



Temple Emanu-El Family trip to Israel
August 18,2022-August 28,2022



SUGGESTED DETAILED PROGRAM:

The following is a suggested program that can be edited over time and adapted to your specific needs (All tours and site visits are pending confirmations).

Thursday, August 18

Welcome to Israel

Upon your afternoon arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport, a member of our staff will meet you at **Passport Control** at Ben Gurion Airport to **assist** you with arrival procedures. After collecting your luggage, depart the Terminal and meet your awaiting **guide, driver and touring bus. Ascend to Jerusalem. Stop at Mount of Scopus**, an observation point offering a magnificent view of the city and from where you will hear about the area's historical and geographical importance. Upon your first sight of the eternal Holy City, stop for a moment's reflection and prayer by saying the "*Shehecheyanu*" and "*Borei Pri Hagefen*" blessing as pilgrims did when approaching Jerusalem throughout history. Proceed to your hotel and check in. This evening, participate in a **welcome dinner** at the **Sheyan Restaurant** in Jerusalem (or similar).
Overnight – Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem



Friday, August 19

Masada and The Dead Sea Area

After breakfast, depart Jerusalem and travel through the **Judean Desert** to the mountain-top fortress of **Masada** for an in-depth tour of the site and ascend the cliff top fortress by **cable car**. From the top of Masada, the outlines of the Roman encampments are still visible below. Stop en route for lunch (not included; on own account). On to the oasis of **Ein Gedi** for a **hike** through the cascading waterfalls, where you may even get to see wild animals roaming freely in the desert. Continue to the **Dead Sea** area and stop at a **private beach** to experience floating in the buoyant waters of the Dead Sea. Shower and freshen up in the facilities provided. On the way back to Jerusalem, stop at "Sea Level" for a **photo opportunity** with **camels** (not included; on own account). Return to your hotel in Jerusalem to freshen up. As the sun sets, participate in the **Shabbat service** at a local **Reform synagogue**. A **Shabbat dinner** is included at the hotel.



Overnight – Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, August 20

The Bnai/Bnot-Mitzvah Day

No transportation services are provided today

This morning, with your guide head to the the Old City of Jerusalem to celebrate the **Bnai/Bnot Mitzvah Ceremony** at the **Southern Wall/Robinson's Arch** (Ezrat Israel area) adjacent to the Western Wall. After the service, wonder through the narrow, busy streets of the Old City and colorful **bazaars** filled with small shops. On to **Mount Zion** flanked on one side by the wall of the Old City. This site is traditionally viewed as the **Tomb of King David**, the second king of Israel. Head back to the hotel and freshen up. **Lunch** is included at the hotel. This afternoon is at leisure. This evening, participate in a **Havdalah service** led by the Rabbi and the Cantor.



Overnight – Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, August 21

The Old City of Jerusalem

This morning, head to the Old City to visit **Mount Moriah (Temple Mount)**, where it is said the Patriarch Abraham was ready to sacrifice his son, and where stands the **Dome of the Rock** with its marble and multi-colored mosaics, quotations from the Koran and the Golden Cupola. In the same



courtyard is the **El Aksa Mosque**

(Note: *access to Temple Mount area is pending police confirmation; entrance to the mosque is for Muslims only, the courtyard is open to the public*).

Continue to the **Western Wall** where you can take time for a moment's reflection and prayer at this holy place, follow the tradition of many from around the world that placed their prayers in the cracks of the wall.

Proceed to the **Western Wall Tunnels**

for a tour and to see the archaeological discoveries excavated in a vast concealed tunnel along the Western Wall (pending confirmation). Take an in-depth tour of the **Jewish Quarter** including the **Cardo**. Conclude the day at the **City of David**, a small hill just outside of the Ottoman Walls of the Old City

that was the site of Biblical Jerusalem and the capital of King David. Tour this fascinating location and also have a special opportunity to visit the **new discoveries** recently excavated, ending at the **Southern Wall Excavations** where important archaeological discoveries have been unearthed. Amongst these remains is a complex of royal palaces dating back to the 7th century and **Hulda's Gate**. Walk up the impressive ancient staircase that was the main entrance through which worshippers entered the Second Temple's compound. Return to the hotel.



Overnight – Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem



Monday, August 22

The New City of Jerusalem

Start the day with a visit to **Yad Vashem**, where, accompanied by a **local curator**, tour the central memorial and museum dedicated to the Holocaust (suitable for children above 10 years old). While you are at Yad Vashem, your guide will take the **children** under 10 (accompanied by a parent) for a visit to the **Tisch Family Zoological Garden** to see many animals that are referred to in the Bible. Following the visits, the two groups will meet up and proceed to the colorful **Mahane Yehuda** outdoor marketplace to see how the locals do their shopping. Take in the sights, sounds and smells of the market as you meander about the stalls.



