



**Join Congregation Beth Ohr
Exploring Israel Adult Tour
Led by Rabbi Joel Mishkin
May 3 – 14, 2020**

Optional Eilat—Petra extension May 14-17, 2020

View and download itinerary and application at www.israeltour.com/rmishkin

DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR CHECK PAYMENT	FULL PRICE FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	REDUCTIONS
Land only Package - \$4145 per person in a double room	Land Only Package - \$4311 Per person in a double room	Third in a Room \$300
Land and Air Package - *\$5475 Per person in a double room	Land and Air Package - *\$5695 Per person in a double room	
<u>Single Room Supplement - \$1250</u>	Single Room Supplement - \$1299	

Round trip air: EWR – Tel Aviv – Return

Added to the costs above are tips for guide, Driver, Restaurants, and Porterage - \$180

*Air price is subject to change as are fuel and security surcharges

***Tour price is based on 20 participants; price will increase with less participants and be reduced at 25 or more participants

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Join Congregation Beth Ohr's adult Israel trip where you can walk through the tunnels under the Old City, Float in the Dead Sea, become part of the daily life in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Visit the Palmach Museum, Historic Neve Tzeddek neighborhood, City of Sand and Sea mosaic fountain, Founders' Monument, New Israeli Innovation Center, Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Yitzhak Rabin Center, Palmach Museum, Western Negev, Kibbutz Alumim, Briefing on local regional security from Rafi Babian, Salad Trail on Moshav Talmei Yosef, Encounter/ workshop with local sculptor Yaron Bob, Makhtesh Ramon, Traditional Bedouin community, David Ben Gurion's House, Kitchen Queens of Yerucham, Torah Study session at Bamidbar, Discover the archaeological story of the Western Wall , Western Wall Tunnels, Tour of the Archaeology Wing at the Israel Museum, Greet the Sabbath at the Western Wall, pray together as a congregation at the "Masorati Kotel", Meet Lone Soldiers, New sound and light show at the Tower of David, Ruins of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls, Masada and the Dead Sea, Guided tour of Yad Vashem Campus focusing on Holocaust art, Tasting tour of the bustling Machane Yehuda Market, Hebrew Music Museum, Update on Israeli politics, New Six Day War Heritage Museum on Ammunition Hill, Your 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. Your experience will be a exciting fantastic, fun-filled spiritual adventure! Come join us.

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One does not travel to Jerusalem, one returns

See next page for itinerary

Sunday, May 3 – Depart USA Monday,

May 4 – Going up into the Land •

Morning arrival in Israel to be met and assisted by your ITC representative (today's program depends on arrival time) •

Walking tour of the historic **Neve Tzeddek** neighborhood, once home to Zionist cultural pioneers Eliezer Ben Yehuda, S.Y. Agnon and Rabbi Kook, which 25 years after its founding gave birth to Tel Aviv – The first Hebrew city in 2,000 years

• **ITC Touch: Discover City of Sand** and Sea, a mosaic fountain created by artist and writer Nachum Gutman portraying scenes from the history of Jaffa and Tel Aviv

Hear about the establishment of Tel Aviv at the Founders' Monument then stroll down Rothschild Boulevard to view the Bauhaus architecture for which central Tel Aviv was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site •

Visit the new Israeli Innovation Center located in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to learn how Israel became the Start Up Nation •

Lunch on own •

Tour the Israeli Museum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center for a critical look at Israeli history and society

1st Timers Option: Multimedia tour of the Palmach Museum to learn about the elite underground organization that played a critical role in founding the State of Israel •

Check-in to the Carlton Hotel on Tel Aviv's Mediterranean Coast

Welcome Dinner at Maganda Restaurant in Tel Aviv's old Yemenite Quarter. • Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday May 5 – Defense and Pioneering in the Western Negev

Travel to the western Negev

Visit Kibbutz Alumim to meet with a local kibbutznik and hear first-hand about living on the Gaza border, pioneering in the Negev and kibbutz as a community

Briefing on local regional security from Rafi Babian, security coordinator of the Sdot Negev Regional Council and Kibbutz Alumim member

Lunch at Kibbutz Alumim •

Discover hi-tech agriculture and innovative crops on the Salad Trail on Moshav Talmei Yosef • Encounter/workshop with local sculptor Yaron Bob, who has created works of art out of Kassam rockets that have fallen in the region

Travel to the Negev Highlands •

Check-in to the Ramon Inn in Mitzpe Ramon • Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Wednesday, May 6 – Negev Highlands: Primeval Desert Beauty

Learn about the natural history of the region at the multimedia Makhtesh Ramon Visitors Center dedicated to fallen Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon

Explore Makhtesh Ramon (Ramon Crater) on foot and by jeep to discover magnificent desert landscapes and a fascinating window into the earth's past

Lunch on own

ITC Touch: Encounter with a traditional Bedouin community in the Negev Highlands for a "non-touristy" Bedouin tourism experience - Hear about how social changes are impacting their community

Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Ramon Inn, Mitzpe Ramon

Thursday, May 7 – Vision and Development in the Negev

Walk in the stunning white canyon of Ei Avdat in the Zin Valley in the Zin Valley

Tour of David Ben Gurion's House on Kibbutz **Sde Boker** to learn about his vision for developing the Negev

Travel to the Negev development town of

Yerucham

Lunch with the **Kitchen Queens of Yerucham** - a true gastronomic experience •\

Tour of **Yerucham** with a local social activist to hear about its transformation from a downtrodden development town to a dynamic growing community •

Study session on the role of the desert in the Torah at **Bamidbar**, a Yerucham based educational and social action center • Travel north to **Jerusalem** \

Check-in to **Leonardo Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem**

Dinner on own • Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, May 8 – The Old City of Jerusalem: An Ancient Jewish Legacy

Discover the archaeological story of the **Western Wall** and episodes of Jewish life in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago at **Robinson's Arch** and the **Southern Wall Excavations**, including a recent discovery related to the Chanukah story •

Unique tour of the Western Wall Tunnels, including impressive new discoveries with **Dr. Avi Solomon**, the site's former chief archaeologist (subject to availability) •

Tour of the Archaeology Wing at the **Israel Museum** with an emphasis on Jewish Archaeology, followed by free time to explore additional exhibitions on own

Lunch on own

Free time to relax and prepare for Shabbat

Friday/Shabbat Evening Options:

Join hundreds of other Jews from around the world to Greet the Sabbath at the Western Wall. Option to pray together as a congregation at the "Masorati Kotel", where men and women can stand together or attend Friday night services at a local Jerusalem synagogue.

Festive Shabbat Dinner at hotel – Lone Soldiers invited, subject to availability. • Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem Saturday/

Shabbat, May 9 – And on the Seventh Day....in Jerusalem •

Shabbat morning services at a local Conservative/Masorati synagogue.

Traditional Shabbat Lunch at hotel

Shabbat Afternoon Options:

Late afternoon walking tour to the historic **Montefiore Windmill** to discover the first neighborhood built outside the walls of the Old City and/or Walking tour to the First Temple period Jewish burial site at **Ketef Hinnom** – Where archaeologists discovered the oldest biblical text ever found

Havdalah with Rabbi Mishkin •

Dinner on own •

Evening: Watch the **New sound and light show at the Tower of David** •

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday, May 10 – Nature, Rebels and Refugees in the Judean Desert

Tour the ruins of **Qumran**, where the **Dead Sea Scrolls** were discovered and hear about the ascetic Jewish sect that lived there 2,000 years ago

Lunch on own

1st Timers Option – Masada and the Dead Sea: Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?

Set out across the **Judean Desert** and ascend Masada by cable car to tour the ruins of Herod's palace and the last outpost of Jewish independence.

Discussion: Which Jewish Legacy – Masada or Yavne

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. •

Lunch at Dead Sea resort

Return to Jerusalem •

Free evening •

Dinner on own

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, May 11 – Holocaust, Remembrance and Continuity

Guided tour of Yad Vashem Campus focusing on Holocaust art. This tour will examine both art created to memorialize different aspects of the Holocaust and art produced during the holocaust by its victims, including visits to the **Museum of Holocaust Art, the Yad Vashem Synagogue** and viewing sculpture installed at Yad Vashem.

1st Timers Option: Yad Vashem Tour of Yad Vashem – Israel's national Holocaust memorial and museum, including the Holocaust History Museum and Children's Memorial

Tasting tour of the bustling Machane Yehuda Market to discover Jerusalem's many flavors from East and West •

Lunch on own, if still hungry •

Guided tour of the new Hebrew Music Museum in downtown Jerusalem's Nachalat Shiva neighborhood to learn about the history of Jewish music from biblical times and through seven different regions of the Diaspora

Free evening •

Dinner on own

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, May 12 •

Update on Israeli politics by Steve Linde, editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Report and former editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Post •

Multimedia tour of the **new Six Day War Heritage Museum on Ammunition Hill**, the site of the fiercest and most costly battle of the Six Day War •

Lunch on own

Geopolitical tour of Jerusalem to examine several key geopolitical issues impacting on the city, including borders, building and settlement (Jewish and Arab) and Israel's security fence •

Dinner on own •

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, May 13 – Modern Realities and Departure •

Engage in **hands on tzedakah** preparing food packages for distribution to some of Israel's neediest people at **Pantry Packers** in southern Jerusalem

Tour of less visited sites in the **Jewish Quarter: The Israelite Tower**, a 2,600 year old "archaeological puzzle" beneath the modern day neighborhood, the restored **Karaites Museum** and hear about the remarkable new discoveries under the ruins of the **Tiferet Yisrael Synagogue**

Lunch on own •

Remainder of afternoon free to explore on own and get in last minute shopping

Late check out

Farewell Dinner at Olive and Fish Restaurant

Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport

Thursday, May 14 – Arrive in USA