

TBA Family Mission to Israel! Mindy and Greg Scheier, Chairs

With Rabbi Clifford Kulwin December 22, 2018 – January 1, 2019

The itinerary has been expertly designed as a multi-generational tour with exciting components for adults and children. Our senses will be filled with the life, smells, sounds and textures of modern Israel, along with an appreciation of our connections to our Jewish roots and biblical history. It will be a fantastic, fun-filled spiritual adventure.



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View full itinerary and application at
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Flights - ITC will be pleased to assist with your travel plans, including flights to and from Israel, in addition to add-ons before or after the trip, whether in Israel or elsewhere. Contact Yafa directly for more information.

Hotels

December 22 -24 - Dan Panorama - Tel Aviv
December 24–26-Guest House-Kibbutz Lavi
December 26 – 31 - Dan Panorama Jerusalem

Pricing

Land Only: \$3895 per person double occupancy

Single room: total of \$5,020

3rd adult in a triple room: \$3,411

Under 12, 3rd in a room: \$3,367

3rd and 4th under 12 in a quad: \$3,695

Pricing is based on check payment

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(Subject to change)

Saturday, 22 December – Depart U.S.A. on an overnight flight to Israel

Sunday, 23 December – Entering the Land

- Afternoon arrival in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative.
- Optional tour of **Old Jaffa**, the ancient port city once known as the *Gate of Zion*. **Shekhiyanu**-Welcome ceremony on top of **Tel Jaffa** overlooking modern Tel Aviv.
- Check-in at the **Dan Panorama Hotel** on **Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast**.
- **Welcome dinner** at **Maganda Yemenite Restaurant**
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday, 24 December – The Hebrew City and the Jewish State

- Relive David Ben Gurion declaring the new State of Israel at **Independence Hall**.
- Visit the **Palmach Museum** for an interactive presentation about the elite underground army that played a critical role in founding the State of Israel.
- Travel to **Rehovot** for a guided tour of the **Ayalon Institute** – a hidden bullet factory used by the Jewish underground in the War of Independence.
- Meet members of the **Ethiopian Community** at the community center in **Ramat Eliyahu**, supported by the Metrowest Federation.
- Return to Tel Aviv
- Dinner on own
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, 25 December – North along the Mediterranean Coast

- Travel north along the **Coastal Plain** to the **Kibbutz Ein Shemer** of early Zionist pioneering and kibbutz life.
- Continue to **Haifa** – Drive by the ornate **Bahai Gardens**.
- Visit the **Leo Baeck Educational Center**, one of Israel's leading high schools.
- **Lunch with** students from different Jewish ethnic backgrounds, as well as Christians and Moslems.
- Check-in to the **Kibbutz Lavi Hotel** on **Kibbutz Lavi** in the **Galilee**.
- Dinner at hotel
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel

Wednesday, 26 December – Northern Exposure

- Drive north to the **Galilee Panhandle**.
- Look out over surrounding region from above the **Menara Cliffs**, including views into Lebanon and across the Huleh Valley to the Golan Heights.
- Opportunity for the daring to **rappel** or **zipline** down the **Menara Cliffs**.
- Meet **Col. Kobi Marom** at **Metula** and driving along Israel's border with Lebanon and Syria.
- Lunch at **Habokrim Restaurant** with Lone Soldiers.
- **Jeep tour** of the **Golan Heights** for a perspective on Israel's complex geopolitics; includes visits to former Syrian bunkers overlooking Israel and strategic **Mt. Bental**.
- *Time permitting*: Brief visit to **Tiberias** to shop and wander its lakeside promenade.
- Dinner at hotel
- Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel

Thursday, 27 December – Agriculture, Roman Ruins, Felafel and...Jerusalem

- Visit **Kibbutz Sde Eliahu**, a world leader in biological pest control, to learn about organic agriculture.
- Tour the **ancient synagogue** of **Beit Alfa** and ponder why its 1,500 year old mosaic floor features a wheel of the zodiac.
- Lunch on own in Afula – **Felafel** capital of Israel.
- Drive south on **Trans Israel Highway** – View and discuss Israel's Security Fence en route.
Shekhiyanu/Welcome ceremony at **Haas Promenade** overlooking the **Old City of Jerusalem**.

- Check-in to the **Dan Panorama Hotel** in Jerusalem.
- Lecture at hotel by Jerusalem Post reporter **Gil Hoffman** on the reality behind the headlines.
- Dinner on own
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, 28 December – Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity

- Visit to **Mt. Herzl Cemetery** to discover history at the graves of Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir, Theodore Herzl and Hannah Senesch.
- Tour of **Yad Vashem** - Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the **Historical Museum** and **Children's Memorial**. (Children under age 10 are not permitted in Yad Vashem's historical museum).
- **Alternate program for younger children:** Visit Jerusalem's **Biblical Zoo**, where you'll see animals which lived in Israel during biblical times. (Children must be accompanied by an adult. Zoo visit is not included in the tour price).
- Explore the raucous **Machane Yehuda Market** and take in a slice of local life as you see Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat.
- **Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat.**

Friday evening: Kabbalat Shabbat at the **Western Wall**.

- Experience traditional Israel Shabbat dinner with Danby Meital or Shabbat of a Lifetime.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday, 29 December – And on the Seventh Day... in Jerusalem (No guide)

- **Shabbat morning services** together overlooking the Old City.
- Rest of day and evening free – Great time to explore Old City's Arab market on own.
- Guide and hostess will be available to make recommendations for free time activities and give directions. Lunch and dinner on own.

Recommendation for the evening: Visit the **First Station Compound**, Jerusalem's restored Ottoman railway station turned restaurant - cafe area.

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, 30 December – Masada and the Dead Sea: Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

- Set out across the **Judean Desert** and ascend **Masada** by cable car (or up the Snake Path!) to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and hear the story of the Zealots' stand against the Romans 2,000 years ago.
- Swim in the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth, at a local resort. The resort also has a fresh water pool and spa facilities. Massage and spa treatments available by prior reservation at own expense. (*Some activities may be age restricted.*)
- Lunch at **Isrotel Ganim** Dead Sea resort.
- Stop off at "**Abraham's Tent**" for a **Camel ride** and a biblical hospitality dinner accompanied by a drum circle.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, 31 December – The Old City of Jerusalem – An Ancient Jewish Legacy

- Explore 2,700 years of history in the **Jewish Quarter** from the First Temple Period to modern times, including the **Broad Wall**, **Cardo** and **Rooftops** of the marketplaces.
- Unique tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels**, including impressive new discoveries with Dr. Avi Solomon, the site's chief archaeologist (subject to availability).
- Lunch on own.
- Afternoon free to explore on own, relax, pack and get in last minute shopping.
- Farewell Dinner at **Black** restaurant.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport

Tuesday, 1 January - Arrive in U.S.A.

- Begin planning next **Israel trip** with Rabbi Kulwin and ITC Tours!