



Temple Emanu-El of Atlanta
Adventure in Israel – Adult Track
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Tuesday, June 14: BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME!

- Arrival in Israel; Rendezvous at the hotel in the late afternoon
- Say the *shehechyanu* blessing and drink a *l'chaim* at an **opening ceremony** overlooking the Tel Aviv coastline
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: *David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Wednesday, June 15: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Visit the Shalom Tower to see the new **“We Declare” exhibit** about the founding of the State of Israel and then walk along the new Tel Aviv Independence Trail, inspired by Boston’s Freedom Trail.
- Follow the life of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and the parallel history of the development of Israel at the **Rabin Museum**
- Peruse the local crafts and enjoy the street performers at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair** and the adjacent **Carmel Market**
- Site visit to **Save A Child’s Heart** whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries suffering from heart disease and who cannot get adequate medical care in their home countries
- Enjoy the sunset over the Mediterranean Sea and a free evening to check out Tel Aviv's night life

Overnight: *David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Thursday, June 16: TO JERUSALEM!

- Meet with **Rabbi Sharon Shalom**, the Ethiopian-born rabbi of Holocaust survivors and immigrants from the Soviet Union
- Continue up to Jerusalem
- Upon entering the Holy City, drink a *l'chaim* at a **welcome to Jerusalem ceremony**
- See the newest archaeological discoveries of the Western Wall Tunnels on the **Behind the Scenes** tour
- Participate in a **Cooking Workshop** with food collected from the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then dine together on your joint efforts!

Overnight: *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

Friday, June 17: FAULT LINES

- At **Ammunition Hill**, recall the intense battle here that led to the reunification of Jerusalem up exacerbated the Arab-Israel conflict
- Tour of the **Separation Barrier** in Jerusalem with Col. (ret.) Danny Tirzah, who was responsible for creating its route and who served as a senior advisor of Prime Minister Olmert during his negotiations with the Palestinians
- Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- In the evening, go to the Ezrat Yisrael (Egalitarian Section) of the **Western Wall** to bring **Shabbat in as a community with special Kabbalat Shabbat led by the Masorti movement**; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in Shabbat
- Shabbat dinner in the hotel

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, June 18: SHABBAT SHALOM

- Celebrate the Bnai Mitzvah of community members coming of age at the **Hebrew Union College** courtyard
- Celebratory lunch in the hotel
- Free afternoon to relax
- Optional walking tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including the **Via Dolorosa** and the Church of the **Holy Sepulcher**
- Musical Group **Havdallah** followed by a night out on town

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, June 19: ONE LAND, TWO PEOPLES

- Ascend the **Temple Mount**; see the remains of the First and Second Temples as well as the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque which stand there today
- Drive around the town of **Efrat** to understand what a “settlement” actually is
- Enter the **Palestinian town of Hussan**; participate in a Cleaning the Hatred project by their natural springs and hear **Jewish and Palestinian Residents** of the area speak about their visions of coexistence
- In the evening, Q & A on Israeli society and regional politics with Keshet’s founder and **political analyst** Yitzhak Sokoloff

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, June 20: FROM HOLOCAUST TO REDEMPTION

- Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
- At the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, hear the touching stories of Israel’s “builders of the nation” and the soldiers who fell making sure that the Holocaust could never happen again
- Continue to your Dead Sea Hotel; **float in the Dead Sea** and enjoy the pool and spa there

Overnight: Isrotel Ganim Hotel, Dead Sea

Tuesday, June 21: WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?

- Optional hike up the Judean Mountains for an incredible **sunrise over the mountains of Jordan**
- Take the cable car up 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

- Explore David Ben Gurion’s vision of making the desert bloom and his lifetime accomplishments at his **Sde Boker desert home**
- Visit **Ben Gurion’s grave** and take in the breathtaking view of the desert
- Continue to the hotel, followed by dinner there

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Wednesday, June 22: **THE CRATER AND THE CREATOR**

- Optional **sunrise hike** along the Ramon Crater and over to Camel Mountain; discuss why the Torah was given in the desert
- Return for breakfast and some spa time in the hotel
- At the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitors Center**, learn about the formation of the geological craters and about Israel’s first astronaut, who took his name from this crater
- Take **Jeeps** off road to see the hard-to-reach phenomena of the Ramon Crater
- Visit a local “**Lone Farm**”; hear about this initiative to bring agriculture and tourism to the desert and **taste some of the wines** produced there
- Return to the hotel pool
- Dinner in the hotel
- Take advantage of the low light pollution and see the plethora of **stars and planets** from Israel’s strongest portable telescopes

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Thursday, June 23: **THE DESERT FOR DESSERT**

- Pick vegetable grown in the desert sand and hear one man’s (successful) modern-day Zionist dream at the **Salad Trail** (lunch on site)
- In **Sderot** – the town (in)famous for being the target of Hamas rockets, tour the town, see the collection of katyusha rockets which landed in the area and see how they protect their residents; understand why it is so difficult to find an apartment available for rent or purchase
- Farewell dinner in Jems Restaurant, Modiin
- Continue to the airport for your flight home
- Start planning your next trip to Israel!

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