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**Hanukkah in Israel Family Trip**

*December 22-31, 2022*

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| **Thursday, December 22** | ***bruchim haba’aim*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion airport (own flight arrangements)
* PCR testing (if required)
* Individual transfers to your hotel for check-in (Keshet is happy to help you make arrangements for a private driver or you can easily get a taxi from the authorized Taxi Stand outside the arrivals hall)
* Check-in at hotel
* Rendezvous in the early evening with other participants and your Keshet Tour Educator in the hotel lobby
* Hanukkah Candle lighting
* Welcome Dinner at the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Crowne Plaza Beach,**Tel Aviv*

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| **Friday, December 23** | ***the first hebrew city*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Visit the new ANU-Museum of the Jewish People.
  + Adults will explore the story of the Jewish people through the ages in the new core museum as well as the [Hallelujah! Assemble, Pray, Study – Synagogues Past and Present](https://www.bh.org.il/event/assemble-pray-study-synagogues-past-present/) exhibit.
  + Kids will learn about Jewish heroes throughout the ages in the interactive Heroes-Trailblazers of the Jewish People exhibit.
* Stroll through the weekly arts & crafts fair at Nahalat Binyamin
* Lunch break (on own)
* Return to hotel to prepare for shabbat.
* Hanukkah & Shabbat Candle lighting
* Join Beit Tefilah Yisraeli for a lively musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Beit Tefilah Israeli is a liberal, independent, and egalitarian community in Tel Aviv, which is committed to Jewish spirit, culture, and social action
* Festive shabbat dinner at hotel

***Overnight:*** *Crowne Plaza Beach,**Tel Aviv*

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| **Shabbat, December 24** | ***tel aviv shabbat*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Day at leisure to enjoy the city’s museums, galleries and café culture or the beach (weather permitting).
* Lunch on own.
* (The Tel Aviv Museum of Art is open 10-4, The Eretz Israel Museum is open 10-2, Bet Bialik is open 10-2, Nahum Gutman Museum of Art is open 10-3, Reuven Rubin Museum is open 11-2, Ilana Goor Museum is open 10-6, Old Jaffa Visitor’s Center is open 9-5)
* We reconvene for a group Havdalah, Hanukkah Candle lighting and program:
  + Trace Israel’s history with an Israeli folk dancing workshop or learn about the development of Israeli society through movies with comedian Benji Lovitt
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Crowne Plaza Beach,**Tel Aviv*

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| **Sunday, December 25** | ***Innovation Nation*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel.
* Jump back in time to the period of the Independence War when the State of Israel was founded at the multi-media Palmach Museum or the underground bullet factory of the Ayalon Institute.
* Learn why Israel is a hi-tech dynamo at the Taglit Innovation Center.
* Lunch break (on own)
* Family digital scavenger hunt in Old Jaffa and time to explore the Jaffa Flea Market (*shuk hapishpushim*).
* Join a local street art expert on a Graffiti Tour through the streets of Tel Aviv where you’ll learn some Hebrew while getting a sense of what issues are resonating in Israeli society.
* Hanukkah Candle lighting
* Group dinner in the Yemenite Quarter

***Overnight:*** *Crowne Plaza Beach,**Tel Aviv*

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| **Monday, December 26** | ***dig for a day*** |

* Breakfast at hotel.
* Dig up history with your hands at the archaeological site of Tel Maresha at Beit Guvrin. Crawl through unexcavated caves.
* Picnic Lunch
* Travel to the Judean Desert.
* Sunset camel ride and Bedouin “hafla” dinner at the Kfar Hanokdim Camel Ranch
* Sleep in family bunks (sukkot) at the camel ranch.

***Overnight:*** *Kfar Hanokdim Camel Ranch*

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| **Tuesday, December 27** | ***what price freedom?*** |

* Early morning wakeup with coffee & cake
* Ascend Herod’s mountain fortress of Masada by the Roman Ramp in time for sunrise. Explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. Descend by cable-car.
* Breakfast at the Masada visitor’s center.
* Easy hike to the Nahal David oasis in the Ein Gedi Nature Reserve.
* Lunch and floating in the Dead Sea at a private beach.
* Continue to Jerusalem for check-in at hotel.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

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

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| **Wednesday, December 28** | ***this year in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Begin our exploration of Jerusalem with a spectacular outlook over the city from the Haas Promenade.
* Walk along the Ramparts of the Old City from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate and enter the Jewish Quarter.
* Family scavenger hunt in the Jewish Quarter, lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Cardo.
* Descend to the Kotel plaza for a brief visit.
* Explore the Southern wall excavations to gain a better understanding of the role of pilgrimage and the Temple in ancient times.
* Dinner break (on own)
* Evening: Tower of David “Night Spectacular” sound & light show, projected on the walls of the museum. (Dress warmly as we will be sitting outside)

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

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| **Thursday, December 29** | ***shoah to tekumah*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* We learn and remember at the Yad Vashem Historical Complex, including visits to the Historical Museum, Childrens’ Memorial, and Sculpture Garden. (Parallel program for the younger kids at the Israel Museum or Biblical Zoo)
* Lunch break (on own)
* Volunteer hands-on with Pantry Packers.
* Family art project with the artists of Kol Ha’ot.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

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

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| **Friday, December 30** | ***altruism in action*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Old, where shopping is a true mitzvah!
* Visit the new interactive Khan Sha’ar Hagai museum, which brings to life the heroism of so many who tried to break the siege of Jerusalem during the War of Independence.
* Lunch and time to explore the vibrant Machaneh Yehuda shuk as Jerusalemites prepare for shabbat.
* Return to hotel to prepare for shabbat.
* Kabbalat Shabbat services at the Masorti (egalitarian) Kotel followed by visit to the Kotel Plaza.
* Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

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

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| **Shabbat, December 31** | ***bashana haba’ah*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel.
* PCR/Antigen testing (if required) at the hotel.
* Shabbat morning services at local synagogue.
* Day at leisure to explore the city on your own or enjoy the hotel pool.
* (The Biblical Zoo is open 10-5, The Israel Museum is open 10-5, The Tower of David Museum is open 10-2, The Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, The Botanical Gardens are open 9-5).
* We reconvene in the late afternoon for a summary discussion.
* Group Havdalah and check-out
* Farewell dinner
* Transfer to airport for departure on late night flights.
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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