Monday, August 22 continued...

While here, enjoy lunch on your own (not included; on own account). *Optional; not included: Meet with a **culinary expert** who will take you on a special tour of the **Mahane Yehuda Market** by introducing you to some of the shop keepers to see their wonderful produce, hear their stories and **sample** some of their delicacies (for a supplement cost).* Conclude the day at the **Israel Museum** to visit the landmark **Shrine of the Book** that houses the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, the oldest Biblical manuscripts in existence. Also visit the **model** of ancient Jerusalem.



Overnight – Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, August 23

The Judean Hills

This morning, depart Jerusalem and drive through the hills of Judah to the **Beit Guvrin** region for the opportunity to participate in an **archaeological excavation** and tour the caves (*closed shoes should be worn at this site*). Return to Jerusalem and embark on a "**Geopolitical Tour**" of **Jerusalem**. Your guide will give you a summary of security and political issues in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas. Continue to **Mount Herzl**, Israel's "Arlington Cemetery", to pay homage to those who gave their lives defending Israel.

Overnight –Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem



Wednesday, August 24

Along the Jordan Valley to the Galilee

Following breakfast, check out of your hotel and depart Jerusalem head to **Qasr**



El Yahud where, according to the New Testament, John the Baptist baptized Jesus. According to the Jewish tradition, this is the place the Israelites crossed the Jordan River on their way to the Holy Land. Travel north along the **Jordan Valley** to **Sde Eliyahu** and meet an **expert** who will take you on a tour of this unique kibbutz which specializes in **organic agriculture**. Learn about the biological pesticides that are produced as natural enemies for pest control. Also see how Barn Owls are used

and hear how bumblebees help form natural pollen in green houses and open fields, all to protect the environment. After the tour, have **lunch** on the kibbutz (included). Drive along the shores of **Lake Kinneret** to the **chocolate factory** at **Kibbutz Deganya**. While here, take part in a fun **workshop** making and tasting chocolate using the finest-quality ingredients. Conclude the day with a fun family **kayaking expedition** down the **Hatzbani Stream**, one of the sources of the Jordan River. Sit back in the kayak and float on the flowing waters of the stream (*please bring a towel, a change of clothes and water shoes*). Proceed to your hotel and check in. **Dinner** is included for you tonight at your hotel.



Overnight – Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee

Thursday, August 25

The Golan Heights

Start the day with a tour of **Safed**, city of the mystics, to see the synagogues of Rabbi Isaac Luria and Rabbi Joseph Karo. Also wander about the alleys and lanes of the Old City of Safed. Continue to one of the highest mountains on the Golan Heights, the **Bental Volcano**, which will give you a terrific view of the Israeli/ Syria lines as you hear of the importance of this area.



Thursday, August 25th continued...

Proceed to a **Druze village** located in the Golan Heights. Learn about the Druze lifestyle and enjoy a traditional **Druze lunch** in the home of one of the residents (included). Proceed to board a **jeep** and ascend the Golan Heights. During the course of the expedition, you will pass former Syrian army headquarters and positions overlooking the Galilee. Return to your hotel, where **dinner** is included.



Overnight – Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee

Friday, August 26

From the Galilee to Tel Aviv

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and head to the Biblical-style camp of **Kfar Kedem**. Accompanied by a **local guide**, don traditional Israelite dresses and **take a donkey ride** through the countryside which has hardly changed since days of old. Afterwards, enjoy a fun activity of **baking fresh pita bread** in true Talmudic-style. Drive on through the Galilee to **Tel Aviv**. Head to the lively **Carmel Market**, a bustling open-air bazaar filled with spicy and mysterious aromas and lots of colorful wares for sale. While here, have lunch on your own (not included; on own account). Stroll along Tel Aviv's popular **Nahalat Benjamin Pedestrian Arts and Craft Fair**. On Fridays, the street is transformed into an artisan paradise with street



performers, music and an array of handmade crafts and jewelry stalls. Proceed to your hotel and check in. This evening, as the sun sets, head to the Tel Aviv Port to take part in a Shabbat service led by the **Rabbi** and the **Cantor**. Service is followed by dinner on your own (not included; on own account).



Overnight – Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv



Saturday, August 27

Touring in and around Tel Aviv

This morning, participate in **Shabbat morning service** led by the **Rabbi**. After the service, depart Tel Aviv and head to Rehovot to visit the **Ayalon Institute** ("the bullet factory"), a clandestine operation that manufactured armaments right under the noses of the British. Return to Tel Aviv to meet a **graffiti expert** and take a stroll through the streets of Tel Aviv, where, among the shadowy carpentry and car repair shops, are hidden, unknown works. *Optional; not included: Conclude the visit with a fun, hands-on graffiti workshop (for a supplement cost).* Return to the hotel for some leisure time or head to the beach.



