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***Summer Mission to Israel***

Led by Rabbi Yonatan Cohen and Rabbi Gershon Albert

*July 29-August 4, 2024*

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| **Monday, July 29:** |  |

* Check into your hotel from 3:00pm
* Rendez-vous in the hotel
* Meet a **political analyst** for an update on the situation in Israel today and prospects for the future
* Dinner, orientation and get to know each other

***Overnight:*** *City Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, July 30:** |  |

* Volunteer for **Leket Israel** in their distribution center
* Encounter with the leaders of **Achim V’Achayot L’Yisrael**, the organization largely responsible for the quick and efficient support network to help Israelis in need from October 7th and onward
* Lunch on own in the Sarona Market
* Visit the grave of Rabbi Cohen’s nephew, Captain Yoav Malayav, who heroically fell defending Israel on October 7th
* **Bikur Cholim** – visit injured soldiers rehabbing from their injuries and pamper them with gifts
* Visit **Captives Square** to meet some of the family members and friends of captives held in Gaza (we hope we will not need to do so by then)
* Processing session
* Dinner on own

***Overnight:*** *City Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, July 31:** |  |

* Early morning departure to the south
* Visit the grave of former OHDS student Captain Eyal Mevorach Twito z”l, who heroically fell in battle in Gaza in January
* **Bear witness** at one of the kibbutzim hit hard by the events of October 7th
* Packed lunch
* **Discussion and veggie picking** and tasting with farmer Uri Alon on the current situation and what needs to happen
* Pay your respects at the site of the **Re’im Supernova**
* Sponsor a **barbeque dinner for IDF soldiers** located in the area and join them to get to know them and hear their experiences
* Travel to Jerusalem and check into your hotel

***Overnight:*** *Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, August 1:** |  |

* **Study session** with **Rabbi Judah Dardik**, former rabbi of Beth Jacob Congregation
* Pack food for Israel’s needy with **Pantry Packers**
* Obtain some tools for Israel Advocacy at the **Stand With Us Visitors Center**
* Meet with **Rabbi Benny Lau**, one of the leading figures in Israel’s modern Orthodox world
* Processing session

***Overnight:*** *Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, August 2:** |  |

* Meet with **Rabbi Dr. Leon Weiner Dow**, Director of the Kolot Beit Midrash, for a study session on the current situation
* Encounter with **Jessica Elter**, who lost her heroic boyfriend of six years on October 7th; hear the story of how she has become Shabbat observant ever since
* Support Israel at the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**
* Processing session
* Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
* Join the scores of Israelis and Jews from around the world as they bring in **Shabbat at the Kotel**
* Shabbat dinner in the hotel with lone soldiers

***Overnight:*** *Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, August 3:** |  |

Parshat Matot-Masei

* Daven in **VeAni Tefillah**; then meet with the shul rabbi – **Harav Aharon Leibowitz**, who grew up in CBI
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* **Study session** with Rabbis Albert and Cohen
* Optional walking tour of **Mishaknot Shaananim** and **Yemin Moshe**
* Musical Havdallah
* Free evening to support Israeli businesses

***Overnight:*** *Cassia Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, August 4:** |  |

* Discussion with **Yossi Klein Halevi** at the Hartman Institute
* Encounter with **Soldiers Save Lives**, a group of 20-somethings who – after losing their friend on October 7th – got together to bring millions of dollars worth of supplies to soldiers
* Pay your respects to the soldiers who lost their lives over the last few months at the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**
* Final discussion
* Farewell dinner
* Transfer to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel
* 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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