

Summer Lab: Israel-Powered by Keshet

July 26-August 19, 2026

(tentative itinerary-subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
July 26 Rendezvous at El Al check-in area by 5:30pm. Departure from Newark International Airport (EWR) on El Al Flight 026 at 9:00pm.	July 27-<i>Welcome to Israel!</i> Arrival at Ben Gurion airport at 2:25pm. Airport Snack Meet the Israeli teens and counselors Icebreakers Check-in Dinner Eve: Orientation <i>Sicum</i>-nightly reflection & instructions for tomorrow O/N: Bnai Dan YH, Tel Aviv	July 28-<i>The First Hebrew City</i> “Bus Brit” Activity-creating a respectful group environment Peres Center for Peace & Innovation “Shuk Bites” Lunch in Jaffa Flea Market Nahalat Binyamin art & crafts street fair-Feel the pulse of Tel Aviv Pool/beach time Dinner Eve: Icebreakers & Intro to Family Groups (small discussion groups for processing) <i>Sicum</i> O/N: Bnai Dan YH, Tel Aviv	July 29-<i>Exile & Return</i> ANU Museum of Jewish Culture Green In the City Rooftop Agriculture & Sustainability at Dizengoff Ctr. Options: Learn some <i>ivrit</i> on a Graffiti/Street Art Tour OR Bike ride along beach promenade Eve: Israel Update with Neil Lazarus <i>Sicum</i> O/N: Bnai Dan YH, Tel Aviv	July 30-<i>Tekuma Region</i> Outlook over Gaza from Sderot & Police Station Memorial Re'im Nova Festival Memorial Site Ashalim Solar Tower-Clean Energy To M. Ramon Check-in and dinner Family Groups-processing October 7th Eve: Stargazing in Maktesh with high powered telescopes <i>Sicum</i> O/N: Mitzpeh Ramon YH	August 1-<i>Making the Desert Bloom</i> Mitzpeh Ramon Vis. Ctr-Ilan Ramon, Israeli's first astronaut & geology of the Maktesh Lotan Eco-Kef Workshop-Jewish values & the environment Pool time/Prepare for Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat with K. Minyan Shabbat dinner with kibbutz members Oneg Shabbat <i>Sicum</i> O/N: K. Keturah Guest House	August 2-<i>Kibbutz</i> Shabbat morning services Kibbutz Jeopardy-interactive game to learn about the kibbutz movement's ideology, structure, and community Shabbat lunch Rest/pool time K. Walking Tour including Algae Plant (Agri-Tech) & “Methusaleh”-2000 year old date palm Dinner Eve: Scorpion Hunt <i>Sicum</i> O/N: K. Keturah Guest House