Overnight – Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Sunday, August 28

See you soon...

This morning, depart Tel Aviv and start the day with a tour of to the pluralistic settlement of **Neve Shalom** where a mixed society of Jews and Muslims live together. While here, hold a discussion on the topic of Jewish-Arab coexistence. Return to Tel Aviv to visit **Jaffa**, one of the oldest biblical cities in the world and an important seaport since antiquity. Visit the restored Old City including the artists' colony and the quaint harbor. On to **Neve Zedek**, one of the first neighborhoods of Tel Aviv, to see the meticulously restored historic homes. Proceed along the **Rothschild Boulevard**, where you can see excellent examples of **Bauhaus Architecture** from the

1930's, some of which have been recently beautifully restored. See the **Independence Hall** where Ben Gurion declared the establishment of Israel on May 14, 1948. Return to your hotel where **late checkout until 6 PM** is included for you to freshen up and pack before your flight. Check out of your hotel and head for a **farewell dinner** in a restaurant (included) before the **transfer** to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure flight. A member of our staff will **assist** you at the airport with departure procedures.





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LETTER OF QUOTATION

HOTELS:

Accommodation at hotels includes **full Israeli breakfast daily** and hotel service charge. The price has been based on the following hotels:

August 18 – 24 (Six nights)

Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem (Standard New City view rooms)

August 24 - 26 (Two nights)

Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee (Hadar and Hod rooms)

August 26 - 28 (Two nights plus a late check out)

Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv (Deluxe sea-view rooms)

Upon entering Israel, your passports are not stamped. Instead, you will receive a stamped form with a visa valid for 3 months. Please keep this slip as you will need it for hotel check in. Israeli tax law requires that full passport information be provided for all guests.

MEALS:

In addition to the complete Israeli breakfast served daily, we have included the following meals:

Thursday, August 18:	Welcome dinner in Jerusalem.
Friday, August 19:	Shabbat dinner at Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem.
Saturday, August 20:	Shabbat lunch at Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem.
Wednesday, August 24:	Lunch at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu.
Wednesday, August 24:	Dinner at Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee.
Thursday, August 25:	Lunch and home hospitality at a Druze Village.
Thursday, August 25:	Dinner at Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee.
Sunday, August 28:	Farewell dinner in Tel Aviv.

GROUP TOURING AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

One group meeting/assistance upon arrival from Passport Control, Ben Gurion Airport.

Eleven days of touring with a professional English-speaking tour guide.

Eleven days of services of a driver in a bus licensed/ insured for tourism (including arrival day).

Entrance fees to the various parks and sites have been included, as per the itinerary.

Rental fee of Torah Scroll and location fee for Bnei Mitzvah service.

Curator at Yad Vashem.

Sde Eliyahu Bio tour.



GROUP TOURING AND ADDITIONAL SERVICES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CONTINUED...

- Jeep ride in Golan Heights.
- Graffiti tour in Tel Aviv.
- Visit to Neve Shalom.
- One group departure transfer from Tel Aviv to Ben Gurion Airport.
- Expenses for the tour guide and driver.
- Two-night outings with the crew; as per itinerary.
- All gratuities for guide and driver.
- All mileage per the above program.
- All tour coordination services.
- Mineral water bottles on bus during touring days.
- Porterage at hotels.
- One group meeting/assistance upon departure to the terminal, Ben Gurion Airport.

TOTAL COSTS:

The following is the total costs(land only) per person based on 46-50 participants.

Minimum of 46-50 full paying participants	2 Adult sharing a room(per person)	1 participant in a single room(per person)	Cost for a child up to the age of 18 as a 3rd occupant in a room(per person)
	\$4806.50	\$6555.00	\$4339.00

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENT ACTIVITIES (not included above):

- Food tour with food samples: \$80 per person, based on a minimum of 15 participants.
- Graffiti workshop in Tel Aviv: \$45 per person, based on a minimum of 15 participants.

Note: The above costs are based on 46-50 full paying participants. Should the number of participants change then the above costs will be recalculated based on the final number of participants.



THE ABOVE TOUR IN ISRAEL DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Cost of roundtrip airfare from country of origin to Israel.
Any expenses of a personal nature.
Meals other than those indicated.
Spa treatments.
Beverages at meals.
Early check in.
Late check out other than the one indicated.
Any activities offered for a supplement cost.
Services of a photographer and/or other services for the Bnei/Bnot Mitzvah.
Night outings with the bus; other than specified.
Overtime or over mileage beyond what has been allotted.
Any guests at meals and activities other than the participants of the party.
Personal health insurance, insurance for baggage, personal items, trip cancellation or interruption.

GRATUITIES IN ISRAEL:

Gratuities for your guide and driver are included in the cost. It is customary also to tip your airport drivers, bellboys and hotel staff. This is of course left up to your discretion. This is of course left up to your discretion.

