



Israel Student Leadership Mission

December 22, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Itinerary

(As of December 10 - Subject to Change)

Sunday December 22 BRUCHIM HABAIM – WELCOME TO ISRAEL

- Check-in at the **Grand Beach Hotel** in **Tel Aviv** from 3:00 PM
- 6:30 PM - Meet in hotel lobby to light the **First Hanukah Candle**
- Head to our **Welcome to Israel Dinner** at **Goshen Restaurant** (7:00 PM)
- Return to the hotel for Trip **Orientation Session** with **ZOA Staff**

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday December 23 ISRAEL'S LEGAL, MILITARY & DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:30 AM – depart hotel to the **IDC “War Room”** in Herzliyah to learn about telling Israel’s story on-line. (9:30 – 11:30). Blog - Shiraz.
- **Lunch on your own at the IDC**
- 2:00 PM – **At the Haganah** Museum in Tel Aviv, explore the struggles leading up to the birth of the State of Israel
- 5:00 PM - Meet **Yaakov HaGoel**, Chairman of World Likud and Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization where he has been active in efforts combatting anti-Semitism around the world.
- 6:00 PM – ZOA Staff Session - Principles of Advocacy I (Or)
- Light the 2nd Hanukah Candle
- Evening and dinner on your own in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday December 24 SHOMRON : HISTORICAL AND SECURITY HEART OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel.
- Visit the **Ariel**, one of the largest communities in **Shomron**. *Meet local residents and see first-hand what a “settlement” is.* (10 – 11:45 AM) Blog - Sharon
- 12:00 - At the **Eshel HaShomron** Hotel, meet owners **Menachem and Tova Gilboa**. *Hear their remarkable story of Zionist commitment, bravery and survival in the face of terror.* Blog - Rachel.
- Lunch at Eshel Hashomron
- 3:00 PM - Get a sense of Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Shiloh** which served as the home of the **mishkan** (Tabernacle) and spiritual center of the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago. Blog - Jacob
- Head north through the Jordan River Valley for check-in and dinner at our hotel overlooking the Kinneret. *Light the 3rd Hanukah Candle*
- 8:00 PM - **Session** with IDF **Lt. Colonel (reserves) Eyal Dror** who commanded the campaign to bring Syrian refugees into Israel thru the Golan Heights to receive medical care. Blog - Elan.

Overnight: Royale Plaza Hotel, Tiberias

Wednesday December 25 **STRATEGIC THREATS FROM SYRIA AND LEBANON**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM – depart hotel
- Delve into the complex security and water issues on the **Golan Heights**, starting with a **nature hike** at the beautiful **Tel Dan Nature Reserve** incorporating the headwaters of the Jordan River, the ancient Biblical City Dan and views of Israel's border with Lebanon. Blog - Maia.
- Lunch on your own in Katzrin, "capital" of the Golan
- 2:30 PM - Near **Israel's border with Syria**, meet **IDF soldiers** guarding Israel's northern borders; *gain insight as to how Israel's presence on the Golan Heights serves as a deterrent to war.*
- Continue to **Tiberias** for a **cruise on the Kinneret** (5:45 PM) and for dinner on your own
- 8:00 PM - Optional return to the hotel with group bus or return later on your own.
- *Light the 4th Hanukah Candle*

Overnight: Royale Plaza Hotel, Tiberias

Thursday December 26 **ISRAEL: LAND OF MANY CULTURES**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **8:30 AM – ZOA Staff Session** - History I (Marlene)
- 9:30 – Depart hotel to **Haifa**. Stand at the top of **Mt. Carmel** for dramatic **views** of Haifa and the **Bahai Gardens**. *Haifa is the world center of the Bahai faith.*
- 12:00 PM - Visit and encounter at the Mahmood Mosque with members of Haifa's **Ahmadiyya Muslim community**. *Learn about their Islamic vision for coexistence.* Blog - Harrison
- Continue to Isifiyah on Mt. Carmel for an **Israeli Druze lunch**. (2:00) *Learn about this important Israeli community.*
- 4:00 PM - Visit **Atlit** on the **Mediterranean** coast, site of the pre-state British Detention Camp for "illegal" Jewish immigrants *that tells the dramatic story of the struggle of Jews fleeing Europe (Ma'apilim), trying to reach British controlled Palestine, only to be arrested and incarcerated by the British.*
- Return to the hotel dinner.
- *Light the 5th Hanukah Candle*

