

**MERCER COUNTY
JEWISH
COMMUNITY
SOLIDARITY MISSION TO
ISRAEL
NOVEMBER 1-9, 2025**

Saturday, November 1st

DEPARTURE

Depart Newark Airport for the optional Group Flight to Israel

Sunday, November 2nd

BRUCHIM HABA'IM

Arrival in Israel

You will be met in the airport by a **Keshet representative** who will take you through baggage claim and over to your awaiting guide

Travel to Tel Aviv and check into your hotel

Free time to freshen up, go to the adjacent beach, or go shopping

Meet with a political analyst to hear what has been happening in Israel over the last two years

Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday, November 3rd

TEL AVIV

Breakfast at the hotel

Volunteer work with the **Leket Israel** distribution center

At the **ANU Museum of the Jewish People**, see how Jews were spread around the world and their contributions to it; we will see the October 7th exhibition there as well

Lunch at the ANU Museum

Encounter with members of a community of those impacted by October 7th

Dinner in a local restaurant with a guest speaker on "The History of Gaza"

Processing session

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv





Tuesday, November 4th

THE GAZA ENVELOPE

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the South

In the border city of Sderot, **overlook the Gaza border** to better understand the history of the area; then visit the **police station memorial**

Enter one of the Gaza border **kibbutzim** to see and hear first-hand about the tragedies they experienced On October 7th and to get a sense of their resilience

Visit the site of the **Re'm Supernova Festival** to pay our respects and hear from a representative of Zaka
Packed Lunch

Volunteer work in the city of **Ofakim**

Encounter with soldiers located in the area and treat them to a Special Dinner

Return to Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel

Wednesday, November 5th

THE GAZA ENVELOPE

Breakfast at the hotel

Departure to the south

Visit to **Kfar Aza** to discuss "Why I am returning to the Kibbutz" with a returning Kibbutznik.

Lunch and discussion with farmers on "The Future of the Agricultural Industry"

Visit to **Segev Shalom** to meet with Amal, an inspirational Bedouin woman who has taken it upon herself to help with much of the 200,000 strong Bedouin community of the Negev during this difficult time

Meet with the community of **Magen Avraham of Omer** – celebrating its 50th anniversary. Visit the new Magen David Adom Blood Center

Dinner on your own in Jerusalem (restaurant suggestions will be provided)

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem





Thursday, November 6th

JERUSALEM

Breakfast at the hotel

Visit to the **Shalom Hartman** Institute to explore the social ramifications of October 7th

Meet with and hear the incredible story of Palestinian **Issam Saad**, a former Gazan who has been on the Hamas's Most Wanted list after starting an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue camp for Israeli and Palestinian youth

Visit Beit Avi Chai

In the afternoon, take a **culinary tour** of the **Machane Yehuda Shuk**; then participate in a **cooking workshop**, and dine together on the results!

Free evening to support Israel's economy (shopping!) and perhaps attend a cultural event.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, November 7th

JERUSALEM

Breakfast at the hotel

Bikkur Cholim – visit injured soldiers in a local hospital, hear their stories and pamper them with gifts

Pay your respects to the soldiers and hostages who lost their lives over the last two years at the **Mt. Herzl**

National Military Cemetery

Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat as a community at the Ezrat Yisrael (Robinson's Arch) egalitarian section of the Kotel

Return to the hotel for a Shabbat Dinner We have the bus for those who do not want to walk back to the hotel

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem





Shabbat, November 8th

JERUSALEM

Breakfast at the hotel

Free morning. You may want to:

- Join Shabbat services at the Kol HaNishama (Reform), at the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism, Tzion, or other local synagogues
- See the Dead Sea Scrolls and other gems at the Israel Museum
- Visit the Museum of Islamic Art

Shabbat Lunch at the hotel

Take a walking tour of **Mishkanot Shaananim** and **Yemin Moshe**, two of the first neighborhoods outside of the Old City

De-Briefing Session

Farewell Dinner at a nearby restaurant

Check out of the hotel

Transfer to the airport for your flight home

Sunday, November 9th

DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL TO NEWARK

Flight to EWR

Land in New Jersey

PLEASE NOTE

This itinerary is a basic outline and will surely be amended as the situation in Israel changes

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; all included meals are kosher

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





PRICING AND TERMS

Land Package Price Per Person:	\$4,130
Group Airfare:	\$1,620
R/T Bus to EWR	\$ 100

- In double occupancy hotel accommodations based on a minimum of 25 paying participants.
- If there will be fewer than 25 paying participants, the price per person will increase.

Additional Fees Billed and Paid Separately (not included in package price above)

Standard Tips & Gratuities \$135 per person for guide, bus driver, hotel bell staff and waiters for included meals.

