

Temple Beth Miriam Tour of ISRAEL Led by Rabbi Cy Stanway November 8-19, 2017

(As of 12/13/16)

Ayelet's Israel Experiences are designed to provide a fun, interactive, hands-on Israel adventure for participants of every age. Friends and family bond together as they experience the magic of Israel!



DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017 -DEPARTURE

- We depart the United States from Newark International Airport on our late afternoon flight to Israel. (Contact Ayelet Tours for assistance booking flights.)

DAY 2: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017 – WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

- We arrive in Israel this morning and are greeted by an Ayelet representative.
- We board the bus and depart Tel Aviv, heading North, stopping for a meaningful welcome ceremony, marking our joyful arrival in Israel.
- We continue north along the coast to **Caesarea**, the ancient Roman capital of the area, where we view the Roman Theater and the aqueduct. We sit and enjoy coffee and a light breakfast on our own at one of the many cafes overlooking the sea.
- We proceed to **Haifa** and ascend **Mt. Carmel**, where we take in the panoramic views of the port city, and admire the beautiful **Bahai Temple and Gardens**.
- Visit the **Druze village of Ussifiya**, where we enjoy time learning about these unique Israeli citizens, including **lunch** with Zeidan Atashi.
- Following our visit to Ussifiya, we drive along the Mediterranean shore to **Akko**, where we explore the Crusader-era fortifications and British Prison as we learn about this historically important port.
- We continue traveling north to **Kfar Blum** to check into our kibbutz and enjoy **dinner** together.

Overnight in Kfar Blum



DAY 3: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017 – GOLAN HEIGHTS

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- We start our day with a **jeep tour** to the **Golan Heights**, where we pass former Syrian bunkers and stop atop **Har Bental** for panoramic views stretching far into neighboring Syria.
- We take in the **Hula Valley Bird Festival**, a yearly migration festival celebrating its seventh year.
- Drive north along the coast to **Rosh Hanikra**, where we discover the chalk-cliff grottoes carved out by the Mediterranean waters over time.
- We return to our kibbutz for **Shabbat dinner** together.

Overnight in Kfar Blum

DAY 4: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017 – SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our kibbutz.
- We spend Shabbat morning relaxing at our kibbutz.
- In the late morning, we hike through the extensive Roman ruins of **Beit Shean**, destroyed over 1,300 years ago by earthquake, and recently excavated and reconstructed on a massive and impressive scale.
- We also visit **Tel Dan** and the **Banias Nature Reserve**, where we hike through the lush green forest and see the **Banias Waterfall**. Rising from the base of Israel's tallest mountain, Mt. Hermon, the water flows through a gorge to the waterfall and into the Jordan River.
- We return to our kibbutz for **dinner** together.



Overnight in Kfar Blum



DAY 5: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017 – SAFED, GOLAN HEIGHTS & TEL HAI

- Breakfast and check out of our kibbutz.
- We begin our day with touring the mystical city of **Safed**, the center of Kabbalah study and practice, where we visit the **Ha'ari and Caro synagogues** and have time to shop among the many artist's studios and galleries.
- Following our tour of Safed, we visit the **Yemin Orde village**, a home for new immigrants and troubled youth, where we meet the kids and hear about their special stories.
- We visit the artist's colony, **Ein Hod**, and meet with a local artist.
- Lunch on own
- Visit **Sde Boker**, to see Ben Gurion's Hut and Gravesite, where we recall his dream of turning the desert green, and see the ways it is becoming a reality.
- We end our day with a tour at one of the local wineries, and enjoy some of the local wines in their tasting room.
- We travel to **Mitzpe Ramon**, where we check in to our hotel and enjoy **dinner** together.