Overnight: Royale Plaza Hotel, Tiberias

Friday December 27 **THE JORDAN VALLEY: ISRAEL'S EASTERN SECURITY BARRIER**

- Breakfast at the guest house
- 9:00 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel to **the Jordan Valley** – *understand why this area plays a central role in Israel's security planning and negotiations and how BDS can negatively impact the local farmers.*
- 12:00 - Lunch at Café Café
- Ascend to Jerusalem. Celebrate our arrival with the magnificent views of the city from Mt. Scopus.
- Check-in at our hotel
- 4:03 PM **Light the 6th Hanukah Candle**. Shabbat Candle lighting.
- Walk to the **Kotel**. Join thousands welcoming Shabbat with prayer, song & dance (*weather permitting*)
- Walk back from the Kotel for Shabbat dinner with **Lone Soldiers**.
- **"Oneg Shabbat" program with ZOA staff**

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayaim Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat December 28 **SHABBAT HANUKAH IN JERUSALEM PARSHAT MIKETZ**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy the special atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem by participating in Shabbat services at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues or take time to explore the city on your own

- Shabbat lunch at the hotel
- **3:00 PM** - Session at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, *Former Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*: **Can Israel and the Palestinian Authority Make Peace?**
- Seudah Shlishit Snack & Havdallah (5:25 PM). *Light the 7th Hanukah Candle.*
- **6:00 PM – Session with Rudy Rochman**
- Evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayaim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Sunday December 29 JERUSALEM: HEART OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE THROUGH THE AGES

- Breakfast at the hotel **LAUNDRY PICKUP**
- 8:30 AM - Depart hotel to explore the **deep Jewish roots in and claims to Jerusalem**
- Step back 3,000 years to the days of **King David** and the days of the First Temple at the latest archeological finds at **the City Of David** (the original Jerusalem). Blog - Bernardo
- At the **Davidson Southern Temple Mount Archeological Park**, step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple. *Examine the centrality of the Temple experience in Jewish tradition*
- Private prayer and contemplation time at the **Kotel**
- **12:15 – 1:30 PM: Optional visit to the Temple Mount** with Keshet Educator Ariel Fogelman
- Lunch on your own in the Old City
- **Tour in the Old City.** *Continue to explore the deep Jewish roots in and claims to Jerusalem*
- Laundry returned to the hotel
- 6:00 PM - Session at the hotel with **Yehudah Hakohen**
- *Light the 8th (last) Hanukah Candle.* Evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayaim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Monday December 30 JEWISH RIGHTS IN THE JEWISH HOMELAND

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM - Depart hotel to **Hevron**– City of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs.
- 10 – 11:20 AM - Meet Israel radio host **Yishai Fleisher**, International Spokesperson for the Jewish Community of Hevron. *Visit the Cave of Machpelah complex.* Blog - Milton
- 12:15 PM- Wine tasting and lunch at the award winning **Gush Etzion Winery.**
- 2:00 - Meet **Efrat Mayor Oded Revivi.** *Are Settlements an Obstacle to Peace?*
- 4:00 - At the **Kfar Etzion Heritage Center**, see the audio-visual presentation of Jewish settlement between Jerusalem & Hevron through the ages. Blog - Israel.
- Return to Jerusalem for a **ZOA Staff Session - History II (Or)**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayaim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Tuesday December 31 JERUSALEM: DIVIDED & RE-UNITED

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45 AM - Depart hotel to explore **Ammunition Hill** (10:00) Blog - Ella
- **Jerusalem “Seam Line”** examining issues of Jerusalem divided and re-united and areas of contact and conflict between Jews and Arabs in the Jerusalem area.
- Packed Lunch
- 2:00 PM - Session at the hotel with Ashley Perry
- 3:00 PM – Session at the hotel with former Yesh Atid **MK Dov Lipman**
- 4:00 PM – Session at the hotel with former Likud **MK Yehudah Glick**
- 6:00 PM - Session at the hotel with **Itamar Marcus of Palestinian Media Watch.**
- **Session with ZOA staff - CANCEL**
- Dinner and evening on your own **as Jerusalem rings in the new year**

