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**Keshet Solidarity & Volunteering Mission**

*May 8-19, 2025*

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| **Thursday, May 8** | ***DeParture*** |

* Departure from Boston Logan Airport on El Al Flight 016 at 8:50pm.

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| **Friday, May 9** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion airport at 2:10pm.
* A Keshet representative will greet you after passport control and take you through baggage claim and customs and over to your awaiting guide in the arrivals hall.
* Load the bus and continue to your hotel in Tel Aviv for check-in and time to freshen up.
* Attend Kabbalat Shabbat services at Bet Tefilah Hayisraeli or other synagogues (optional).
* Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Shabbat, May 10** | ***tel aviv shabbat*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel.
* Day at leisure to enjoy the city’s museums, galleries and café culture or the beach. 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, ANU Museum of the Jewish People is open 10-3).
* We rendezvous in the late afternoon for a speaker TBA.
* Group dinner at the hotel
* Havdalah
* Evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Sunday, May 11** | ***Volunteering in Tel Aviv*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Agricultural volunteering with Project Leket
* Lunch break (on own)
* Visit the Magen David Adom National Blood Services Unit in Ramle.
* Program at the Brothers for Life “Beit Achim” facility in Kfar Truman. BFL is an organization of injured IDF soldiers who help support other injured soldiers.
* Dinner break (on own)
* Evening: Meet with a political analyst for an update on what has happened in Israel over the last year and a glimpse into the future.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Monday, May 12** | ***Otef aza-the gaza envelope*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Travel south to the communities bordering Gaza.
* Agricultural work on a farm in the Gaza perimeter.
* Picnic Lunch
* Pay your respects at the site of the Nova Festival at Re’im where so many young people were killed or kidnapped by Hamas.
* Visit the collection of destroyed cars near Moshav Tkuma.
* Visit to Segev Shalom to meet with Amal, an inspirational Bedouin woman who has taken it upon herself to help with much of the 200,000 strong Bedouin community of the Negev during this difficult time; work with her in packing foods and other essentials for Israel’s Bedouin community.
* Return to Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, May 13** | ***Carmel/Haifa Area*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel.
* Agricultural volunteering on Moshav Tzrufa or at the Leket logistics center in Raanana.
* Enjoy a traditional home hospitality Druze lunch. Learn about the Druze religion and culture and the community’s significant contribution to the security of Israel.
* Continue to Haifa for a visit to Rambam Hospital, the major trauma center serving Israel’s north. Hear how they operate during emergency situations including the underground wards.
* Return to Tel Aviv for dinner and overnight.

***Overnight:*** *Isrotel Port Tower, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, May 14** | ***To be a free nation in our land…*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel followed by check-out.
* En route to Jerusalem, visit the 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 stop (on own) en route.
* We will pay our respects to the many who have fallen since October 7th defending Israel at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery.
* Meet with founders of the Brothers and Sisters for Israel – a protest network that changed direction on the morning of October 7th in order to provide immediate help for those affected that morning; this group will surely play an important role in the next Israeli elections.
* Check-in at hotel.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, May 15** | ***healing hands*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Visit Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus and tour the newly opened rehab facility. *Bikur Cholim* of soldiers injured fighting or civilians hurt during terror attacks.
* Lunch break (on own)
* Hands-on volunteering with Pantry Packers or Tachlit.
* Obtain some tools for Israel Advocacy at the Stand With Us Visitors Center; see their Faces of October exhibition (if available).
* Dinner and evening at leisure

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday May 16** | ***jerusalem of gold*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Learning session at the Hartman Institute or with Kolot.
* Meeting with Issam Sa’ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas for his perspective on the prospect of peace.Explore the bustling Machaneh Yehuda market as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat. Lunch stop on own.
* Free time for shopping and exploration.
* Kabbalat Shabbat service at the Ezrat Yisrael (pluralistic) section of the Western Wall; then 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:*** *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

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| **Shabbat, May 17** | ***shabbat in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Optional Shabbat morning services at local synagogues.
* 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).

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, May 18** | ***this year in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly-for a hands-on volunteer project and to visit the gift shop, where shopping is a true mitzvah!
* Walking tour of the Old City from Jaffa Gate through the Jewish Quarter.
* Lunch break and shopping time in the Cardo.
* Free time for last minute exploration.
* We reconvene for a summary session and farewell dinner.

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama, Jerusalem*

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| **Monday, May 19** | ***bashana haba’ah*** |

* Early breakfast at the hotel and check-out.
* Transfer to airport for departing flight on El Al Flight 015 at 10:00am.
* Arrival in Boston at 2:30pm.
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation and dependent upon the current security situation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
* This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet.

**Waiver**

Israel is currently facing a challenging time. However, we want to assure you that Keshet, as the organizer of this trip, is committed to prioritizing your safety and well-being above all else.

Before joining us on this journey, we kindly request that you sign a waiver acknowledging the current war situation in Israel. This waiver will state that Keshet cannot be held responsible for any harm caused by the war. It is a standard precautionary measure that allows us to proceed with the trip while ensuring everyone's understanding of the risks involved.

Rest assured, our team is closely monitoring the situation, working in collaboration with local authorities and experts to ensure the highest level of security and support for our participants. Your safety remains our utmost priority.



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