

## **Makom NY Israel Tour - February 13-26, 2024**

Led by Rabbi Debbie Bravo and Sherry Gutes

*Tentative Itinerary – as of 7.12.23*

### **Tuesday, February 13: *Depart USA***

Delta Airline flight 234 ETD: 11:45 PM.

### **Wednesday, February 14: *Welcome to Israel!***

Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport at 5:35 PM. Meeting and assistance through customs. Transfer to Tel Aviv.

Welcome dinner at Petrozilia restaurant, Rothchild BLVD.

Optional: Deep toes in the Mediterranean Sea.

Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv



### **Thursday, February 15: *Tel Aviv: Past meeting the Future***

Breakfast at hotel. Visit the Palmach Museum, an interactive museum displaying the legacy of the Elite striking force of the Haganah and Israel battle for Independence.

Enjoy a one-time experience of lunch and story in the private home of Doris Haifai, located in Ajami neighborhood, Jaffa

Visit Peres Center for Peace and Innovation; the center, founded by Nobel Peace Laureate and former President of Israel Shimon Peres, explores Shimon Peres' vision for Peace in the Middle East and Israel as a leading start-up nation.

Free evening to explore the city on your own.

Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv



### **Friday, February 16: *Nachalat Binyamin-Kabbalat Shabbat***

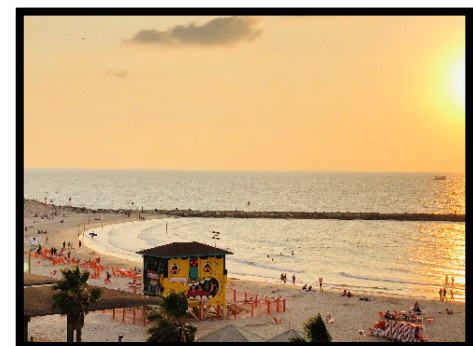
Breakfast at hotel. Graffiti tour of the colorful Florentine neighborhood. Visit Anu Museum of the Jewish people.

Visit Carmel Market and Nachalat Binyamin arts and crafts market.

Kabbalat Shabbat at Beit Daniel.

Shabbat Dinner and Overnight: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv

***Shabbat Shalom***



**Saturday, February 17: *Ein Gedi - Masada - Dead Sea***

Breakfast at hotel. Depart Tel Aviv to Ein Gedi Nature reserve, where David hid from Saul; enjoy the unique desert fauna and flora. Proceed to Massada. Ascend by cable car to Masada; King Herod's fortress and the Jewish Zealots last stronghold.

Proceed to the Dead Sea, lowest place on earth.

Havdalah service overlooking the Dead Sea.

Optional evening activities on your own: Spa treatments, local mall or walk along the sea.

Dinner and Overnight: Nevo Hotel, Dead Sea

**Sunday, February 18: *Dead Sea - Sde Boker***

Breakfast at hotel. Free morning to enjoy a dip in the Dead Sea, hotel and spa facilities.

Drive via the Negev Desert to Mamshit Ranch for a Camel tour of the Negev mountains.

Proceed to Sde Boker, view David Ben Gurion's grave site overlooking Zin stream.

Dinner and Overnight: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

**Monday, February 19: *Mitzpe Ramon***

Breakfast at hotel. Drive to Mitzpe Ramon. Introduction to the desert at Ramon visitor center; learn about Ilan Ramon space heritage and the formation of the Machtesh. Jeep tour of Machtesh Ramon.

Visit Nana Farm: meet today's pioneers and see how David Ben Gurion's vision materialized into reality.

Afternoon tea and coffee at a Bedouin tent.

Dinner and Overnight: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker



**Tuesday, February 20: *Life on the Border Line - Jerusalem***

Breakfast at hotel. Depart Kedma to Ashalim to discover the secrets of desert agriculture at Ramat Negev Agriculture Research and Development Center.

Proceed to the "Gaza Surrounds". Visit Path to Peace at Kibbutz Nativ Ha'asara; Setting mosaic stones on the border wall between Israel and the Gaza Strip followed by tour of the Moshav, conversation and lunch.

Drive to Jerusalem. Shehechyanu ceremony overlooking the "Golden City".

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



**Wednesday, February 21: *Old City of Jerusalem***

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Yad Lakashish; Lifeline for the Elderly. Today we experience the thrill of entering the Old City.

Visit the newly renovated Davidson Center for an audio-visual visit to Beit Hamikdash. See Southern Wall excavations. Walk to the Western Wall and have first visit at the Kotel. Guided tour of the Kotel Tunnels, the underground continuation of the Western Wall, along the Temple Mount.

Continue via the Arab Shuk and the Roman Cardo – the "Ancient Mall" of the Old City, to the Jewish Quarter.

Lunch on your own and free time in the Jewish Quarter. Visit the Hurva synagogue including old city overlook.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



**Thursday, February 22: *Mazal Tov to Bnei Mitzvot and families!***

Breakfast at hotel. Overlooking Jerusalem Old City, Rabbi Debbie Bravo will lead B'nai Mitzvah Service and Ceremony - A lasting memory you will always treasure.

Festive B'nai Mitzvah celebrations: Israeli baking class and festive lunch at Shukriya.

Mitzvah project at Pantry Packers; Packing food for people in need.

Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



**Friday, February 23: *New City of Jerusalem***

Breakfast at hotel. View the Knesset and the Israel Supreme Court. Guided tour of Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial including the Children's Pavilion. Special B'nai Mitzvah Twinning project, followed by ceremony and certificate presentation. Visit the Valley of the Communities.

Culinary tour of the famous Machane Yehuda Market. Free time to explore the market on your own.

Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel.

Shabbat Dinner and Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

***Shabbat Shalom*****Saturday, February 24: *Shabbat in Jerusalem***

Breakfast at hotel. Free at leisure in Jerusalem. Optional on your own: Shabbat morning services at HUC or Shira Chadasha, Israel Museum, Tower of David Museum, walk through old city. Overnight: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

**Sunday, February 25: *Archeological dig - Departure***

Breakfast at hotel. Drive via Ellah Valley where David fought Goliath to Tel Maresha, for a most fascinating experience, digging our roots at Beit Guvrin with the guidance of the Archeological Seminars Experts. We will learn about past civilizations and visit a Roman Columbarium. Return to Jerusalem.

Farewell dinner.

Transfer from Jerusalem to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure home. Meeting and assistance. Delta flight # 235 ETD: 11:55 PM.

**Monday, February 26: *Arrival USA******Shalom Ulehitra'ot***