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August 2-Jewel of the Red Sea	August 3-This Year in Jerusalem	August 4-New City	August 5-Tikkun Olam	August 6-Shoah to Tekumah	August 7-To Be A Free People in Our Own Land	August 8-Jerusalem Shabbat
Guided Snorkeling in Red Sea at Almog (Coral) Beach	Bet Bretter Orientation and Tour of Campus-Interactive Game	A Taste of Science: Intro to Scientific Exploration Labs Session 1: Physics, Chemistry, Biology	A Taste of Science: Intro to Scientific Exploration Labs Session 3: Physics, Chemistry, Biology	Labs-Session 1	Khan Sha'ar Hagai Interactive Museum-Mutual Resp., Resilience, and Friendship during Israel's War of Independence	Services at local synagogues/Creative Tefila as a group
Lunch at Ice Mall	Lunch at BB	Lunch at BB	Lunch at BB	Yad Vashem-Historical Museum, Children's Memorial & Sculpture Garden	Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery	Kiddush
Travel north along Arava	Haas Promenade Outlook-What does "Lech Lecha" mean to you & Did Abraham Pass the Test?	A Taste of Science: Intro to Scientific Exploration Labs Session 2: Physics, Chemistry, Biology	Dinner	Cash Dinner-Ramat Beit Hakerem	Rest & Prepare for Shabbat	Family Groups-Kotel Visit Discussion
Dead Sea Works Visitors Center-Zionism, geol. of Dead Sea, environmental impact	City of David and Hezekiah's Water Tunnel (2700 year-old engineering marvel)-David & Jewish Political Morality	Eve: Israel Museum-Shrine of the Book and free time to explore	Evening: Israeli Dancing Activity-Learn Israeli history through the development of Israeli folk dancing	Evening: Kol Ha'ot-Processing Yad Vashem through an art workshop	RELESH (<i>Ruach L'fnei Shabbat</i>) singing & dancing	Shabbat Lunch
Check-in at Bet Bretter on Hebrew Univ. Givat Ram Campus	Cash Dinner in Jewish Quarter & Free time at Mamilla Open-air Mall	<i>Sicum</i>	<i>Sicum</i>	<i>Sicum</i>	Kabbalat Shabbat at Ezrat Yisrael egal Kotel & visit to main Kotel Plaza to join thousands of Jews and visitors from around the world welcome the Sabbath	Rest
Dinner	<i>Sicum</i>	O/N: BB, Jerusalem	O/N: BB, Jerusalem	O/N: BB, Jerusalem	Shabbat dinner in Jewish Quarter Walk back to Givat Ram	Board Games
Eve: Activity TBA <i>Sicum</i>	O/N: BB, Jerusalem				O/N: BB, Jerusalem	Seudah Shlishit & Discussion on Judaism & Science
O/N: Bet Bretter, Jerusalem						Havdalah
						Evening: Free on Ben Yehuda
						<i>Sicum</i>
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August 9-Cutting Edge	August 10-Solving Problems	August 11-Altruism in Action	August 12-	August 13-Am Yisrael Chai!	August 14- What Price Freedom?	August 15-Mystical Shabbat
Labs-Session 2	Labs-Session 3	Machon Ayalon-secret bullet factory from the Mandate Period-Israeli innovation & chutzpah goes way back	Labs-Session 4	Ethiopian Encounter-hear personal stories of Ethiopian Jews who walked to Sudan to be airlifted to Israel in Operation Moses	Early wake up Coffee & Cake Ascend Masada for sunrise. Explore Masada-Why did the Jewish rebels choose to live here after the destruction of the 2 nd temple? What is Jewish heroism?	Services at local synagogues/Creative Tefila as a group at the Citadel
Lunch at BB	Stand With Us-interactive advocacy seminar		Lunch at BB	Lunch & Float in the Dead Sea		Kiddush
IDF's 8200 and Talpiot Units-science, cyber & tech in the army Or Zomet Institute-integrating new tech with the halachic parameters (Jewish law) of day-to-day Jewish life	Dinner	Field Trip to Rechovot-hi tech incubator, HU science programs	Labs-Session 5	Travel to Kfar Hanokdim		Jewish Meditation Workshop
	Eve: Dr. Gideon Stein-former Chief Science Officer of Mobileye and investor in the Israeli Hi-Tech sector		Evening: Movies at Cinema City		Breakfast	Lunch
		Sicum	Sicum	Desert Sustainability Workshop	Ein Gedi Hike & Lunch	Rest time
	Sicum	O/N: BB, Jerusalem	O/N: BB, Jerusalem	Bedouin tea hospitality	Travel north to Zefat	Walking tour of Jewish Quarter
Walk to Machaneh Yehuda Market (shuk)	O/N: BB, Jerusalem			"Hafla" Dinner	Prepare for Shabbat RELESH & Snack	Art & Kabbalah with David Friedman
Shuk & Cook-Culinary Tour of shuk plus cooking workshop				Kumsitz-songs & stories by a bonfire	"Lecha Dodi" Tour	Family Groups
Sicum				Sicum	Kabbalat Shabbat at Carlebach minyan	Seudat Shlishit
O/N: BB, Jerusalem				O/N: Bedouin tent at Kfar Hanokdim Camel Ranch	Home Hospitality Shabbat dinner	Musical Havdalah at the Citadel
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August 16- <i>Agri Tech</i> Golan Heights-Mt. Bental Outlook over Syria Lunch BioBee-Organic farming meets hi-tech Back to Jerusalem Dinner Presentations Prep O/N: BB, Jerusalem	August 17- Presentations Prep Lunch at BB Presentations Prep Dinner at BB Final Presentations Packing/Donating clothes, etc <i>Sicum</i> O/N: BB, Jerusalem	August 18- <i>Next Year in Jerusalem! Lahitraot!</i> Evaluations-RootOne and Keshet Yad L'Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly-volunteering and tour Cash Lunch & Last minute Shopping time Farewell Dinner & Customized T-Shirts Lahitraot/Farewell to Israeli teens Transfer to airport	August 19 Departure on El Al Flight 027 at 12:30am. Arrival in Newark (EWR) at 5:15am. For those with domestic connections, you will need to clear customs & immigration, claim your luggage at baggage claim and re-check it in and then go through security and check-in for your next flight.			

Programs in Blue are part of the Core Science Program at Hebrew U

Programs in Green are STEM related integrated into the touring program