Overnight Lev Yerushalayaim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Wednesday January 1 **FACING HAMAS**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- Continue to the embattled city of **Sederot** which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza.
- 9:45 – Meet the **kids of Sederot** - see how daily life continues despite the threats. Blog - Sascha
- 11:00 AM - Tour with **Noam Bedein** of the **Sederot Media Center**
- Support local businesses in Sederot by purchasing lunch on your own
- 1:30 PM - Join Colonel **Grisha Yakubovich (Res.)**, former Head of the Civilian Department in the IDF's Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) for a front line tour of Israeli communities and positions on the border with Hamas controlled Gaza
- Head to Arad for check-in and dinner
- **ZOA Staff Session** - Current Issues (Or/Breakouts)

Overnight: Inbar Hotel, Arad

Thursday January 2 **CHALLENGES IN SHARING THE LAND WITH ISRAEL'S ARAB MINORITY**

- Breakfast.
- 8:15 AM - Pack bus and depart hotel
- 9:00 AM - Visit the **SodaStream** factory, which was relocated from Ariel to the Negev due to **BDS pressure.** (Blog - Shalva Gozland)
- 11:00 AM - Join activists of **HaShomer HaHadash** which helps Israeli farmers and ranchers protect their land, flocks and equipment from theft and vandalism often originating from Bedouin tribes and Palestinian villages.
- Packed Lunch
- Check-in at the Lev Yerushalayim Hotel
- 5:00 PM - **Media Workshop** "How to Face the Cameras and Answer Tough Questions" with **i24 News** Anchor and Correspondent **Eylon Aslan-Levy**. Blog - Elley.
- 6:00 PM - Meet student activists of **Im Tirtzu** the leading pro-Israel voice on Israeli campuses combating anti-Zionist threats to Israel from **within** the country.
- Dinner on your own

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayim Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday January 3 **FREEDOM OF WORSHIP IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00 AM – depart hotel. Join Holocaust Educator and Keshet Educational Director Daniel Ehrlich at **Yad Vashem**, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust. *Explore the role that Holocaust memory plays in contemporary Jewish and Israeli identity.* Blog - Michael
- Lunch and shopping time on your own at the **Mahaneh Yehudah Shuk**.
- 2:30 PM - Pack bus and leave hotel to **Nokdim** for **Shabbat** with **host families**. *See firsthand what a settlement is.*
- **Shabbat Candle lighting 4:28 PM.** **Kabalat Shabbat** services followed by group Shabbat dinner and **Roundtable Program with residents of Nokdim**. Blog - Jonah

Overnight: Host Families in Nokdim

Shabbat January 4 **HOME HOSPITALITY SHABBAT– PARSHAT VAYIGASH**

- Morning Shabbat services with your hosts (optional)
- **Shabbat lunch with host families**
- **3:00 PM** – Session
- **Seudah shlishit** light dinner with guest speaker Havdallah (5:30 PM)

- **Return to host families to pack and say lehitraot**
- Head to Jerusalem for a session with **IDF Col. Bentzi Gruber** “Ethics in the Field”. (8 PM)

Overnight: Lev Yerushalayaim Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Sunday January 5 THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:15 AM – Check out of rooms and bring luggage to 6th floor
- 8:30 AM - Session with Prof. **Dr. Emmanuel Navon**, author of *The Victory of Zionism*.
- 9:45 AM - Session at the hotel with analyst **Yitzhak Sokoloff**: *How the Media Vilifies Settlers and Settlements*.
- 11:00 AM - **Action plan sessions with ZOA staff**
- Packed Lunch
- Pack bus and depart hotel
- Head to the multi-media Herzl Museum to learn about the father of Political Zionism **Theodor Herzl** and his vision of a Jewish State (2:45 & 3:15 PM)
- At the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, visit and pay tribute at the graves of Israeli soldiers and leaders the including **Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir & Hana Szenesh**.
- 5:15 PM Farewell Dinner at Medita Restaurant
- 7:00 PM - Depart to Ben Gurion International Airport

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
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