

**Congregation Beth Hatephila Solidarity Mission to Israel**

**Led by Rabbi Batsheva Meiri**

*May 26-June 2, 2024*

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| **Sunday, May 26** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Rendezvous in our Tel Aviv hotel in the late afternoon
* Welcome Dinner and orientation.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Monday, May 27** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer with Leket, either picking fruits or vegetables in a local farm or at their logistical center.
* Lunch break (on own)
* In Modi’in, meet with Reform Rabbi, David Azulai who has been officiating at military funerals since October 7th.
* Visit “Captives Square” to meet some of the family members and friends of the hostages held in Gaza (*we hope we will not need to do so by then*). At 17:00 join the Masorti movement’s prayer circle.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, May 28** | ***kol yisrael arevim zeh l’zeh*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Political update with Neil Lazarus.
* Stroll through the weekly arts & crafts fair at Nahalat Binyamin to support local artists.
* Lunch on (own) at Nahalat Binyamin or Sarona Market.
* Travel to the Galilee
* Ruach Tzippori-Women’s art collective with Jewish and Arab women or other project.
* Check-in and dinner at hotel.
* Eve: Meet with evacuees staying at the hotel.

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz Lavi Hotel*

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| **Wednesday, May 29** | ***torah in the galilee*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Explore the Talmudic city of Zippori, where Rabbi Yehuda Hanassi compiled the Mishnah, and site of some of the most beautiful mosaics in the Middle East.
  + Study Session in Bet Midrash with Itamar Lapid
* Lunch break (on own) en route
* Drive to Tzfat, the heart of Jewish mysticism, to explore the alleyways and synagogues of the mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th century.
* Shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and artist colony.
* Art & Kabbalah program with local artist, David Friedman, in his studio OR meet a local Asheville doctor who is training Israeli medical staff in innovative life-saving techniques.
* Dinner at hotel

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz Lavi Hotel*

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| **Thursday, May 30** | ***northern exposure*** |

* Breakfast at hotel.
* Meet Yariv Zror, a resident of Kiryat Shemona, who has been organizing a “chamal” (HQ) to provide evacuees from the north with food, clothing, and other basic supplies.
* Ascend the Golan Heights. Meet Maj. (Res.) Yakov Selevan at Tel Saqi along the Syrian border. Strategic briefing regarding the threat of Iran, Syria, and Hizbullah and hear his reflections on his time serving in Gaza for months after October 7th.
* Lunch break (on own) en route
* Travel to Jerusalem.
* Study Session at the Hartman Institute. Rana Fahoum, the Director of the Center for Shared Society.
* Check-in at hotel
* Dinner break.
* Bearing Witness: Meet Rachel Goldberg and Jon Polin, parents of Hersh Goldberg-Polin who was captured by Hamas, to hear their ordeal and offer them support. (Hopefully they’ve been reunited. Bob is Jon’s cousin.)

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, May 31** | ***“to be a free nation in our own land”*** |

* Breakfast at hotel.
* Visit the recently opened National Library.
* Pay your respects to the soldiers who lost their lives over the last few months at the Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery
* Lunch break (on own) at Machaneh Yehuda shuk
* Free time for shopping and to prepare for shabbat.
* 19:00 Candle lighting
* Kabbalat Shabbat with the reform community of Kol Haneshama.
* Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel with lone soldiers

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Shabbat June 1** | ***shabbat in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at hotel.
* Opportunity to attend local synagogues for services
* Day at leisure
* (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The newly renovated Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5) Please note that times may change depending upon instructions from the Home Front Command.
* Lunch is on your own today. *It is possible to pre-order Shabbat lunch at the hotel for an additional fee.*
* Optional walking tour of Mishaknot Shaananim and Yemin Moshe.
* Reflections with Rabbi Rich Kirschen
* Farewell dinner at the hotel.
* 20:22 Havdalah
* Attend the rally/protest at Balfour-Paris Square to support the hostage families

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday June 2** | ***farewell*** |

* Breakfast at hotel.
* Transfer to the airport for departing flights
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
* This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet.

**Waiver**

Israel is currently facing a challenging time. However, we want to assure you that Keshet, as the organizer of this trip, is committed to prioritizing your safety and well-being above all else.

Before joining us on this journey, we kindly request that you sign a waiver acknowledging the current war situation in Israel. This waiver will state that Keshet cannot be held responsible for any harm caused by the war. It is a standard precautionary measure that allows us to proceed with the trip while ensuring everyone's understanding of the risks involved.

Rest assured, our team is closely monitoring the situation, working in collaboration with local authorities and experts to ensure the highest level of security and support for our participants. Your safety remains our utmost priority.



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