



Temple Emanu-El of Atlanta
Family Adventure in Israel
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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.
- Understand why Israel is considered the Startup Nation at the interactive **Taglit Innovation Center**
- 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: UNDERGROUND

- At the **Ayalon Institute**, enter the subterranean munitions factory where Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British leading up to the War of Independence Hall
- Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** at the Beit Guvrin National Park
- Upon entering the Holy City, drink a *l'chaim* at a **welcome to Jerusalem ceremony**
- Check into your hotel and enjoy a free evening

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, June 17: THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

- At the **Haas Promenade**, begin the exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem; remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac, associated with this spot
- Continue to the **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; see the probable foundations of King David's palace; Bible in hand, understand how Jerusalem became the venue for the development of classic Jewish values and our national identity; with your flashlights and water

shoes, exit via the **water tunnel dug by King Hezekiah** 2,700 years ago in order to save the city from the Assyrians

- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Lunch and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
- 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: BEHIND THE SCENES

- 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
- See just how amazing the Second Temple must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
- Participate in a **group art project** “mapping out your journey” with **Kol Haot**
- In the evening, Q & A on Israeli society and regional politics with Keshet’s founder and **political analyst** Yitzhak Sokoloff
- Free evening to explore Jerusalem on your own

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, June 20: FROM HOLOCAUST TO REDEMPTION

- Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** (younger children to the Biblical Zoo)
- As a contrast to the morning, head over to the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk** to taste some of the incredible Israeli street food
- **Ride camels** and meet Abraham (of biblical fame) at **Genesis Land**
- Continue to your Dead Sea Hotel; **float in the Dead Sea** and enjoy the pool and spa there
- Dinner in the hotel

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
- Check into the hotel and cool off in the swimming pool
- Dinner in the hotel

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Wednesday, June 22: **MYSTICS AND MOUNTAINS**

- Optional **sunrise hike** along the Ramon Crater and over to Camel Mountain; discuss why the Torah was given in the desert
- Return for breakfast in the hotel
- Get to know the desert with **Desert Archery**
- 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; then **rappel** down a cliff and back toward the crater
- 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

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Thursday, June 23: **THE CRATER AND THE CREATOR**

- Pick vegetable grown in the desert sand and hear one man's (successful) modern-day Zionist dream at the **Salad Trail** (lunch on site)
- Meet with **Rabbi Sharon Shalom**, the Ethiopian-born rabbi of Holocaust survivors and immigrants from the Soviet Union
- Farewell dinner in Jems Restaurant, Modiin
- Continue to the airport for your flight home
- Start planning your next trip to Israel!

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and a Keshet Youth Counselor
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