

ISRAEL

JUNE 3 – 13, 2018



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

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Day 1 ~ Sunday, June 3, 2018**USA/Enroute**

Depart the United States flying overnight to **Israel**.

Day 2 ~ Monday, June 4, 2018**Tel Aviv**

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport. Meet, assist, and transfer (on group flight) to **Tel Aviv**, Israel's most cosmopolitan city located on the Mediterranean Sea. This evening, enjoy a **welcome reception** followed by **Private Dinner** at **Blue Sky Restaurant by Chef Meir Adoni**. Pending confirmation, hear from guest speaker **Rabbi Gilad Kariv, head of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ)**.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv (D)

Day 3 ~ Tuesday, June 5, 2018**Tel Aviv/Galilee**

Begin the day visiting **WeWork** in Herzliya. Engage in a **dialogue with Assaf Luxembourg**, a high tech business development and marketing professional and CEO of Crowdmii, a new crowdfunding platform for Israeli start-ups. Next, drive north on the scenic coastal route to **Caesarea**, Roman Capital of Judea. Visit the beautifully restored **theater, ruins of the ancient town, harbor and aqueduct**. Continue through **Druze Villages**, stopping for **home hospitality lunch in a Druze family home**. Afterward, enjoy the beautiful **Bahai Temple and Persian Gardens in Haifa**. Arrive at the **Setai on the Sea of Galilee** to check-in and freshen up. This evening, **dinner & Israeli drum circle** under the stars.

Overnight: Setai Sea of Galilee (B, L, D)

Day 4 ~ Wednesday, June 6, 2018**Galilee**

Morning **Krav Maga** lesson, the official self-defense system of the Israeli Defense Forces. Next, meet **Elliot Chodoff, a political and military analyst**, who specializes in the Middle East conflict and the global war on terrorists. **Jump into jeeps** for a **Northern Strategic tour** escorted by Elliot on to the **Golan Heights**, seeing the former Syrian fortifications and learning the key role this area is to Israel's safety. **Meet with IDF Soldiers** patrolling the Lebanese border. Next, enjoy **lunch at Yarden Winery**. Afternoon spent in **Safed**, center of **Jewish mysticism** with **historic synagogues** and **modern artists' quarter**. In addition, stop in to the **Yashfe Winery**, a boutique winery housed in **Vintner Yechiel Yashfe's home**. Participate in a hands-on **candle making workshop**. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, **dinner** at a local restaurant, followed by a special **Israeli folkdance class**.

Overnight: Setai Sea of Galilee (B, L, D)

Day 5 ~ Thursday, June 7, 2018**Galilee/Jerusalem**

Late morning departure from the hotel toward **Jerusalem**, with a special "**Shehechyanu**" on **Mount Scopus** upon arrival. Enter the **Old City of Jerusalem**, visiting the **Davidson Center**, beginning with the multi-media presentation, continuing to **Ezrat Israel**, and ending at the **Kotel, Western Wall**. Tour the **Western Wall Tunnels** before dinner this evening at **Touro**, a local Jerusalem restaurant.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 6 ~ Friday, June 8, 2018**Jerusalem**

Begin the day exploring **Ir David**, the **City of David** and the new excavations unfolding. Next, be one of the many volunteers who have participated in this incredible operation of the **Temple Mount Sifting Project at Emek Tzurim Park** where, so far, there have been over 3,500 finds from ancient times. Enter the **Old City** and stroll along the restored **Jewish quarter** with its **Roman Cardo**. Continue along the **Via Dolorosa/Stations of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulcre**. Stop at **Machne Yehudah Market** and experience the preparation of Shabbat as a local Jerusalemite. This evening, **Shabbat Dinner at Mercaz Shimshon** in the Old City, together with special speaker, **Rabbi Uri Regev**.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 7 ~ Saturday, June 9, 2018**Masada/Dead Sea/Jerusalem**

Early departure for a full day of sightseeing in the **Israeli desert**. Drive to **Masada, ascending on the east side, by cable car**, to marvel at King Herod's desert fortress – Palace and last stronghold of the Jewish zealots against the Roman domination in 73 CE. Partake in a ceremonial **Shabbat service** atop Masada. Continue to the shores of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth almost 1300 feet below sea level, for a **lunch & swim**. Return to Jerusalem in time to conclude Shabbat with **Havdalah** together at the hotel's terrace. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B, L)

Day 8 ~ Sunday, June 10, 2018**Jerusalem**

Begin today with a tour of the separation Fence Seam-line and IDF Security Check Points with **Danny Tirza – Col. (Res.)** Danny Tirza was in charge of planning the security fence between the West Bank and Israel, Israel's largest infrastructure project. Since 1994, Col. Tirza has headed a special staff in the IDF Central Command in charge of regional strategic planning. He has taken part in formulating Israel's security positions with the Palestinians and has participated in various stages of the negotiations. Col. Tirza specializes in the geography of Judea and Samaria, the Jordan Valley and Jerusalem. Continue with a visit to the unforgettable Holocaust Memorial Museum at **Yad Vashem**. Hear from **Dr. Efrayim Zuroff, Nazi Hunter**, who plays an ongoing role in bringing Nazis indicted for war crimes to trial. Following **lunch** on-site, walk the **"from Holocaust to resurrection path"** - the connecting trail that transfers its visitors from the sites of the "Valley of the Killings" and the Holocaust to the struggle to resurrect the Jewish people in the land of Israel and to the creation of the State of Israel. This evening, enjoy **dinner** in Jerusalem with special guest speaker **Col. Bentzi Gruber**, Vice Commander (reserves) of Division 252, consisting of 20,000 soldiers, and founder of "Chesed In The Field," a non-profit that brings together IDF reservists and chronically ill and disabled children for special events throughout the year, instilling values of inclusion and social responsibility in the hearts of thousands of soldiers.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B, L, D)