Overnight in Mitzpe Ramon

DAY 6: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017 – EXPLORING MITZPE RAMON

- Our day begins with an early morning **jeep tour** through the **Ramon Crater**.
- We return to our hotel for breakfast.
- We visit the **Israeli Air Force Museum** at **Hatzerim Airbase**, to see aircraft from throughout Israel's history.
- We take a tour of green houses in the south **OR** enjoy a desert life program at **Progressive Kibbutz Yahel**, entitled "Partners in Pomelo for Peace. While here, we visit the dairy, sheep, fields, orchards and the newest eco-collaboration between the JNF and Yahel. We also enjoy a tasting from the largest pomelo orchard in Israel.
- We return to our hotel to freshen up and meet again for **dinner** this evening.

Overnight in Mitzpe Ramon



DAY 7: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 – MASADA & THE DEAD SEA

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- After breakfast, we depart for the **Dead Sea Basin**.
- We ascend by cable car or snake path to King Herod's fortresses and castle atop **Masada**, where we visit the remains of the walls, palaces, synagogue and the bathhouses, learning about the Jewish Zealot's last stand against the Roman forces.
- We relax and enjoy an unsinkable swim in the healing, salty waters of the **Dead Sea** and enjoy **lunch** on the beach.
- Following our dip in the Dead Sea, we visit **Ein Gedi**, where we take a short hike to the hidden waterfalls in this desert oasis.
- We drive south, stopping to say the "Shehecheyanu!", as we arrive in **Jerusalem** and look out over the City of Gold for the first time.
- We check into our hotel and enjoy dinner on our own this evening.



Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017 – HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE & JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We start our visit to **Yad Vashem** with a testimonial from a Holocaust survivor. We continue the tour of Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, through the many moving exhibitions, including the Hall of Names and the Avenue of the Righteous Among the Nations.
- We visit the **Herzl Museum**, where we learn about the life and work of the great Zionist visionary.
- Our tour continues with a visit to **Mt. Herzl**, Jerusalem's military cemetery, where we visit the gravesites of Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin.
- We visit **Ir David**, just outside the Old City walls, where we wander through the carefully preserved archaeological excavations dating back to the time of King David.
- We tour the **Menachem Begin Museum**, and review the life and work of one of Israel's former leaders, followed by **dinner** at the museum.
- We walk to the **Tower of David** to view the spectacular **Sound and Light show**.

Overnight in Jerusalem



DAY 9: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017 – JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Our morning begins with a tour of the **Knesset**, Israel’s parliament building, where we have a unique opportunity to take photos by the bronze menorah sculpture outside.
- We continue with a stroll through **Machane Yehuda**, taking in the sights and sounds of the marketplace and participating in “shuk bites”.
- Late night **tour of the bakeries** that are preparing challah for Shabbat.
- We have a free evening to enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 10: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017 – PREPARING FOR SHABBAT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- After breakfast, we visit the **Hartman Institute**, a pluralistic center of research and education deepening and elevating the quality of Jewish life in Israel and around the world, for a **pre-Shabbat study session** led by one of the institute’s preeminent scholars.
- We return to the hotel to relax and refresh.
- We welcome **Shabbat** at the **Kotel**.
- We enjoy a festive **Shabbat dinner** together.



Overnight in Jerusalem

DAY 11: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017- SHABBAT SHALOM!

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we attend **Shabbat services** at a local synagogue with the people of Jerusalem.
- This afternoon, we enjoy a walking tour of the **Old City**, walking through the **Jewish Quarter**, including the **Roman Cardo marketplace** and the **Arab market (shuk)**. We also tour through the **Christian Quarter**, where we learn about the many historical landmarks as we walk along the stations of the **Via Dolorosa**, past the **Church of the Sepulchre**, and end at the **Tower of David**.



- **Optional visit** to the **Israel Museum**, which recently completed a \$100 million renovation and is world class in every way. The galleries range from pop and modern art, back through the Renaissance and Classical periods, with a strong emphasis on Jewish and Israeli archeological history.
- We participate in a guided “gossip tour” through the historical and charming neighborhood of **Yemin Moshe** and enjoy a special **Havadallah service**.
- On our last night, we come together one last time for a **farewell dinner**.
- We return to the hotel for a late check out and transfer to the airport for our overnight flight back to the United States.



