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***Adventure in Israel***

Led by Rabbi Jamie Arnold

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| **Wednesday, November 1:** | ***This year in Israel!*** |

* Rendezvous in the hotel and meet the guide
* Begin our exploration of the Jewish “love affair” with Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade** with its magnificent views and powerful Biblical, historical and contemporary narratives
* Continue to the **City of David** - the original Jerusalem of King David and First Temple times - for a guided visit with Bible in hand; then descend Warren's shaft a splash through the water tunnel that King Hezakiya dug to save Jerusalem from the Assyrians 2,700 years ago (or take the dry tunnel)
* Lunch and shopping in the **Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo**
* See just how incredible King Herod’s Temple project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* “I’m all shuk up”: Take a culinary tour of the **Machane Yehuda Market** for sensory overload; then participate in a cooking workshop and have a community dinner over the results!

***Overnight:*** *Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, November 2:** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Travel south 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**

***Overnight:*** *Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, November 3:** | ***from holocaust to redemption*** |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
* Take the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**.
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* In the evening, have a Kabbalat Shabbat service as a community at the Ezrat Yisrael section of the Kotel; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in the **Shabbat at the Western Wall**
* Experience an Orthodox Shabbat home hospitality dinner with **Shabbat of a Lifetime**

***Overnight:*** *Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, November 4:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Attend one or more of the many **Shabbat services** taking place in Jerusalem
* **Study session** with Rabbi Arnold
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* Walking tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
* Musical havdallah
* In the evening, 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 in town

***Overnight:*** *Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, November 5:** | ***Northern Exposure*** |

* Meet with **Col. (res.) Dani Tirza** – a former advisor to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin; at the **separation barrier** designed by him, understand the reasoning behind it and the considerations taken into account
* Leave Jerusalem and travel north
* Tour the ancient city of **Beit Shean**, once one of the leading cities in Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* On **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu**, learn about the effect the kibbutz movement had on the beginnings of modern Israel and how they have become world leaders of organic agriculture with their production of…bugs!
* Continue to your hotel and check in, followed by dinner there

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz HaGoshrim Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Monday, November 6:** | ***Golan 360o***  |

* Ascend the Golan Heights
* Learn about 2,000 years of Jewish history on the Golan at the **ancient Ein Keshatot Synagogue**
* View into **Syria** from the bunker in Tel as Saki; hear the heroic stories from the Yom Kippur War and get an update on what is happening in Syria by **Major (res.) Yaakov Selavan**; then meet with soldiers and consider the burden of Israel’s security on the shoulders of these youngsters
* **Hike** one of the beautiful trails of the Golan
* Dinner in the Bikta Restaurant

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz HaGoshrim Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Tuesday, November 7:** | ***mystics and mountains*** |

* In **Tzfat**, explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century
* Meet with a **Kabbalistic artist** and see how s/he incorporates his mystical studies into her/his artwork
* Taste some of Israel’s finest wine at the boutique **Adir Winery**
* On the northern border, **meet with soldiers in action**; exchange gifts and understand what it must be like to have Israel's security on the shoulders of 18-year-olds
* Dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz HaGoshrim Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Wednesday, November 8:** | ***the mediterranean coast*** |

* Travel to **Haifa**
* View the breathtaking **Bahai Gardens**
* Take a walking tour of the neighborhood of **Wadi Nisnas** to see true coexistence between Jews, Christians and Muslims
* Visit the home of Agere, an **Ethiopian immigrant**; over a traditional *injera* lunch, hear the incredible story of her journey “home” to Israel
* Continue to Tel Aviv
* Relive the moment that David Ben Gurion declared independence outside of **Independence Hall** then walk along the Independence Trail to see the sites where both Tel Aviv and Israel began
* Continue the walking tour to **Neve Tzedek**, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, for a look at the foundations of Hebrew culture
* In the evening, meet with a **political analyst** for a look at some of the main issues Israel faces today

***Overnight:*** *Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Thursday, November 9:** | ***startup nation*** |

* Visit the **ANU Museum of the Jewish People** to see how the Jewish People spread across the world and their contributions to it
* Visit the sub-terranean factory in which Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the British Army before the War of Independence at the **Ayalon Institute**
* Depart from the hotel for **Save a Child’s Heart**, a program which brings children from Africa and across the Middle East to Israel for life-saving heart surgery; then interact with the children as they prepare for or recover from their surgery
* Farewell dinner
* Travel to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
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