Day 9 ~ Monday, June 11, 2018**Rehovot/Jerusalem**

Morning lecture with Gadi Taub at the hotel. Afterward, continue with a drive to **Rehovot**, for a visit to the **Ayalon Institute**, code name for the secret underground bullet factory established by the Haganah, and disguised as a Kibbutz. Visit **Kehilat Yozma in the town of Modi'in**. This evening, optional after-hour tour of **Machne Yehudah**.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 10 ~ Tuesday, June 12, 2018**Jerusalem**

Morning visit to the **Knesset, Israeli Parliament, with a Member of the Knesset meeting pending**. Proceed to the **Israel Museum** for a photo-op with the famous **Menorah**. Afterward, tour the museum; see the **Shrine of the Book**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** are housed; **and the Scale Model of Jerusalem** from the Second Temple Period. Visit the **Hadassah Medical Center** in Ein Kerem to view the famous **Chagall Windows**, twelve abstract stained glass windows representing the twelve tribes of Israel. End the day with a visit to the **United Hatzalah Headquarters**, the largest volunteer Emergency Medical Services Organization in Israel. This evening, enjoy a **farewell dinner together at the Villa at the Mount Zion Hotel**.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B, D)

Day 11 ~ Wednesday, June 13, 2018**Jerusalem/USA**

Morning **transfer to the airport** in **Tel Aviv** with assistance in departure for the **United States** (on group flight). Arrive Houston later today. **(B)**

FROSCH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

LAND TOUR PRICE PER PERSON: \$5,795.00 (double occupancy)

Prices quoted are based on a specific number of participants traveling together in the land rates in effect at the time of printing. They are subject to change.

Single Supplement: \$2,050.00

AIRFARE ON GROUP FLIGHT: \$1,672.00 (Per person economy class) – Business fare available upon request

Prices quoted are based on a specific number of participants traveling together in the group and on contracted air rates in effect at the time of printing. The airfare confirmed for the group is based upon the Super Advanced Purchase Excursion fare in effect and is subject to change. The tariff governing this airfare contains conditions and restrictions on its use.

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT \$500.00 per person (\$100.00 of which is non refundable; additional cancellation fees will apply, see details under "cancellation penalties") submit with registration form to reserve space. Single rooms are limited.

FINAL PAYMENT due Friday, February 23, 2018

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- 9 nights' accommodation at hotels listed, with private facilities.
- Meal plan as outlined on itinerary; 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners/special venues
- Full sightseeing program as outlined on the itinerary by private motorcoach with driver, and English speaking guides
- All entrance fees to sites visited
- Special venues and programming per itinerary
- Porterage at hotels upon check in
- Gratuities to drivers and local guides

◆ **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** are provided on the basis of two persons sharing a room with private bath, in the hotels selected for the tour. A limited number of single rooms are available. FROSCH, Congregation Beth Israel and its subagents reserve the right to substitute hotels of the same category when necessary for the proper handling of the tour.

◆ **MEALS** included are 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 8 dinners/special venues, as per itinerary.

◆ **PERSONAL TIPS** to your guides and drivers.

◆ **TOURING IN ISRAEL** is provided by modern air-conditioned/heated motorcoaches, and includes the full sightseeing program outlined in the itinerary. All entrance fees to the places listed in the itinerary are included.

Frosch International Travel reserves the right, and if warranted, will pass on to participant, any price increase due to government airline tax increase and/or increase in fuel charges should they come into effect at any time prior to departure.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- ◆ **PERSONAL ITEMS** such as laundry, telephone calls, and beverages other than coffee or tea served with the meals.
- ◆ **PASSPORTS** must be carried by each tour member and must be valid 6 months beyond tour date. **Copies of the information pages of the passports must be submitted to FROSCH with final payment.**
- ◆ **AIR TRANSPORTATION** from Houston. The optional air + transfer package available for the group is based upon the Super Advanced Purchase Excursion fare in effect and is subject to change. The tariff governing this airfare contains conditions and restrictions on its use.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES

◆ **CANCELLATION OF LAND ARRANGEMENTS & AIR TICKETS**

Land arrangements: Cancellation of land arrangements incur the following penalties:

22DEC – 22FEB: \$500.00 per person

23FEB – Departure: Non-refundable

Air tickets: Cancellations and refunds are governed by the tariff applying to the Super Apex airfare and /or other tariffs of the airlines concerned. Deposits on contractual air blocks are non refundable. Airfares are non-refundable once ticketed.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED & IS AVAILABLE THROUGH FROSCH.

Contact Nancy Barr at (713) 590-8152 or israeltraveldes@frosch.com for further assistance.

RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY

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FROSCH, Congregation Beth Israel and its sub-agents reserve the right to withdraw services and make changes and alterations in the itinerary or trip component at any time and for any reason as may be necessary in their judgment for the proper handling of the tour with or without notice and/or to substitute airlines, hotels of a similar category and FROSCH shall not be liable for any such changes.

If due to weather conditions, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, it would be necessary to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept prospective participant or participant as a member of this trip at any time. In any such event FROSCH's sole obligation is to refund any unused accommodation or other unused trip component. Participant certifies not to have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers.

As being informed by the above information, you are advised to purchase the trip cancellation and interruption insurance offered by FROSCH and there will be no misunderstanding before, during or after your trip.

TOUR MEMBERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to FROSCH at the time the reservation is made. FROSCH will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible if unable to do so. FROSCH, Congregation Beth Israel and its sub-agents are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, dining, getting on and off motorcoaches and other transportation vehicles, or other personal needs. Travelers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.