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PROGRAM DETAILS

## DAY ONE ↘ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2016 DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

## DAY TWO ↘ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016 ARRIVAL

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your Tour Educator and transfer to Tel Aviv, known as the “city that never sleeps,” with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Welcome to Israel: Stop at the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv - and to our journey in Israel.
- Check into the hotel.
- Welcome dinner at Tel Aviv's Old Port, now a center of coffee shops and good food, and one of Tel Aviv's blooming hot spots.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

## DAY THREE ↘ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Walk down Bialik Street in Tel Aviv, with a visit to the Rubin House, the former residence and studio of Reuven Rubin. Delve into the special world of this pioneering Israeli artist; time permitting walk through the Trumpledor Cemetery for a glimpse into the lives of some of the dreamers and builders of Tel Aviv, including writer Chaim Nachman Bialik, Mayor Meir Dizengoff and Zionist thinker, Ahad Ha'Am.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Strangers in a Strange Land: Explore the reality of the foreign worker in Tel Aviv as you walk through the streets of South Tel Aviv.
- Urban Culture Tours of Tel Aviv, Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti: Join Guy Sharett, a local resident, to explore the urban culture of the city.
- Israeli Society @ 2016: Dialogue with scholar Paul Liptz of Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew Union College.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

## DAY FOUR ↘ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 COMMUNITIES PAST AND PRESENT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and depart Tel Aviv.
- Entrepreneurship From Day One: Special seminar at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in Herzliya and meet with students, alumni and mentors from the Sam Zell Entrepreneurship Program.
- Continue north and visit Nahalal in the Jezreel Valley for an in-depth look at communal living then and now in Israel's first moshav, farming village, and the cemetery where Moshe Dayan, Ilan Ramon (Israel's first astronaut) and his pilot son, Asaf Ramon, are buried, with lunch at the home of Atzilit and Ofer Aviram or Racheli Avidov, and a visit to the secret weapons hideaway from the War of Independence.
- Tikkun Olam hands-on experience with Leket, a volunteer organization that provides food for the needy by collecting excess produce from farms and food distribution companies.
- Drive to the Upper Galilee and check into the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel.
- Kibbutz Ideology and Israeli Reality in the 21st Century: Meet with a second-generation kibbutz member.

Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee

## DAY FIVE ↘ WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016 SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE NORTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Explore Israel's security situation on the Golan Heights from Mt. Bental, overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra, for a first-hand view of Israel's security position along the Syrian Border; visit a former Israeli bunker and gain further insight into the challenges Israel faced during the 1973 Yom Kippur War with Maj. (Ret.) Sarit Zehavi, former officer of the IDF intelligence Corps and proud resident of the Northern Galilee.
- Lunch on own en route.
- Walk along Nahal Amud, the highest of the flowing streams in Israel, as it meanders through the hills of the Upper

Galilee - a great place to wander by the pools and orchards. Its 26 flour mills once served the residents of Safed and the nearby villages

- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Hotel, Upper Galilee

## **DAY SIX** ↘ THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016 **VISIONS AND REALITY**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel and drive south via the ancient/modern city of Tiberias on Lake Kinneret.
- Modern Day Zionism: Visit Moshav Menahemia, south of the Sea of Galilee, to meet members of the local Ayalim Association which encourages students to live on Moshavim around Israel.
- Visit Bio-Bee Biological Systems on Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu, leading experts in the mass production of beneficial insects and mites for agricultural purposes. There is regional cooperation in this field with Palestinians and Jordanians.
- Lunch on own en route
- Continue via the Jordan Valley Rift to Jerusalem and upon entering the city, stop to recite the traditional "shehechyanu" blessing.
- Welcome to Jerusalem - Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- Check into the hotel.
- The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics: Dinner and dialogue with Prof. Reuven Hazan of Hebrew University's Political Science Department.

Overnight: Jerusalem

## **DAY SEVEN** ↘ FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016 **THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Challenges and Triumphs of Religious Pluralism and Social Justice in Israel: Dialogue with Yizhar Hess, Executive Director of the Masorti Movement and with Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).
- Proceed to the Old City and begin with a walking tour

through the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, for visits to archaeological treasures and other highlights, among them:

- The Rooftops of the Old City for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live alongside each other
- the Karaite Synagogue and meet with representatives of the Karaite community; the Karaites recognize the Tanakh alone as its supreme legal authority in Jewish religious law and theology
- The Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century
- King Hezekiah's First Temple-period "Broad Wall"
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter.
- Stop at the Kotel (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this site.
- Return to the hotel and free time to prepare for Shabbat.
- Kabbalat Shabbat service at Kehillat Yozma in Modi'in, followed by Shabbat dinner with local congregants.

