



Temple Israel Center
Teen Seminar in Israel
Led by Rabbi Ari Isenberg-Grzeda

February 14-24, 2019
(rev 1 May 18)

Thursday February 14 DEPARTURE

- Departure from Newark on El Al Flight 028 at 1:15pm.

Friday February 15 BRUCHIM HABA'AIM

- Arrival at Ben Gurion at 6:25am.
- We will head directly to the Neot Kedumim Biblical Nature reserve for breakfast, tree-planting ceremony, and hands-on activities related to ancient Israelite agriculture.
- Stroll through the weekly arts & crafts fair in Nahalat Binyamin and the Carmel "shuk".
- Welcome lunch at local restaurant
- Check-in and to freshen up.
- 17:05 Candle lighting
- Join Beit Tefilah Yisraeli for a lively musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Beit Tefilah Israeli is a liberal, independent, and egalitarian community in Tel Aviv, which is committed to Jewish spirit, culture, and social action.
- Festive shabbat dinner at hostel

Overnight: *Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Shabbat February 16 SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Shabbat morning services with local Masorti synagogue, Kehillat Sinai or Neve Tzedek or with Ve'Ahavta
- Shabbat lunch at hotel
- Meet with Issam Sa'ad, a former Gaza resident who fled Hamas and is now involved in a unique Jewish-Palestinian dialogue project.
- 18:05 Havdalah
- Evening: Cash Dinner and Cultural Event or Movies

Overnight: *Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Sunday February 17 INNOVATION NATION

- Join a "Virtual Palmach Unit" as you visit the Palmach Museum, dedicated to this elite unit of the Haganah which fought in the War of Independence.
- Learn about Israel's HI-Tech Sector at the Taglit Innovation Center.
- "Shuk Bites" Lunch in the Jaffa Flea Market (or packed lunch depending upon timing)
- Visit "Save A Child's Heart"- at project of the Wolfson Hospital, in which Israeli pediatric surgeons provide pro-bono cardiac surgery for children from all over Africa and the Middle East.
- Dinner at hotel
- Evening: Israeli Folk Dancing Program or Interactive Puzzle Program

Overnight: *Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv*

Monday February 18 PERIPHERY

- Visit the community of Sderot to hear first-hand about life along the border with Gaza and the threat of Hamas rockets and tunnels. Meet with residents and see the “Protected Playground”.
- Lunch at local restaurant
- Program on women’s empowerment in the Bedouin community at “Bat Hamidbar” (Desert Daughter Natural Healing Remedies and Cosmetics) located in Tel Sheva.
- Check-in and dinner at guest house
- Evening: Screening of the short film “Hasimot” (Checkpoints) and discussion.

Overnight: *Kibbutz Maashabei Sadeh Guest House*

Tuesday February 19 CULTURAL MOSAIC

- Hike through the Ein Avdat nature reserve
- Visit Ben Gurion’s grave, overlooking the Wilderness of Zin
- Home hospitality lunch prepared by one of the “Culinary Queens of Yerucham”. The Culinary Queens project provides opportunities for women in Yerucham to share their culinary traditions and skills and for visitors to sample a variety of traditional cuisines.
- Travel north to Haifa.
- Outlook over the beautiful Baha’i gardens and port of Haifa
- Meeting with Rabbi Dubi Hayun of the Masorti community of Kehillat Moriah and the Ahmadi Imam, who study together weekly. (TIC 2016 helped to clean up the synagogue after the devastating forest fires near Haifa caused damage).
- Visit the Ahmadi Mosque in Haifa.
- Check-in and dinner at hostel
- Evening: Meet, Jonathan Elkhoury, a Christian Arab from Lebanon who now encourages others from his community to serve in the IDF. OR Rabbi Yoav Ende from the Hannaton Mechina.

Overnight: *Haifa Youth Hostel*

Wednesday February 20 BEAUTY OF TEVA

- Visit the Lotem Farm at Nahal Shofet which makes nature accessible to those with special needs. Hike the wheelchair-accessible path of Nahal Shofet and then volunteer at the farm.
- Picnic Lunch
- Travel to Jerusalem
- Outlook over the Old City from the Haas Promenade. Text study on Lech Lecha and the Binding of Isaac and discuss whether Abraham passed the test.
- Check-in and dinner at hostel.
- Evening: Israel and the Media with Neil Lazarus

Overnight: *Agron Youth Hostel, Jerusalem*

Thursday February 21 TIKKUN OLAM

- Mifgash with Jewish and Arab students at the Hand by Hand Bi-Lingual School.
- Volunteer hands-on with Pantry Packers or at Shalva
- Lunch TBA
- Program on Israel’s heroes at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery
- Meet Holocaust survivor, Rena Quint, in her home.
- Dinner at restaurant in the “Tachana”
- Evening: Processing time

Overnight: Agron Youth Hostel, Jerusalem

Friday February 22

FACETS OF ISRAELI SOCIETY

- Visit the giftshop of Yad L'Kashish-Lifeline of the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah.
- Explore the Southern Wall excavations to gain a better understanding of the centrality of the Temple and the role of pilgrimage in ancient times.
- Delve into the background of the "Great Revolt", ("Sinat Hinam" or baseless hatred) at the Burnt House.
- Lunch in the Rova followed by Jewish Quarter Scavenger Hunt
- Prepare for shabbat
- 16:51 Candle lighting
- Kabbalat Shabbat services at Kehillat Tzion (meet with Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum before services)
- Festive shabbat dinner at the hostel

Overnight: Agron Youth Hostel, Jerusalem

Shabbat February 23

JERUSALEM SHABBAT

- Shabbat morning services at Moreshet Yisrael or "shul hopping" or at Ezrat Yisrael egalitarian Kotel
- Torah study with the Conservative Yeshiva
- Shabbat lunch at hostel and rest
- "Facets of Israeli Society" presentation by Helen Gottstein
- Summary and conclusions session
- 18:09 Havdalah and Check-out
- Farewell Dinner at AirCafe in Airport City
- Transfer to airport for departing flight.

Sunday February 24

BASHANAH HABA'AH

- Departure on El Al 027 at 1:00am.
- Arrival in Newark at 6:15am.

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and security guard/medic.
- All meals are included in the package price.
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