Options & Discounts

Option	What is it?	Add/Deduct
Single Occupancy	One person per hotel room (<i>limited availability</i>)	Add \$1,365

Deposit & Payment Schedule

May 1, 2025	Deposit of \$500 per participant (<i>applied to total payment</i>)
July 1, 2025	50% payment due
September 1, 2025	Payment due in full (<i>including tips</i>)

Refund Schedule per Person In case of cancellation of the trip or your withdrawal from the trip or your non-participation in the trip for any reason including covid-19 related reasons

Please note that if the group or its representatives decide to cancel or postpone the group trip or if the trip is canceled due to circumstances not under the control of Keshet, after the 50% payment date, the refund schedule below will apply

Payment Options

• **Online** – Pay with MasterCard or Visa online at <https://www.keshetisrael.co.il/registration-form>

• **Check** – Mail a check payable to **Educational Encounters International, Inc.** to:

Educational Encounters International, Inc., 110 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 228, Montvale, NJ 07645

Keshet strives to offer fair pricing and therefore does not budget for contingencies resulting from weather or security issues. Itineraries may be altered as a result of these factors. Also, the prices listed reflect rates quoted by hotels and vendors as of March 2025. In the event of devaluation of the US dollar exchange rates, hotels and other vendors may add surcharges; Keshet reserves the right to pass on such increases on to trip participants.



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Accommodations

Hotel	Dates	Hotel	Dates
Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv	November 2-5	Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem	November 5-9

Refunds

Cancellation after	Refund
May 1, 2025	Full refund less \$300 per person
July 1, 2025	Full refund less \$1,600 per person
September 1, 2025	Full refund less \$2,800 per person
October 1, 2025	No Refund

Group Flight Information

Flight schedules are the responsibility of El Al Airlines and are subject to change without notice; Keshet assumes no responsibility for flight schedule changes. Participants who register for the full land and air package have until July 20, 2025 to change to “land only” with no penalty. Cancellation of flight reservations after July 20, 2025 will result in a \$200 “flight cancellation fee” due to penalties assessed by the air carriers. Flight changes or cancellations requested after September 1, 2025 will incur significant penalties including possibly the entire cost of the ticket. **A minimum of 10 passengers is required for the group flight reservations and rate.**

KESHET CAN ARRANGE FOR A MEET AND GREET AND A TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL FOR PARTICIPANTS NOT ON THE GROUP FLIGHT AT A COST. THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO TAKE A GETT (ISRAELI UBER) FROM THE AIRPORT TO THEIR HOTEL, WHICH WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE.

Departure from USA to Israel	Departure from Israel to USA
Saturday, November 1 9:50 PM departure from Newark on El Al flight #26	Sunday, November 9 1:00 AM departure from Ben Gurion Airport on El Al flight #27, landing at 6:00 AM in Newark

Please note: Airline taxes surcharges **are** subject to increase or decrease without advance notice by the airlines, until the date that tickets are actually issued. Should these fees increase between the final billing and actual ticketing, we will send you a supplemental bill for the difference.

While group flight reservations provide favorable payment and refund terms, flexibility regarding requests for deviations from the group flight dates and schedule is limited and subject to additional fees. Additionally, the airlines assign a block of seats to the group and generally do not honor individual requests for specific seats.





Package Price Includes

OPTIONAL: Round trip airfare on El Al Airlines as per the itinerary
“Meet & Greet” service at Ben Gurion International Airport for group flight
One group transfer from and to Ben Gurion International Airport for group flight
All group transportation in Israel on private chartered bus as per the itinerary
All hotel accommodations – *double occupancy* - as per the itinerary
All site admissions and programs as per the itinerary
Israeli breakfast every morning plus 9 additional included meals
Keshet Israel Tour Educator
Keshet hat and insulated water bottle
Keshet Luggage Tags and Map of Israel

Not Included in Package Price

Meals on your own
Laundry service
Personal charges at hotels and restaurants
Meals not included in the itinerary
VAT at hotels for Israeli citizens
Travel Insurance



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Trip Insurance

While you are free to purchase insurance from any company of your choice, Keshet has made arrangements with Travel Insurance Center of Omaha, Nebraska who have over 25 years of experience as worldwide insurance brokers and can help you choose the policy that best meets your needs. Our contact agent is Brandon Hughbanks

[E-mail: bhughbanks@travelinsurancecenter.com](mailto:bhughbanks@travelinsurancecenter.com)

USA phone: 1-866-979-6753 Ext. 3636

Let them know you are on a Keshet group to receive the best deals

***Please note:** We cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failure to secure adequate insurance coverage.*

?? QUESTIONS ??

Please contact Geoff Winston, Keshet's Program Director (our guide), with any questions about the Solidarity Mission:

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