DAY 12: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017 – ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES

- We arrive at Newark International Airport in the afternoon.

THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

**Itinerary subject to change*



December 14, 2016

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Dear Rabbi Stanway & David,

It is a pleasure working with you to plan your trip to Israel scheduled for November 2017. This is an initial proposal. I look forward to working with you to make this trip a special experience for Temple Beth Miriam.

PRICING CHART	Discounted Rate (Payment by check)	Full Cost (Credit Card)
Price per person at 25 paying Double occupancy	\$5,099	\$5,252
Price per person at 35 paying Double occupancy	\$4,899	\$5,046
Add for Single Occupancy	\$1,570	\$1,617
Triple Reduction (per person in triple – must have at least 1 child under 18 in the room)	Save \$865 per triple room (Save \$288 per person in triple)	
Kfar Blum (3 nights) November 9-12, 2017	Pastoral Kfar Blum	
Mitzpe Ramon (2 nights) November 12-14, 2017	Beresheet Hotel	
Jerusalem (4 nights + late c/o) November 14-18, 2017	Inbal Jerusalem	

This quote includes **1 free group leader** (free is based on double occupancy, including land cost, airfare up to \$1,300, taxes and tips).



PR/MARKETING - To assist in your recruitment efforts, Ayelet Tours offers the following:

- * Ayelet Tours will create a **dedicated website** for the tour, listing program highlights, the full touring itinerary, hotel and other travel information, and offering online registration.
- * Ayelet Tours will email you with a **professionally designed PDF flyer** to market the tour. Note the flyer will also include a printable registration form.
- * Ayelet Tours will design and ship to you a **6+ foot tall standing retractable banner** promoting the tour. Additional banners (if needed) can be produced at a reduced cost for you.
- * An Ayelet Tours representative will be available for a Skype information session with potential participants.

INCLUDED - This quote includes the following:

- * Hotel stays per the grid above
- * Roundtrip airfare departure taxes and fuel surcharges up to \$1,300
- * \$100 per person discretionary fund to use as you wish on your trip
- * All touring and sightseeing per an agreed upon itinerary in a deluxe air-conditioned vehicle with an English speaking guide
- * Breakfast daily
- * Druze hospitality lunch
- * 3 dinners at Kfar Blum kibbutz
- * Dinner at the Begin Museum
- * Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem
- * Farewell dinner in Jerusalem
- * Shuk Bites at Machane Yehuda
- * Jeep tour in the Golan
- * Winery tour in the Golan
- * Kibbutz Yahel program
- * Light and sound show in Jerusalem
- * Transfers included if arriving/departing with the main group
- * Entrance fees as per itinerary
- * Tips to guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED - These prices do not include:

- * Any border taxes or visas
- * Lunches except Druze hospitality lunch
- * Tips to hotel and restaurant staff
- * Any items of a personal nature
- * Travel Insurance (Highly recommended)



This price is based on a guaranteed land price. Airfare cannot be guaranteed until the tickets are written and may vary.

These prices are valid for three (3) weeks from the date of receipt and are subject to space availability and confirmation. After that time, rates are subject to change unless confirmed by deposit. To confirm your arrangements, please forward a \$1,000.00 deposit to Ayelet Tours. This deposit is fully refundable less \$500.00 handling fee up to 61 days prior to departure.

Please note an additional deposit may be required once airline space is confirmed. This deposit is fully refundable until 120 days before departure. Refund of this deposit after that date is based on final seat usage and airline policy.

There is a \$500/person deposit due upon registration. Full payment is due 61 days prior to departure.

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I look forward to hearing from you shortly and to working with you to plan a special and memorable tour.

Shalom,



Pam Pearlmutter
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