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**Congregation Kol Shofar**

***Adventure in Israel***

Led by Rabbi Paul Steinberg

*October 25-November 4, 2023*

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| **Wednesday, October 25:** | ***Bruchim Habaim – Welcome!*** |

* Land in Israel
* Meet and greet service; meet your tour guide and travel to Jerusalem
* **Shehechinyanu**: Welcome to Israel ceremony overlooking the Old City
* Welcome dinner and orientation in a local restaurant

***Overnight:*** *David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, October 26:** | ***This year in jerusalem!*** |

* Begin our exploration of the Jewish “love affair” with Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade** with its magnificent views and powerful Biblical, historical and contemporary narratives
* Continue to the **City of David** - the original Jerusalem of King David and First Temple times - for a guided visit with Bible in hand; then descend Warren's shaft a splash through the water tunnel that King Hezakiya dug to save Jerusalem from the Assyrians 2,700 years ago (or take the dry tunnel)
* Lunch and shopping in the **Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo**
* See just how incredible King Herod’s Temple project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
* “I’m all shuk up”: Take a culinary tour of the **Machane Yehuda Market** for sensory overload; then participate in a cooking workshop and have a community dinner over the results!

***Overnight:*** *David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, October 27:** | ***from holocaust to redemption*** |

* Learn and remember at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum**
* Take the Connection Path up to the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**.
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* In the evening, have a Kabbalat Shabbat service as a community at the Ezrat Yisrael section of the Kotel; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in the **Shabbat at the Western Wall**
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, October 28:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Attend one or more of the many **Shabbat services** taking place in Jerusalem
* **Study session** with Rabbi Steinberg
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* Walking tour of the **Christian Quarter** of the Old City, including a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher
* Musical havdallah
* 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 night in town

***Overnight:*** *David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, October 29:** | ***What price freedom?*** |

* Travel south to **Masada**, the fortress built by King Herod and used by Jewish zealots defending themselves from the Roman army; hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history
* **Hike the Waterfall Trail** in the desert oasis of Ein Gedi and hear the Biblical stories of King Saul and David which took place here
* **Float in the Dead Sea and enjoy the hotel spa**
* Dinner in the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Prima Oasis Hotel, Dead Sea*

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| **Monday, October 30:** | ***northern exposure*** |

* Depart from the Dead Sea and travel north through the Jordan River Valley
* 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!
* Ascend the Golan Heights
* Learn about 2,000 years of Jewish history on the Golan at the **ancient Ein Keshatot Synagogue**
* View into **Syria** from the bunker in Tel as Saki; hear the heroic stories from the Yom Kippur War and get an update on what is happening in Syria by **Major (res.) Yaakov Selavan**; then meet with soldiers and consider the burden of Israel’s security on the shoulders of these youngsters
* Continue to our hotel and check in, followed by dinner

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz HaGoshrim Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Tuesday, October 31:** | ***mystics and mountains*** |

* “**Kol Shofar**” – learn about the making of shofarot at Givat Yoav
* In **Tzfat**, explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century
* Meet with a **Kabbalistic artist** and see how s/he incorporates his mystical studies into her/his artwork
* Discussion on Jewish mysticism and the power of Kabbala with **Rabbi Meir Sendor**
* Dinner in the hotel followed by a group reflection session

***Overnight:*** *Kibbutz HaGoshrim Hotel, Galilee*

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| **Wednesday, November 1:** | ***Zichron Ya’akov*** |

* Shacharit overlooking the Kinneret
* Walking tour of charming **Zichron Yaakov** for a look at the original pioneers of the First Aliya
* Meet with **Rabbi Elisha Wolfin** of the Masorti (Conservative) synagogue of Zichron Yaakov
* Visit the home of Agere, an **Ethiopian immigrant**; over a traditional *injera* lunch, hear the incredible story of her journey “home” to Israel
* In **Caesarea**, see the incredible ruins of King Herod’s ancient port city, once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine periods
* Continue to Tel Avivand check into your hotel followed by a night on town

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

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| **Thursday, November 2:** | ***Who is a Hero?*** |

* Depart from the hotel for **Save a Child’s Heart**, a program which brings children from Africa and across the Middle East to Israel for life-saving heart surgery; then interact with the children as they prepare for or recover from their surgery
* Visit the sub-terranean factory in which Jews produced bullets literally under the noses of the British Army before the War of Independence at the **Ayalon Institute**
* On the border of **Gaza**, meet with a resident of Netiv Ha’asara to hear about raising children under the shadow of Hamas rockets and why there is such a long waiting list of Israelis hoping to live there
* Dinner together with an Israeli political analyst on the strategic challenges facing Israel and Israeli society

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

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| **Friday, November 3:** | ***“if i forget thee, oh tel aviv?”*** |

* Visit the **ANU Museum of the Jewish People** to see how the Jewish People spread across the world and their contributions to it
* **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
* See the lovely 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**
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* Join the spectrum of secular and religious Israelis as they bring in the Shabbat with **Beit Beit Beit Tefilla Yisraeli**, wish combines traditional prayer with Israeli songs and poetry
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel

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

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| **Saturday, November 4:** | ***Shabbat Shalom*** |

* Explore the ambience of Tel Aviv on Shabbat morning, at services or on your own.
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* Tour the **Reuben Rubin Art Museum** and the Neve Tzedek neighborhood
* Program summary discussion
* Musical havdallah
* Farewell dinner
* Travel to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
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