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***Solidarity Mission to Israel***

*May 6-12, 2024*

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| **Monday, May 6:** | ***bruchim haba’aim*** |

* Rendezvous in our Tel Aviv hotel in the late afternoon
* Political Update with Neil Lazarus
* Welcome dinner and orientation

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

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| **Tuesday, May 7:** | ***Altruism in Action*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer with Project Leket, preparing food packages for evacuees or soldiers at their logistics center in Ra’anana
* Meet Soldiers Save Lives, a group of 20-somethings who – after losing their friend on October 7th – got together to bring millions of dollars worth of supplies to soliders
* Lunch break (on own)
* Visit soldiers rehabilitating from their injuries and shower them with gifts
* 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*)
* Dinner and evening at leisure to support local businesses

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

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| **Wednesday, May 8:** | ***WEstern negev*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Early departure
* Meet evacuees from Netiv Ha’asara staying in Tel Aviv to hear their personal stories from the October 7th attack and the challenges of being displaced as a community
* Pay respects at the site of the Supernova, where 364 people lost their lives while celebrating life
* Packed lunch
* Volunteer picking fruits or vegetables at a local farm in the Gaza Envelope
* Return to Tel Aviv
* Dinner and evening at leisure to support local businesses

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

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| **Thursday, May 9:** | ***“Shigrat Milchama”-War Routine***  |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Travel to the Gaza border area
* Volunteer in agriculture in the Gaza Envelope
* Picnic Lunch
* Meet with local farmers who were forced to leave their lands and homes after the October 7th attack. They have now returned to farm without the Thai workers who have left Israel.
* help them with various work in the agricultural sector.
* Meet soldiers stationed on the Gaza border and join them for dinner
* Travel to Jerusalem
* Check-in at hotel
* Dinner on own

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

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| **Friday, May 10:** | ***to be a free country in our land…*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Speaker: Reflections on “Swords of Iron” with Yitzhak Sokoloff who volunteered with the IDF at age 68, serving along the Gaza Border. He is now sharing grandparenting responsibilities with his wife Ruti as their children and their spouses are still in reserve duty.
* Pay your respects to the soldiers who lost their lives over the last few months at the Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery
* Visit the Thinkers Distillery in the Machane Yehuda Shuk. Meet with the owners to hear about the effect of the War on their daily life and business and taste some spirits
* Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
* 6:46pm Candle lighting
* Join the scores 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, May 11:** | ***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)
* Lunch at the Hotel
* Optional walking tour of Mishaknot Shaananim and Yemin Moshe
* 8:06pm Havdallah
* Dinner and eveving on own

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

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| **Sunday, May 12:**  | **TAKING IT HOME** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer opportunity
* At Stand With Us, get the tools needed for Israel Advocacy
* Lunch on own
* Visit the newly opened National Library
* Meet Jessica Elter, who lost her boyfriend of six year at the Supernova Festival
* Summary Discussion and Farewell dinner
* Transfer to the airport for your flight home
* 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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