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**Family Israel Trip**

*July 3-13, 2023*

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| **Monday, July 3** | ***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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| **Tuesday, July 4** | ***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)
* Walk along the Independence Trail of Rothschild Boulevard to learn more about the founding of Tel Aviv and the Declaration of Israeli Independence.
* Family digital scavenger hunt in Old Jaffa and time to explore the Jaffa Flea Market (*shuk hapishpushim*).
* Beach/pool time
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

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

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| **Wednesday, July 5** | ***dig for a day*** |

* Breakfast at 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.
* 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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| **Thursday, July 6** | ***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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| **Friday, July 7** | ***this year in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Begin our exploration of Jerusalem with a spectacular outlook over the city from the Haas Promenade.
* Continue to the City of David, where Jerusalem began 3000 years ago. Explore the latest excavations and what could be King David’s palace. Grab a flashlight and your water shoes as we wade through Hezekiah’s water tunnel, built 2700 years ago to protect Jerusalem’s water supply from the invading Assyrians.
* Family scavenger hunt in the Jewish Quarter, lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the Cardo.
* Return to hotel to enjoy the pool and 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, July 8** | ***Jerusalem shabbat*** |

* Breakfast 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 to meet Issam Sa’ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas and is now involved in a unique Jewish-Palestinian dialogue project.
* Dinner at hotel
* Group Havdalah
* Evening: Tower of David “Night Spectacular” sound & light show, projected on the walls of the museum. (Bring a sweatshirt as we will be sitting outside)

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| **Sunday, July 9** | ***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)
* Explore the vibrant Machaneh Yehuda fruit & vegetable market.
* Family art project with the artists of Kol Ha’ot.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

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

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| **Monday, July 10** | ***altruism in action*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Visit Yad L’Kashish-Lifeline of the Old, where shopping is a true mitzvah!
* Volunteer hands-on with Pantry Packers.
* Lunch break (on own)
* 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.
* Trace the State of Israel’s history through an interactive Israeli folk dancing workshop
* Dinner and evening at leisure

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

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| **Tuesday, July 11** | ***jordan river valley*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Depart for the north, traveling along the Jordan River Valley.
* At Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu learn how this religious kibbutz led the “Green Revolution” in organic farming in Israel. “Bio Bee” tour of the fields and their “bug factory”.
* Lunch in the active kibbutz dining room.
* Continue to the Upper Galilee.
* Enjoy a rafting adventure on the “Mighty Jordan” river.
* Check-in at our kibbutz hotel and dinner

***Overnight:*** *Hagoshrim Kibbutz Hotel*

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| **Wednesday, July 12** | ***golan heights 360O*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Ascend the Golan Heights to Tel Saki, site of a fateful battle during the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Security briefing by Capt. (Res.) Yaakov Selavan, IDF tank commander, while overlooking Syria. Meet IDF soldiers defending Israel’s northern border.
* Visit ancient Katzrin’s beautiful synagogue with hands-on activities like pita-baking.
* Lunch stop (on own) in Katzrin.
* Continue to Kibbutz Ein Zivan
  + Wine Lovers’ option: Enjoy wine-tasting at the Pelter Winery
  + Chocolate Lovers’ option: Hands-on workshop at the De Karina Boutique Chocolate Factory
* Outlook over Syria from Mt. Bental.
* Return to kibbutz hotel for dinner and overnight.

***Overnight:*** *Hagoshrim Kibbutz Hotel*

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| **Thursday, July 13** | ***mystics and mountains*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* PCR/Antigen testing (if required) at the hotel.
* Travel to the mystical city of Zefat.
* Visit the synagogues of the mystics and trace the development of Zefat as a center of Kabbalah to the expulsion from Spain in 1492.
* Art & Kabbalah program with local artist.
* Lunch break (on own) and shopping time in the artist colony and Jewish quarter.
* Continue to the ancient port of Caesarea.
* Summary discussion and Farewell dinner at local restaurant.
* 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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