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**Temple Israel Center & Congregation Beth Sholom**

**Stand With Israel**

**Led by Rabbi Annie Tucker & Rabbi Joel Pitkowsky**

*March 24-29, 2024*

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| **Sunday, March 24** | ***DeParture*** |

* Departure from Newark on El Al Flight 26 at 10:00pm

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| **Monday, March 25** | ***bruchim haba’aim-welcome to israel*** |

* Arrival at Ben Gurion airport at 2:20pm
* *(Assistance upon arrival by Keshet representatives).*
* Airport Snack
* Meet with families of hostages waiting for their loved ones to be released by Hamas and then join the Masorti prayer circle at 5:00pm at **Kikar Hachatufim** (Hostages Square) (Let’s pray that they are home by then).
* Check-in at hotel.
* Welcome Dinner at the hotel

***Overnight:*** *Carlton, Tel Aviv*

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| **Tuesday, March 26** | ***kol yisrael arevim zeh l’zeh*** |

* Breakfast at hotel
* Volunteer with Leket or the Jaffa Institute.
* Lunch break (on own)
* *Bikur Cholim* at the Tel Hashomer rehab facility of Sheba Hospital or Program at the Brothers for Life “Beit Achim” facility in Kfar Truman. BFL is an organization of injured IDF soldiers who help support other injured soldiers.
* Visit the Magen David Adom National Blood Services Unit.
* Group Dinner
* Eve: Meet **evacuees** to hear their personal stories from the October 7th attack and the challenges of being displaced as a community.

***Overnight:*** *Carlton, Tel Aviv*

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| **Wednesday, March 27** | ***otef aza (western negev)*** |

* Breakfast at hotel, check-out and depart
* Travel to the Gaza border area.
* Meet with local farmers who were forced to leave their lands and homes after the October 7th attack. They have now returned to farm without the Thai workers who have left Israel.
* ***Adopt the farmers*** and help them with various work in the agricultural sector.
* Picnic Lunch
* **Tour Kfar Aza** with one of the residents who survived the Hamas attack on October 7th. Kfar Aza was one of the hardest hit communities.
* Continue to Jerusalem
* Check-in at the hotel.
* Dinner and evening at leisure.

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

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| **Thursday, March 28** | ***“to be a free nation in our own land”*** |

* Breakfast at hotel.
* Morning Speaker: Reflections on “Swords of Iron” with Yitzhak Sokoloff.
* Bearing Witness: Meet Rachel Goldberg and Jon Polin, parents of Hersh Goldberg-Polin who was captured by Hamas, to hear their ordeal and offer them support. (Hopefully they’ve been reunited.) OR Meet with the parents of Adi Vital-Kaplan z”l who was killed by Hamas on Simchat Torah at Kibbutz Holit
* Lunch break (on own) at Machaneh Yehuda shuk
* Pay your respects to the soldiers who lost their lives over the last few months at the Mt. Herzl National Military Cemetery
* Summary discussion and farewell dinner with lone soldiers.
* Transfer to the airport for departing flight

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| **Friday, March 29** | ***arrival in New York*** |

* Departure on El Al Flight 027 at 1:00am
* Arrival in Newark at 7:00am.
* 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.
* This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet.

**Waiver**

Israel is currently facing a challenging time. However, we want to assure you that Keshet, as the organizer of this trip, is committed to prioritizing your safety and well-being above all else.

Before joining us on this journey, we kindly request that you sign a waiver acknowledging the current war situation in Israel. This waiver will state that Keshet cannot be held responsible for any harm caused by the war. It is a standard precautionary measure that allows us to proceed with the trip while ensuring everyone's understanding of the risks involved.

Rest assured, our team is closely monitoring the situation, working in collaboration with local authorities and experts to ensure the highest level of security and support for our participants. Your safety remains our utmost priority.



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