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***Family Adventure in Israel***

***Led by Rabbi Andrea Merow***

*June 18-July 1, 2023*

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| **Sunday, June 18:** | ***Bruchim Habaim – welcome to Israel!*** |

* Land in Tel Aviv – meet and greet service
* Meet your guide, pack up the bus and travel to Tel Aviv
* Check into the hotel and freshen up
* **Welcome to Israel Ceremony** overlooking the beach followed by dinner in a local restaurant

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv – Premium Sea View Rooms*

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| **Monday, June 19:** |  |

* **Dr. Rachel Korazim,** a renowned educator**,** will demonstrate how Zionist poets and songwriters depict the “real” Israeli – the so-called sabra
* Guided tour of **ancient Jaffa**; hear the stories and peruse the galleries
* Lunch at Dr. Shakshuka
* At the new **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, understand the connection between Jews around the world and the land of Israel
* Time to enjoy the beach
* Group dinner in a local restaurant

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, June 20:** | ***startup nation*** |

**First Timers:**

* Enter the subterranean munitions factory where Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the ruling British leading up to the War of Independence at the **Ayalon Institute**

**Second Timers:**

* See what makes Israel considered the Startup Nation at the **Peres Center for Peace and Innovation**

**Everyone:**

* I’m all shuk up: Take a **Tasting Tour** through a local favorite: the **Carmel Market**

**First Timers:**

* Walk the **Independence Trail** for a glimpse of the founding of Tel Aviv; then continue to trendy **Neve Tzekek** – the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv – for a look at Hebrew culture

**Second Timers:**

* Explore Hebrew Culture on an eye-opening **graffiti tour** of south Tel Aviv

**Everyone:**

* Free evening in Tel Aviv

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, June 21:** | ***Mosaic of the Galilee*** |

* See the incredible ruins of King Herod’s ancient port city of **Caesarea**, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* **Visit Sindyanna of Galilee:** Sample their award-winning olive oil; Learn how this non-profit produces fine, fair-trade products & creating economic opportunities for Arab women
* Traditional Druze lunch in the town of Isafiya; learn about the **Druze people and religion**
* See the most beautiful ancient mosaics in Israel; discuss the impact of putting the Oral Law into writing with **Rabbi Marc Rosenstein at Tzippori**, site where the *Mishna* was compiled
* Take in the beautiful view of the **Bahai Gardens** in Haifa
* Continue to your hotel for dinner followed by a discussion.

***Overnight:*** *Pastoral Hotel, Kibbutz Kfar Blum*

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| **Thursday, June 22:** | ***Golan 3600***  |

* Hike along one of the main tributaries of the Kinneret and see the Biblical archaeology at the **Tel Dan National Park**
* View Syria from **Mt. Bental** and hear the heroic stories of the Yom Kippur War; Get an update on what is happening in Syria today
* **Jeep ride** for beautiful view in the Golan Heights
* Tasting at the **Golan Winery** followed by dinner in Katzrin

***Overnight:*** *Pastoral Hotel, Kibbutz Kfar Blum*

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| **Friday, June 23:** | ***mystics and mountains***  |

* Explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics In **Tzfat**; trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century. Meet with a **Kabbalistic artist**
* Travel to Jerusalem. Gather at **Hass Promenade** for a breath-taking view of the city and an orientation to the love affair with Yerushalayim
* Check into the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* Kabbalat Shabbat: Welcome **Shabbat in the Holy City** at the Kotel or a local synagogue
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel with speakers

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, June 24:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Option to visit local synagogues
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* In the afternoon, take a **rooftop tour** of the Old City, the go to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** – one of the holiest places on earth for most Christians – and understand the importance of Jerusalem to all monotheistic religions

OR

See the Dead Sea Scrolls and other gems at the **Israel Museum**

* Relax at the hotel pool
* Study session with Rabbi Merow
* Group Havdalah
* In the evening, review the history of Jerusalem at the **Tower of David Nighttime Spectacular** as it is projected on the walls of this ancient citadel
* Free evening to explore Jerusalem’s nightlife

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, June 25:** | ***This year in jerusalem!*** |

**Everyone:**

* Explore the ancient **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; 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 to save the city from the Assyrians
* Lunch and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
* Tour the **Four Quarters of the Old City**

**First Timers:**

* See just how incredible King Herod’s Temple project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**

**Returnees:**

* Take the ***Behind-the-Scenes* tour of the Western Wall Tunnels** for a look at the latest archaeological finds

**Everyone:**

* Participate in an **art workshop with Kol Haot**
* Dinner at the **Eucalyptus Restaurant** with a **political analyst** on the major topics facing Israel today

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Monday, June 26:** | ***From holocaust to redemption*** |

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration in Jerusalem**

**First Timers:**

* Remember at **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** on a guided museum tour

**Returnees:**

* Tour the **sculpture garden** and the **Valley of Communities** in Yad Vashem
* Take a tour of the **Knesset** – Israel’s parliament

**Everyone:**

* Walk the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**; see the graves of the leaders of the nation and hear stories of soldiers who fell defending the Jewish people
* View the 1st World Zionist Congress led by Theodore Herzl at the **Herzl Museum**
* Learn how to shop and taste the plethora of tastes in the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then participate in a **cooking workshop**, culminating in dinner!

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Tuesday, June 27:** | ***What price freedom?*** |

* Ascend **Masada,** the desert fortress; hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* Hike the **Ein Gedi waterfall trail**
* **Float in the Dead Sea**
* Travel deep down into the desert to Kibbutz Ketura, followed by dinner with speakers

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz Ketura Guest House*

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| **Wednesday, June 28:** | ***the importance of the desert*** |

* Take a **tour of the kibbutz** with a kibbutz member; learn about the Solar Fields and the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies
* Travel to Eilat; see the abundance of fish and coral at the **Underwater Observatory**
* **Snorkel** in the Red Sea
* Return to the kibbutz for swimming and dinner
* **Beer tasting** of the locally made Ketura beer – Beer-tzinut (play on the Hebrew word for “seriously”) with brewer Neil Churgan

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz Ketura Guest House*

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| **Thursday, June 29:** | ***the desert for dessert*** |

* Visit the “retirement” hut of David Ben Gurion in **Kibbutz Sde Boker** and recall his vision of making the desert bloom
* Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** at the Beit Guvrin National Park
* Farewell discussion and dinner at a local restaurant

**END OF PROGRAM**

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION:**

* Return to Tel Aviv and check into your hotel followed by beach time!

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv – Premium Sea View Rooms*

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| **Friday, June 30:** | ***Back in TEl AVIV*** |

* Follow the lives of ten young Jews looking to jumpstart the Jewish State at the interactive **Palmach Museum**
* Remember the contributions of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at **Rabin Square**
* In the late afternoon, peruse the local crafts, enjoy the street performers and grab lunch (on your own) at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair**
* In the evening, join **Beit Tefilla Yisraeli** for a Kabbalat Shabbat service which combines traditional prayer with modern music and Hebrew poetry
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Saturday, July 1:** | ***Shabbat shalom*** |

* Free day to enjoy the beach and relax
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* Time permitting, join the Israelis in folk dancing on the boardwalk
* Transfer to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!

***Late Checkout:*** *Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv*

* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator
* Rabbi Merow will lead learning sessions and discussions on this experiential tour
* All breakfasts and underlined meals are included in the package price
* This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet

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