PASSPORT / VISA INFORMATION:

Passports must be valid for at least six months from the date of departure from the USA. On entering Israel, your passports are not stamped. Instead, you will receive a stamped form with a visa valid for 3 months. Please keep this form as you will need it for hotel check in, car rental, bank affairs, entry to the Knesset, etc.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

As a result of radical fluctuation in the rate of exchange between the US dollar and the Israeli shekel, Mabat Platinum and Sababa Travel reserve the right to adjust the above rates, based on agreements with our various vendors. This is only in case the rate of exchange will drop below 3.20 NIS to the USD.



TERMS OF PAYMENT:

1. A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to assure reservations.
2. 60 days before arrival 50% of the total amount is required.
3. Final and full payment is required 30 days prior to arrival.
4. Payment may be made via bank transfer.
5. **For payment via credit card, a credit card fee will be applied.**

6. Funds may be wired to:
Chase Bank
Bank Address: 270 Park Ave. NY, NY 10017
Routing Number: 021000021
Swift Code: CHASUS33

7. Checks may be mailed to: Sababa Travel PO Box 445 Fanwood, NJ 07023

8. Venmo-@sababatravelLLC
Zelle-908.347.7785

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If cancellation is received in our office:

1	From date of payment of deposit until 60 days before arrival date – the deposit paid will be charged.
2	Between 60 – 30 days prior to arrival – 50% of the total amount will be charged.
3	Within 30 days of arrival - full payment will be charged.
4	Cancellation of various elements in the program less than 10 days prior to the event may well result in a full cancellation charge.



COVID-19 CLAUSE

In the event that, up to 7 days prior to your arrival, your home country/state and/or Israel is officially considered a “red zone state”, and official Coronavirus restrictions are in place, prohibiting flights, entrance to Israel or requiring mandatory isolation, forcing you to cancel your trip, then a full refund will apply. Please note that, currently, in order to be granted entry to Israel, all travelers are required to be fully vaccinated and offer official proof to that effect prior to departure to Israel. In addition, a certified negative PCR test result received within 72 hours prior to departure must be presented before departing to Israel. An additional PCR test is required upon landing in Israel. Furthermore, a serological test performed after landing in Israel, showing the presence of sufficient antibodies, is required to receive exemption from quarantine requirements. Access to hotels and sites also require proof of vaccination. For clients that opt not to vaccinate, the Covid-19 exception stated above does not apply, and all funds paid will be forfeited to Mabat Platinum.

In order to reduce the chances of unexpected quarantine requirements in Israel due to insufficient antibody levels, Mabat Platinum and Sababa Travel strongly advises **ALL** travelers to perform a serological (antibody) test showing sufficient levels of antibodies **PRIOR** to their departure to Israel (in addition to the serological test required by Israeli authorities upon entry).

In case of cancellation due to any illness (backed up by official medical documents), the affected party will have to submit a claim to their insurance company and ask for a refund for the trip cancellation. This insurance should cover you for any medical and related expenses while in Israel, including mandatory isolation at hotels. Mabat Platinum will do its best to negotiate with suppliers to reduce cancellation fees, however any recovery of canceled trip cost will be through clients’ insurance policy (see insurance clause below).

INSURANCE:

All parties traveling to Israel are required to purchase travel insurance with coverage for pandemic-related treatment, quarantine expenses and emergency medical expenses before and during the trip. In addition, all travel insurance policies must include trip cancellation coverage with Cancel For Any Reason upgrade. Insurance for baggage, personal items, and trip interruption is also highly recommended. Insurance coverage is not included in the cost. We will be happy to recommend an insurance provided.



SECURITY SITUATION:

In the event of domestic unrest, and/or military operation taking place in Israel and/or Jordan and/or Egypt, in conjunction with an official warning issued by the U.S. Department of State against travel to Israel (or other countries on your itinerary), you will be able to cancel your trip and will be entitled to a full refund.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Mabat Platinum Ltd., (hereinafter called the Tour Operator) and Sababa Travel, acts only as an agent for the various companies, owners or contractors providing the means of transportation, accommodation and other services. All exchange orders, coupons and tickets are offered subject to the Terms and Conditions under which such services are offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the Tour Operator shall not be in any way liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in any vehicle, or through the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger/s or of any hotel proprietor, personnel or servant otherwise in connection therewith.

The airline and transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act; omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour announced in this program and to make such alterations to the itineraries as may be found desirable for the proper carrying out of the tours. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable in the Tour Operator's discretion to alter the arrangements or itineraries for the passenger/s comfort or welfare or for any reason whatsoever, such alterations may be made without penalty to the Operator. The Tour Operator reserves the right to change any hotel/s listed with one of a similar category. if circumstances necessitate. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passenger/s. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any group at any time.

