

TEMPLE BETH OR CONGREGATIONAL JOURNEY TO ISRAEL



Tel Aviv | Haifa | Akko | Safed | Golan Heights
Jerusalem | Dead Sea | Masada

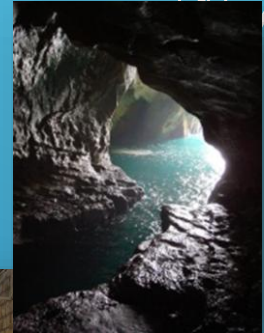
Dates June 14 to 26, 2017

Cost \$3000 ground estimated
\$1500 EL AL air estimated

Highlights:

- Visit Old Jaffa and the promenade along Tel Aviv beach
- Help begin a partnership with Congregation Or Hadash in Haifa
- Shabbat hospitality creating a person to person bond through social, educational, religious and cultural experiences
- Tour Haifa from the mountains to the sea including Bahai Gardens
- Visit the Golan Heights, *Beit She'an* National Park, Jerusalem, Mt Scopus, Western Wall, *Yad Vashem* Holocaust Museum and Mt Herzl
- Participate in *Rosh Chodesh* service with Women of the Wall at the *Kotel*

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Led by
Rabbi Lucy Dinner



Information session
Tuesday November 29, 2016 7:30 PM at TBO
Come for a complete briefing - RSVP Temple office

Temple Beth Or Journey to Israel



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June 14-25, 2017

***Beginning a partnership with
Congregation Or Hadash in Haifa***



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Temple Beth Or Itinerary

June 14-25, 2017

Wednesday June 14, 2017

Depart to Israel

Day 1 – Thursday - June 15

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport; meet guide and drive to Tel Aviv; check in to hotel; opening ceremony on promenade along Tel Aviv beach; dinner in local restaurant. Overnight: Tel Aviv

Day 2 – Friday - June 16

After breakfast, check out of hotel. Go on walking tour of Old Jaffa including visit to archaeological museum; continue to Shalom Tower, original site of *Gymnasia Herzliya* school, with model of *Ahuzat Bayit* (early Tel Aviv) and beautiful Nahum Gutman mosaic showing the development of Tel Aviv; walk up Rothschild Boulevard to Independence Hall, where the establishment of the State of Israel was declared by David Ben Gurion on May 14, 1948 and visit site. Continue up Rothschild Boulevard, learning about Bauhaus architecture and the growth of Tel Aviv; free time and lunch in the artists fair on Nachalat Binyamin Street or in adjacent Carmel Market. Drive to Haifa; check in to hotel. Join *Or Hadash* Congregation for *Kabbalat Shabbat* service and Shabbat dinner. Overnight: Haifa

Day 3 – Saturday - June 17

After breakfast, opportunity to attend Shabbat morning service at *Or Hadash*; lunch at hotel; in afternoon go on guided walking tour of Haifa neighborhood, including panoramic view of Bahai Gardens; return to hotel for guest speaker: Israel Update followed by *Havdalah*; dinner on own. Overnight: Haifa

Day 4 - Sunday - June 18

After breakfast, meet with Israeli screenwriter for program about Israeli society through film (tentative). Then, check out of hotel and drive north to *Rosh HaNikra*; descend in cable car to grottoes formed by waves crashing against the rocks over millions of years. Drive to Akko for humus and falafel lunch on own in local restaurant. Then, tour the Hospitallers Fortress and the Templar Tunnel. Drive east to Druze community of *Beit Jahn* to enjoy coffee, tea and cakes and to learn about Druze community in Israel. Continue to guest house on *Kinneret*; check in; dinner at guest house. Overnight: Kibbutz Guest House

