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***Beth Hillel Temple of Kenosha, WI***

***Adventure in Israel***

***Led By Rabbi Dena Feingold***

*October 15-26, 2023*

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| **Sunday, October 15:** | ***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** outside of Independence Hall followed by dinner in Maganda, a local Yemenite restaurant

***Overnight:*** *Melody Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Monday, October 16:** | ***startup nation*** |

* At the new **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, understand the connection between Jews around the world and the land of Israel
* 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**
* Explore Hebrew Culture on an eye-opening **graffiti tour** of south Tel Aviv
* Time to enjoy the beach and explore Tel Aviv’s nightlife

***Overnight:*** *Melody Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, October 17:** | ***if i forget thee, oh Tel Aviv*** |

* **Jaffa Stories and Coffee**: in the home of **Doris Hiffawi**, hear about her life as a minority (Christian Arab) in Jaffa and - over coffee brewed by her family and Arabic sweets - find out how female entrepreneurs like Doris are bringing change to this socioeconomically deprived neighborhood
* Peruse the crafts and enjoy the street performers at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair** and taste the street food at the adjacent **Carmel Market**
* Travel north; see the incredible ruins of King Herod’s ancient port city of **Caesarea**, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* Continue to your hotel and check in, followed by dinner there

***Overnight:*** *Nofei Gonen Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Wednesday, October 18:** | ***mystics and mountains*** |

* Explore the alleyways, synagogues and galleries of the mystics in **Tzfat** and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century.
* Meet with a **Kabbalistic artist** and hear how s/he incorporates her/his mystical studies into her/his artwork
* Taste some of Israel’s finest wines at the **Adir Winery**
* On the northern border, **meet with soldiers in action**; exchange gifts and understand what it must be like to have Israel's security on the shoulders of 18-year-olds
* Dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Nofei Gonen Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Thursday, October 19:** | ***golan 360o*** |

* Hike along one of the main tributaries of the Kinneret and see the Biblical archaeology at the **Tel Dan National Park**
* Ascend the **Golan Heights** to **Tel Faher** to learn about the conquest of the Golan in 1967 and to gain a better understand of the political considerations regarding the Golan today
* **Overlooking Syria** from Tel as-Saki, meet with **Major (res.) Yaakov Selavan** for a look at the strategic importance of the Golan heights and an update on what is going on in Syria today
* On **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu**, learn about the effect the kibbutz movement had on the beginnings of modern Israel and how they have become world leaders of organic agriculture with their production of…bugs!
* Continue to Jerusalem via the Jordan River Valley and check into your hotel

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, October 20:** | ***this year in jerusalem!*** |

* 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 in order to save the city from the Assyrians
* Lunch and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* At the pluralistic section of the Western Wall, bring in the Shabbat as a community; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in **Shabbat at the Western Wall**
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel or with a Reform community

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, October 21:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Free morning in Jerusalem to attend a local synagogue or explore Jerusalem on your own
* Study session with Rabbi Feingold
* In the afternoon, take a **walking tour of Mishkanot Shaananim** – the first neighborhood outside of the Old City Walls
* 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

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, October 22:** | ***all eyes on Jerusalem*** |

* Ascend the **Temple Mount** for a glimpse at the remains of the two Jewish Temple which stood here, as well as the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque – the third-holiest site in the world for Muslims
* See just how incredible King Herod’s Temple project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* In the afternoon, walk along the **Via Dolorosa** to see some of the **14 Stations of the Cross**, culminating in the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
* Meet with a **Anat Hoffman** of the **Israel Religious Action Center** to discuss the promotion of religious equality in Israel

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Monday, October 23:** | ***From holocaust to redemption*** |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
* 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
* As a contrast to the morning, learn how to shop and taste the plethora of tastes in the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then participate in a **cooking workshop**, culminating in dinner!

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Tuesday, October 24:** | ***What price freedom?*** |

* Ascend **Masada,** the desert fortress, and hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* Hike the **Ein Gedi waterfall trail**
* **Float in the Dead Sea**
* Enter the home of **Ethiopian immigrants** and hear the incredible story of their year-long journey “home” to Israel

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Wednesday, October 25:** | ***one land, two peoples*** |

* Meet with **Col. (res.) Dani Tirza** – a former advisor to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin; at the **separation barrier** designed by him, understand the reasoning behind it and the considerations taken into account
* Drive around the town of **Efrat** to understand what a “settlement” is
* Lunch and tasting in the **Gush Etzion Winery**
* Meet with **Jewish and Palestinian residents** of the West Bank to hear their opinions on co-existence in the area

***Overnight:*** *King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, October 26:** | ***wrapping it up*** |

* At **Yad Lakashis/Lifeline for the Aged**, meet the elderly who create Judaica and art, giving them a chance to contribute to society; then participate in everyone’s favorite mitzvah – shopping in their gift shop!
* See the Dead Sea Scrolls and other gems at the **Israel Museum**
* Last minute shopping time on Ben Yehuda Street
* **Farewell discussion and dinner**
* Return to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
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