i forget the, oh tel aviv*** |

* **Windows to Israeli Society** with Dr. Rachel Korazim – A Tale of Two Cities, contrasting Jerusalem to Tel Aviv; then take an **Art Tour** of Tel Aviv; parallel programming for youth
* At the interactive **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**, see why Israel is considered the Startup Nation
* Peruse the crafts, enjoy the street performers and meet the artisans at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair**; lunch on own
* Site visit to **Save A Child's Heart** whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries suffering from heart disease and who cannot get adequate medical care in their home countries
* Enjoy the sunset over the Mediterranean Sea and a free evening to check out Tel Aviv's night life

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

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| **Wednesday, June 14:** | ***northern Exposure*** |

* Check out of the hotel
* Travel north along the Mediterranean to King Herod’s ancient port city **Caesarea**, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* Lunch on your ownin Zichron Yaakov
* Travel north to the city of **Nesher**, the **Partnership Region with Broward County**; join the community for lunch and participate in activities organized by the Partnership
* **Dinner** at Decks Restaurant on the shores of the **Kinneret**
* **Cruise** on the Sea of Galilee
* Continue north and check into the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Ramot Hotel, Golan – Chalet Deluxe Cabins*

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| **Thursday, June 15:** | ***Mystics and Mountains*** |

* Ascend up to **Tzfat**; explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century. Meet with **Kabbalistic Artist & Glassblower, Sheva Chaya** in her studio and see how she synthesizes Jewish mysticism into her art
* Lunch on your own
* **Encounter with Israeli soldiers** on the Israeli-Lebanese border in the upper Galilee; discuss with them what it means to have the responsibility of Israel’s security from the age of 18
* **Rafting** down the "mighty" Jordan River
* Return to hotel for a barbeque dinner overlooking the Kinneret

***Overnight:*** *Ramot Resort Hotel, Golan*

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| **Friday, June 16:** | ***from holocaust to redemption*** |

* Pack up the bus
* Hike along the **Tel Dan Stream** – one of the three main tributaries into the Kinneret. Adults will see the Biblical archaeology while children will visit the 100 Acre Wood
* Ascend **Mt. Bental** for a view into Syria; hear the heroic stories from the Yom Kippur War
* Lunch on your own on Mt. Bental
* At Kibbutz Ein Zivan:
	+ **Chocolate lovers**: Get your hands dirty at a **chocolate making workshop** in the DeKarina Boutique Chocolate Factory
	+ **Wine Lovers**: Tour of the **Pelter Winery** and wine tasting
* Travel to Jerusalem
* Check into the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* In the evening, go to the Ezrat Yisrael (Egalitarian Section) of the **Western Wall** to bring **Shabbat in as a community with special Kabbalat Shabbat led by the Masorti movement**; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in Shabbat
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel

 ***Overnight:*** *Orient Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, June 17:** | ***shabbat shalom*** |

* Free morning to rest up or to attend a local Shabbat service
* walking tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including the **Via Dolorosa** and the Church of the **Holy Sepulcher**
* Musical Group ***Havdallah***
* Review the history of Jerusalem at the **Tower of David Nighttime Spectacular** as it is projected on the walls of this ancient citadel
* Free night out on town

 ***Overnight:*** *Orient Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, June 18:** | ***this year in jerusalem!*** |

* At the **Haas Promenade**, beginthe exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem; remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac, associated with this spot
* Continue to the **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; see the probable foundations of King David's palace; Bible in hand, understand how Jerusalem became the venue for the development of classic Jewish values and our national identity; with your flashlights and water shoes, exit via the **water tunnel dug by King Hezekiah** 2,700 years ago in order to save the city from the Assyrians
* Shopping and lunch in the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
* See just how amazing the Second Temple must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* Meet with a **political analyst** to discuss the most current topics facing Israel today

***Overnight:*** *Orient Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Monday, June 19:** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Hike up the snake path or take the cable car up to **Masada**, the fortress built by King Herod and used by Jewish zealots defending themselves from the Roman army; hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* **Hike the Waterfall Trail** in the desert oasis of Ein Gedi and hear the Biblical stories of King Saul and David which took place here
* **Float in the Dead Sea**
* **Ride camels** to Abraham's tent; meet one of our forefathers, experience his well-known hospitality and join him for an early hafla dinner at **Genesis Land**

***Overnight:*** *Orient Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Tuesday, June 20:** | ***from holocaust to redemption*** |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** (younger children to the Biblical Zoo)
* Take the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**; see the tombs of the leaders of the nation and of the soldiers who gave their lives to Israel
* As a contrast to the morning, take a tasting tour of the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then participate in a **cooking workshop** and dine together over your creations

***Overnight:*** *Orient Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Wednesday, June 21:** | ***One land, two peoples*** |

* At **Ammunition Hill**, learn about the crucial battle that took place here during the Six Day War which led to the unification of Jerusalem – and exaserbated the Arab Israel Conflict
* Tour of the **Security Barrier** in Jerusalem with Col. (ret.) Danny Tirzah, who was responsible for creating its route and who served as a senior advisor for Prime Minister Olmert during his negotiations with the Palestinians
* Drive around the “settlement” of **Efrat** to understand what one is
* Enter the **Palestinian town of Hussan**; participate in a Cleaning the Hatred project by their natural springs and hear **Jewish and Palestinian Residents** of the area speak about their visions of coexistance

***Overnight:*** *Orient Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, June 22:** | ***Summing it up*** |

* Visit the workshops of **Yad Lakashish**, which brings Jerusalem’s elderly together to produce art and to continue to be productive members of society; then participate in everyone’s favorite mitzvah – shopping!! in their gift shop
* Participate in an art workshop to summarize your Israel experience with **Kol HaOt**
* Meet with **Rabbi Sharon Shalom**, the Ethiopian-born rabbi of Holocaust survivors and immigrants from the Soviet Union
* Travel toward Tel Aviv
* Farewell dinner
* Continue to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip!
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and a Keshet Youth Counselor
* There will be parallel educational programming for adults and youth throughout the trip to allow for age-appropriate learning
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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