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***Family Adventure in Israel***

***Led by Rabbi Benj Fried***

*June 19-30, 2022*

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| **Sunday, June 19:** | ***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
* Welcome to Israel ceremony from the Tel Aviv Beach
* Check into the hotel, followed by dinner

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

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

* Relive the moment that David Ben Gurion declared independence at **Independence Hall**
* Walking tour of **Neve Tzedek**, the first neighborhood of Tel Aviv, for a look at the foundations of Hebrew culture
* At the new **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, understand the connection between Jews around the world and the land of Israel
* Take the **Rainbow Tour** to learn about the LGBTQ+ community in the city that hosts the largest Pride Parade in the Middle East
* In the evening, learn about the development of **Israeli society through movies** with comedian **Benji Lovitt**

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

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| **Tuesday, June 21:** | ***underground*** |

* 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**
* Peruse the local crafts, enjoy the street performers and grab lunch at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair** and the adjacent **Carmel Market**
* Site visit to **Save A Child's Heart** whose mission is to improve the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from developing countries suffering from heart disease and who cannot get adequate medical care in their home countries
* Free evening to check out Tel Aviv's night life

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

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| **Wednesday, June 22:** | ***northern exposure*** |

* See the incredible ruins of the port city build by King Herod in **Caesarea**, once the capital during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
* Learn about the **Druze religion** **and culture** and enjoy a traditional meal in **Daliyat el Carmel**
* Dialogue with **Israeli-Arab peers** and understand what it is like for non-Jews living in a Jewish state
* Continue to your hotel for dinner, followed by a processing session

***Overnight:*** *Ruth Hotel, Tzfat*

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

* In **Tzfat**, explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century
* Meet with **Kabbalistic artist** Avraham Lowenthal and see how he incorporates his mystical studies into his artwork
* On the border of Lebanon, **meet soldiers in action** understand the burden of Israel’s security on the shoulders of 20-year-olds
* Dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Ruth Hotel, Tzfat*

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| **Friday, June 24:** | ***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
* Peer into Syria from Tel as-Saki; hear the courageous stories of the Yom Kippur War and get an update on what is happening today in Syria with **Captain (res.) Yaakov Selevan**
* Travel to Jerusalem, check into the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* In the evening, participate in a group **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the pluralistic section of the **Western Wall**; 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

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

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| **Saturday, June 25:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Optional Shabbat services in a local synagogue or as a group
* **Study session** with Rabbi Fried
* In the afternoon, walk through the Old City to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher** – one of the holiest places on earth for most Christians – and understand the importance to Jerusalem to all monotheistic religions
* **Group Havdallah**
* Free evening to explore Jerusalem’s nightlife

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

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| **Sunday, June 26:** | ***This year in jerusalem!*** |

* At the **Haas Promenade**, beginthe exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem; remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac, associated with this spot
* Continue to the **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; see the probable foundations of King David's palace; Bible in hand, 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
* See how incredible King Herod’s Temple Project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* In the evening, meet with a **political analyst** for a look at some of the main issues Israel faces today

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

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| **Monday, June 27:** | ***From holocaust to redemption*** |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
* As a contrast to the morning, head over to the vibrant **Machane Yehuda Shuk** for a culinary tour to taste some of the incredible Israeli street food; then participate in a **cooking seminar**

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

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| **Tuesday, June 28:** | ***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**
* Meet with **Ethiopian immigrants** and hear the story of their year-long journey “home” to Israel

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

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| **Wednesday, June 29:** | ***under fire*** |

* Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** at the Beit Guvrin National Park
* Meet with a resident of **Nativ HaAsara**, the village just yards away from the border with Gaza, and learn what it is like to live under the threat of the Hamas
* Activity planned by the **Partnership Together** team

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

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| **Thursday, June 30:** | ***living together*** |

* 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!
* Enter the **Palestinian village** of Hussan; participate in a **Cleaning the Hatred** project and meet with **Palestinian and Israeli residents** of the area to hear their views on coexistence
* **Farewell discussion and dinner**
* Return to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation
* All breakfasts and underlined meals are included in the package price
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