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***B’nai Torah Congregation***

***“My Heart is in the East” Tekumah Trip to Israel***

*March 19-24, 2025*

(Itinerary subject to change)

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| **Wednesday, March 19** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Rendezvous at Ben Gurion airport in the morning.
* Packed Brunch
* Visit Kikar Hahatufim (Hostages Square) and tefillah.
* **Volunteer at the Leket logistics center near Ra’anana**.
* Continue to Jerusalem.
* Pay our respects to those who have fallen at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery.
* Welcome Dinner
* Check-in at hotel.

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Thursday, March 20** | ***tekumah region*** |

* Breakfast at hotel and check-out
* Travel to the Tekumah region (Gaza border area).
* **Volunteer in the agricultural sector or helping to rebuild Kfar Aza, one of the hardest hit communities on October 7th.**
* Picnic Lunch
* Visit the “car cemetery” a memorial site.
* Pay your respects at the site of the Nova Festival at Re’im where so many young people were killed or kidnapped by Hamas. *Mincha* service.
* Return to Jerusalem.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Friday, March 21** | ***to be a free nation in our land*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel & tefillah
* Morning Speaker: Yitzhak Sokoloff or Neil Lazarus for a strategic update OR Learning session with the faculty of the Hartman Institute
* Guided Tour of the newly opened National Library including the Bearing Witness Archive of the events of October 7th.
* Lunch break (on own) in Machaneh Yehuda shuk. Pick up food for tomorrow’s picnic lunch.
* Prepare for shabbat
* 17:11 Candle lighting
* Kabbalat Shabbat at the hostage families tent at Kikar Paris or at Kehillat Tzion.
* Festive shabbat dinner at the hotel.

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Shabbat, March 22** | ***shabbat in jerusalem*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Shabbat morning services at local synagogues.
* Lunch is on your own today. *It is possible to pre-order Shabbat lunch at the hotel for an additional fee or join Rabbi Epelbaum for a picnic lunch at a nearby park (weather permitting).*
* Free time to rest or explore
* 18:28 Group Havdalah
* Dinner and evening at leisure

***Overnight:*** *Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem*

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| **Sunday, March 23** | ***northern exposure*** |

* Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and load bus.
* **Volunteer hands-on** preparing sandwiches for schoolchildren who are evacuees or have parents in reserve duty.
* Travel north along the Jordan River Valley to the Southern Golan Heights.
* Lunch break (on own) en route
* Ascend the Golan Heights. Meet with Maj. (Res.) Yaakov Selavan at Tel Saki who is also the Deputy Mayor of the Local Council. Security Briefing overlooking Syria. Mincha.
* Continue to Zichron Ya’akov.
* Check-in at hotel.
* Dinner at the hotel with Jesse Hutcher.

***Overnight:*** *Elma Hotel, Zichron Yaakov*

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| **Monday, March 24** |  |

* Breakfast at the hotel, check-out and load bus.
* Tefillah and meeting with Rabbi Elisha Wolfin of the Masorti community of Zichron Yaakov, Ve’ahavta.
* Program with local residents of Zichron Yaakov.
* Home Hospitality Druze Lunch and meeting with Druze IDF soldiers.
* **Volunteering or agricultural work**
* Summary discussion and farewell dinner
* Transfer to airport for departing flights.
* 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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