Day 5 – Monday - June 19

After breakfast, meet with representatives of *Achim L'Chaim*, a non-profit organization made up of wounded Israeli soldiers helping other wounded Israeli soldiers recover from their injuries; drive to Mt *Bental*, overlooking site of crucial tank battle between Israel & Syria in 1973 *Yom Kippur* War; ride in ATVs; lunch on own in Druze community in Golan Heights; visit Golan Winery; drive to Safed; tour city and visit galleries; drive to *Bat Ya'ar* Ranch for dinner (tentative); return to guest house. Overnight: Kibbutz Guest House

Day 6 – Tuesday - June 20

After breakfast, check out of guest house. Visit Old *Gesher* to learn about early Zionist settlement in the Jordan Valley as well as about Pinhas Rutenberg and the area's first hydro-electric plant built before the state of Israel was established. Continue to *Beit She'an* National

Park, the site of one of the most important cities in antiquity, with archaeological ruins dating back over 5,000 years. Lunch on own in *Beit She'an*. Drive to Jerusalem; stopping at Mt Scopus for panoramic view and “*shehecheyanu*” ceremony celebrating arrival to Jerusalem; check in and dinner at hotel. Overnight: Jerusalem.

Day 7 – Wednesday - June 21

Visit Temple Mount; continue to City of David, where Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago; visit Davidson Archaeological Park; continue to *Kotel* (Western Wall); lunch on own in Jewish Quarter; free time in Jewish Quarter to visit galleries and shops; continue to Israel Museum; visit the model of Second Temple period Jerusalem and Shrine of the Book; dinner in local restaurant. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 8 – Thursday - June 22

After breakfast, meet with representative of IRAC (Israel Religious Action Center), the public and legal advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. Tour the Israeli Supreme Court considered to be one of the most beautiful public buildings in Israel; continue to *Yad Vashem* Holocaust Museum and Memorial; lunch on own in *Yad Vashem* cafeteria; walk up path to Mt Herzl and pay respects at Herzl’s grave as well as at the graves of former Israeli leaders. Walk down Mt Herzl through military cemetery learning about the human price paid in defense of the state. Return to hotel. Dinner on own. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 9 - Friday - June 23

After breakfast, drive south to *Ein Gedi* Nature Reserve; walk to David’s Waterfall; then, drive south to Masada; ascend by cable car and tour site; descend by cable car; lunch on own at restaurant at Masada. Then, drive to beach at northern end of Dead Sea. Float/swim in Dead Sea. Then, return to Jerusalem to prepare for Shabbat. *Kabbalat Shabbat* service at *Kol HaNishama* Congregation (tentative) followed by traditional Shabbat dinner at hotel. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 10 - Saturday - June 24

After breakfast, opportunity to attend Shabbat morning service at the modern Orthodox congregation of *Shira Hadasha*; lunch at hotel; in afternoon go on guided walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhood; free time. *Havdalah*; dinner on own. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 11 - Sunday - June 25

After breakfast at hotel, drive to Old City to participate in *Rosh Chodesh* service with Women of the Wall at the *Kotel*. Drive to *Yad L’Kashish* (Lifeline for the Old), a non-profit helping the elderly of Jerusalem. Tour site and visit shop. Free time in downtown Jerusalem. Meet back at hotel in late afternoon for late check out and discussion summarizing trip. Festive final dinner in local restaurant. Drive to airport; fly back to US

Monday - June 26

Early morning arrival back in US

Extension to Eilat & Petra

Day 11 – Sunday - June 25

After dinner, return to hotel. Overnight: Jerusalem

Day 12 – Monday - June 26

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for flight to Eilat; day at leisure in Eilat. Dinner on own. Overnight: Eilat

Day 13 – Tuesday - June 27

Opportunity to spend the day touring in Petra; return to Eilat; dinner on own in Eilat. Overnight: Eilat

Day 14 - Wednesday - June 28

Enjoy Eilat; in late afternoon fly to Tel Aviv; fly back to US at night

Thursday - June 29

Land back in US

Estimated Cost per person:

\$3000 ground (minimum 20 participants)

\$1500 air

Single Supplement \$995

Eilat add on, including Petra \$970

To learn more & reserve your place:

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