

***Family* *Adventure in Israel***

***Led By Rabbi Max Miller***

*June 2-13, 2024*

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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!*** |

* Land in Tel Aviv at 9:15am – meet and greet service
* Meet your guide, pack up the bus and travel to Tel Aviv
* Take a tour of **Ramle**, the mixed Jewish-Arab city; meet with local residents to hear their take on coexistence within Israel
* Lunch at the famous **Samir’s Restaurant**
* Visit **Kibbutz Gezer** and their baseball Field of Dreams; encounter with **David Leichman** – one of the initiators of baseball in Israel and taste his renowned **Leichcream**
* Check into your hotel followed by some well-deserved beach and rest time
* Welcome dinner in the hotel

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

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

* Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** at the Beit Guvrin National Park
* **Ethnic Tasting Tour** of Shuk HaCarmel
* Peruse the crafts, meet the artists and enjoy the street performers at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair**
* Learn some Hebrew and about issues in modern Israeli society through a **Graffiti/Street Art** tour in southern Tel Aviv
* Cruise the Mediterranean on a **private boat**

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

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

* Visit the impressive ruins of King Herod’s port city of **Caesarea**, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* **Snorkel archaeology** in the Mediterranean Sea
* Learn about the **Druze** people and enjoy a traditional **home-hospitality lunch** in the town of **Isafiya**
* Encounter with peers at the Keshet **Democratic School** in Zichron Yaakov – a pluralistic (religious and secular and everything in between) community
* Meet with **Ofer Eden**, who lost his arm in the Yom Kippur War but went on to become a successful entrepreneur and is an avid mountain biker and kayaker
* Check into your hostel, followed by dinner there

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

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

* In **Tzfat**, explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century; then meet with **Kabbalistic glass-blower** Sheva Chaya and see how she incorporates her mystical studies into her artwork
* On the border of Lebanon, **meet soldiers in action** understand the burden of Israel’s security on the shoulders of 20-year-olds
* At the **Alma Security Crisis Simulation**, become an Israeli Cabinet member for a day… get a field briefing on Israel’s northern border, then enter Alma’s “Situation Room”; work your way through the decision-making process as you are given a scenario in which there is an escalation in security on the border

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

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

* Overlooking Syria from Tel A-Saki, program on **military ethics with Capt. Ya’akov Selavan**, including an escape room inside of the bunkers
* **Rafting** down the “mighty” Jordan River
* Travel to Jerusalem via the Jordan River Valley
* Upon entering the Holy City, drink a l’chaim at a **welcome to Jerusalem ceremony**
* 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*** |

* **Synagogue hopping**
* Walking tour of the **Mishekenot Shaananim** and **Yemin Moshe** neighborhoods
* Lunch in the hostel
* See the Dead Sea Scrolls, a model of Jerusalem from the Second Temple Period and the AHAVA sculpture at the **Israel Museum**
* Musical **Havdallah** followed by an evening

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

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| **Sunday, June 9:** | ***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
* Lunch and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
* **Silent Disco** through Jerusalem
* Senses overload: enjoy the tastes, sites sounds and smells at the **Machane Yehuda Shuk** on an **Ethnic Tasting Tour**

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

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

* Ascend **Masada,** the desert fortress, and hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* Hike the **Ein Gedi waterfall trail**
* **Float in the Dead Sea**
* **Ride Camels** at Genesis Land
* Meet with **Ethiopian immigrants** and hear the story of their year-long journey “home” to Israel

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

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

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum**, including visits to the historical museum, Children’s Memorial, and Sculpture Garden
* Rabbi-led Unpacking of Yad Vashem
* Take the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery** and hear the moving stories of the Leaders of the Nation and of the soldiers who fell defending it
* 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

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

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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**
* In the afternoon, take a tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including a visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
* Summary discussion
* Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant

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

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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 and a youth guide for age-appropriate learning
* All meals are included in the package price
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