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***Solidarity Mission to Israel***

***Led by Rabbi Spike Anderson***

*June 16-24, 2025*

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| **Monday, June 16:** | ***bruchim Habaim – welcome to Israel!*** |

* Arrival in Israel
* **Meet and Greet Service** will greet you after passport control and take you through baggage claim and customs and over to your awaiting guide
* Load the bus and travel to Tel Aviv; check into the hotel
* Welcome dinner and orientation

**Overnight:** *Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, June 17:** | ***altruism in action*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer at the **Leket Distribution Center** – which rescues food from hotels, restaurants and celebration halls and gives it to the needy
* **Bikur Cholim** – visit injured soldiers rehabbing from their injuries and pamper them with gifts
* Visit to **Hostage Square** in order to recall the freed hostages whom were held by Hamas from October 7th; this area – outside the Tel Aviv Museum of Art – is to be kept as a permanent site to remember the plight of the hostages
* Return to Tel Aviv and dinner on your own

***Overnight:*** *Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, June 18:** | ***otef aza (Gaza envelope)*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Departure to the south
* **Agricultural work** on a farm in the Gaza perimeter
* Pay your respects at the site of the **Reim Supernova**
* Visit the **collection of over 1,500 cars** that were destroyed or abandoned on October 7th
* **Encounter with soldiers** located in the area and treat them to a **BBQ dinner**
* Check into your hotel

**Overnight:** *Leonardo Hotel, Beer Sheva*

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| **Thursday, June 19:** | ***out of the crucible***  |

* **Bear witness** **at Kibbutz Kfar Aza**, which was one of the worst hit on October 7th
* Lunch in the dining room of **Kibbutz Alumim**
* **Discussion and veggie picking** **and tasting** with farmer Uri Alon on the current situation and what needs to happen

**OR**

Volunteer work in the town **Ofakim**, where over 30 residents and police were killed on October 7th

* See the grassroots initiative at the **Shuva Junction** – which has fed tens of thousands of soldiers going into and coming out of Gaza – and meet the soldiers benefiting from it today
* Travel to Jerusalem and check into your hotel

***Overnight:*** *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, June 20:** | ***This year in jerusalem!***  |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Meet with a **political analyst** for an update on what has happened in Israel of the last year and a half, plus a glimpse into the future
* Support Israel and purchase edible treats to be given out next week at the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk** and lunch break**.**
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat.
* Join the scores of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in **Shabbat at the Western Wall**

OR

Join a Reform congregation for **Friday night services**

* Shabbat dinner in the hotel with lone soldiers

***Overnight:*** *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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

* Breakfast at hotel
* Free morning in Jerusalem; you may want to:
	+ Attend a local synagogue
	+ See the Dead Sea Scrolls and other gems at the Israel Museum
	+ Wander around the Arab Souq
	+ Visit the trendy First Train Station
* Lunch on your own
* Walking tour of **Mishaknot Shaananim** and Yemin Moshe

OR

 of the **Christian Quarter and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher**

* Group Havdallah
* Free evening to support Israeli businesses

***Overnight:*** *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, June 22:** | ***helping hand*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer in the **Chabad Katamon Kitchen**
* At the **Stand With Us Visitors Center**, obtain the tools for Israel advocacy.
* “My Enemy, My Friend” – meet with Keshet founder Yitzhak Sokoloff and his friend, Palestinian **Issam Saad**, a former Gazan who has been on the Hamas’s Most Wanted list after starting an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue camp for Israeli and Palestinian youth.

***Overnight:*** *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Monday, June 23:** | ***putting it all together*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer with **Yad Sarah**, putting together medical supplies
* Pay our respects to the fallen at the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**, including the new graves from the last year and a half
* Meet with a fellow at the **Shalom Hartman Institute** for a wrap up session
* Summary discussion
* Farewell dinner

***Overnight:*** *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Tuesday, June 24:** | ***putting it all together*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Transfer to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!



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