Overnight: Jerusalem

## **DAY EIGHT** ↘ SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016 **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services.
- Lunch on own.
- Explore Christian East Jerusalem through visits with Christian personalities and institutions with Hana Bendcowsky, Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish Christian Relations,
- Return to the hotel.
- Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah overlooking the Old City.
- Free time to explore Downtown Jerusalem, including the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall and the Nachalat Shiva neighborhood.

Overnight: Jerusalem

## **DAY NINE** ↘ SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016 **CULTURE IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Tales of an Un-Urban Village, visit with Ein Kerem resident



and historian Ruth Zfati, who will take us to meet different characters and artists living in this special place.

- Lunch on own in Ein Kerem.
- Using the Bible in the Modern State of Israel: Text study at the rich archaeological dig at Khirbet Qeiyafa, overlooking the Elah Valley. The possible identification of the site with the 10th-century BCE Biblical city of Sha'arayim has added fuel to the heated debate on the essence and extent of David's kingdom. (access to the site is by 4x 4 vehicle )
- Dinner on own, perhaps at the Old Train Station Plaza, a central neighborhood hub for food, entertainment, culture, and enrichment.

Overnight: Jerusalem

## DAY TEN ↘ MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016 BEYOND CONFLICTS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- LaDa'at The Geopolitics of Jerusalem - Travel through the city of Jerusalem, exploring some of its political and diplomatic complexities - including the 'Security Barrier' - to gain a behind-the-headlines insight into current developments. Our tour will include dialogues with residents and local activists in various neighborhoods, and a special visit to one of the checkpoints between Israeli and Palestinian area (subject to confirmation).
- Lunch on own.
- Finding Common Ground: Meet with representatives of MEET (Middle East Education through Technology). Meet is an innovative, educational initiative aimed at creating a common professional language between Israeli

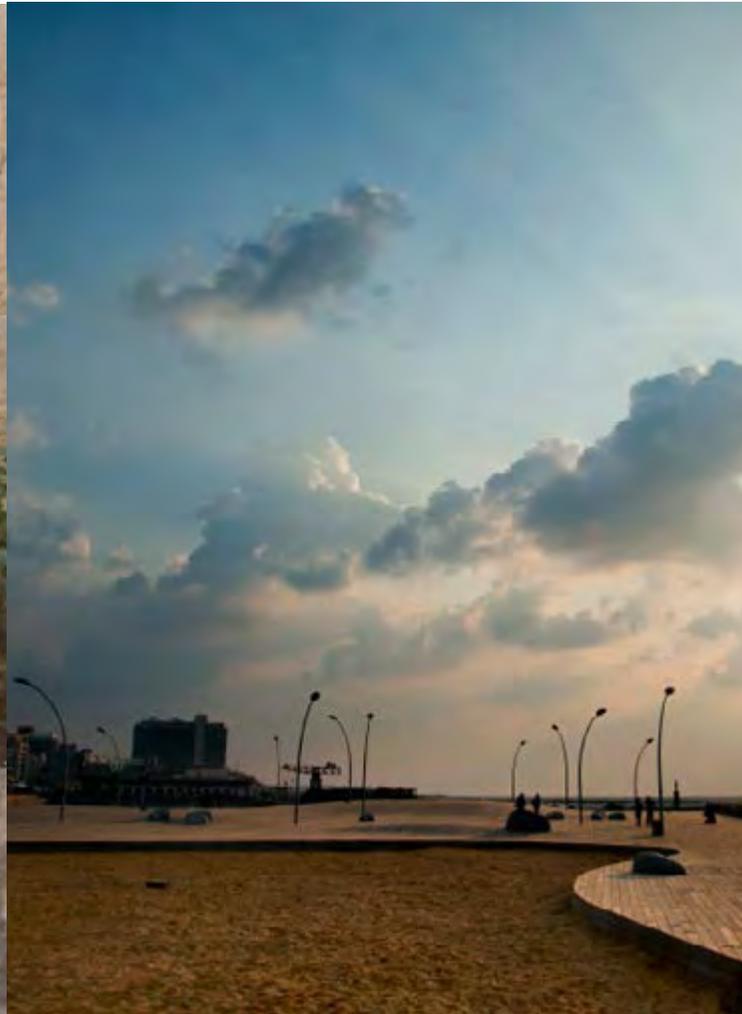
and Palestinian young leaders; working together with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). MEET enables its participants to acquire advanced technological and leadership tools, while empowering them to create positive, social change within their own communities.

- Rest of the afternoon at leisure to relax and finish packing.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- Festive farewell dinner.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport and check in for the departure flight to the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

## DAY ELEVEN ↘ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 ARRIVAL

- Arrival in the USA.





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