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**Community Mission to Israel**

*April 28-May 4, 2025*

*updated December 31*

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| **Monday, April 28:** | ***Bruchim haba’im – welcome!*** |

* Land in Israel
* Meet and greet in the airport
* Meet your guide, pack up the bus, and begin the program
* Volunteer at the **Leket logistics Center** near Ra’anana
* Check into the hotel and freshen up
* Get an update on what has been happening in Israel from October until today with a **political analyst**
* Welcome dinner in a local restaurant

***Overnight:*** *Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, April 29:** | ***Embracing the Gaza envelope*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* In Sderot, **overlook the Gaza border** to better understand the history of the area; then see the October 7th memorial built at the site of the **police station**
* Visit **Kibbutz Kissufim** – badly damaged on October 7th – and check out Adath Israel’s contributions to restore the residents to their homes
* Visit to a drone base/artillery base/Iron Dome station
* Return to Tel Aviv
* Dinner in the hotel
* Tonight is the start of **Memorial Day for Israel’s Fallen Soldiers**; there will be a siren for one minute at 8:00pm, which will mark the opening of ceremonies around the country; we will attend one

***Overnight:*** *Tal by the Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, April 30:** | ***Memorial day*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Visit **rehabilitating soldiers** in Sheba Hospital
* Today at 11:00am, a two minute siren will sound in memory of Israel’s fallen soldiers
* Travel to Jerusalem
* Meet with a member of the **Shalom Hartman Institute** for a look at how society is dealing with the aftermath of October 7th
* Check into the hotel and freshen up
* This evening, we make the sharp transition from mourning to celebration as Israel brings in **Independence Day**! Join in the local celebrations

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, May 1:** | ***independence day***  |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Option one: Join the **March of the Living Parade** from City Hall to the Western Wall

Option two: See how impressive King Herod’s Temple Project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**

* Tour the new **National Library**
* Treat **Israeli soldiers to a BBQ** dinner, celebrate with them and hear the stories they have of their time spent defending Israel

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, May 2:** | ***Other sides of the story*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Encounter at the hotel with **Issam, a Palestinian** who grew up in Gaza but fled and now lives in the West Bank; hear his point of view on the latest political situation in Gaza as he sees it
* Pay your respects to the soldiers who lost their lives over the last few months at the **Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery**
* Support Israel at the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**, lunch on own
* Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
* Join the thousands of Jews as they bring in **Shabbat at the Western Wall**

**OR**

Join one of the interesting services around Jerusalem, which could include Zion, Shira Hadasha, Hekhel, etc.

* Enjoy Shabbat dinner in the hotel as our group **hosts Lone Soldiers**

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Saturday, May 3:** | ***shabbat shalom*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Attend a local **Masorti Service**; join the community for kiddush and an opportunity to sit down and have an organized conversation with the members
* Shabbat lunch in the hotel
* Optional **walking tour** of Mishaknot Shaananim and Yemin Moshe
* Musical Havdallah
* Evening at leisure to support Israeli restaurants and businesses in town

***Overnight:*** *Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, May 4:** | ***democracy in action*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Enter the **Knesset**; tour the building, then meet with member/s of the Knesset for some insight into some of Israel’s foremost issues
* Program about telling Israel’s story at the **Stand with Us** Visitors Center
* Meet with **Yizhar Hess** – the vice-chair of the World Zionist Organization, representing the Masorti Movement – in the National Institutions Buildings
* **Final discussion**
* Farewell dinner
* Transfer to the airport for your flight home
* Start planning your next trip to Israel!
* Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
* Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator.
* All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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