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Multigenerational Journey To Israel | Led by Rabbi Aaron & Cantor Weiss

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Program **Outline**

We are committed to providing you with an educational, enlightening, and inspirational program that will be created in partnership with you.

01: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 | ON OUR WAY TO ISRAEL | FLIGHT

- ◇ Depart the USA

02: THURSDAY, JUNE 16 | THE BEGINNING OF A SPECIAL JOURNEY | JLM

- ◇ Arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport. Our representative will be on hand to assist with all formalities and ensure your journey has the smoothest of starts.
- ◇ Meet your tour educator who will accompany you on this journey of education and inspiration.
- ◇ **Welcome to Jerusalem:** Drive to the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- ◇ Check into the hotel.
- ◇ **A First Look at the Holy City:** Over the centuries, many have been moved and awed by their first sight of Jerusalem. We'll stop at the **Yemin Moshe** famous windmill for a stunning overview of the city and celebrate our arrival with a special ceremony and the traditional "**shehechyanu**" blessing of thanksgiving.
- ◇ Welcome **dinner** at a local restaurant.



03: FRIDAY, JUNE 17 | THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM | JLM

- ◇ **Looking Out, Taking In:** We'll climb to the top of the **Tower of David**, one of the best places to see Jerusalem in all its beauty.
- ◇ Take a walking tour through Jerusalem's **Old City** and the **Jewish Quarter** and experience the center of Jewish life, history, and holiness. The highlights include:
 - A walk along the **rooftops** that will provide an extraordinary scene of multi-faith Jerusalem. From this one spot, we will see the domes of three great religious landmarks: The Church of the Holy Sepulchre (marking where Jesus is believed to have been crucified); the Jewish Quarter's Hurva synagogue; and the Dome of the Rock, one of Islam's most sacred and beautiful sites.
 - The **Cardo**, the main street of Roman-controlled Jerusalem and its spectacular Byzantine-era columns.
 - King Hezekiah's "**Broad Wall**", a massive wall built to protect Jerusalem from invasion 2,700 years ago.
 - **Hurva Square**, the center of modern-day life in the Jewish Quarter.
- ◇ Lunch on own in the **Jewish Quarter**.
- ◇ No visit to Israel is complete without experiencing the **Kotel** (Western Wall), widely considered Judaism's holiest site. Each year, over one million notes containing prayers and wishes are placed in the cracks of the wall. We'll discuss the wall's historical and contemporary importance and experience its unique atmosphere.
- ◇ **At the Heart of It All:** Explore the **City of David**, the core of ancient Jerusalem, and learn how the city was administered during the First Temple period. Our visit will include:
 - **Archaeological discoveries** illustrating how the wealthy and powerful lived in ancient Jerusalem.
 - The **Gihon Spring**, the source of Jerusalem's water, which was integral to its survival and religious ceremonies.
 - Wading through the 2,700-year-old **water tunnels** (there's an optional dry exit), an architectural wonder of King Hezekiah's.
 - Traveling through time as we walk in **ancient drainage channels** from the City of David to the Western Wall's massive foundation stones at the foot of the Temple Mount.
- ◇ Return to the hotel and prepare for Shabbat.
- ◇ **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at **Kehillat Kol Haneshema**, (pending confirmation).
- ◇ **Festive private Shabbat dinner** at the hotel.



04: SATURDAY, JUNE 18 | MASADA & THE DEAD SEA | JLM

- ◇ Enjoy an **early breakfast** at the hotel before setting out to explore the **Dead Sea** region.
- ◇ **As Low as It Goes:** We'll drive to the Dead Sea Basin, 1412 feet below sea level and the lowest place on earth. The desert, the landscape, and the views are breathtaking.
- ◇ **The Last Stand:** Climb via the Snake Path OR take the cable car to the top of **Masada** with its extraordinary views and fascinating archaeological remains. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is where Jewish rebels are believed to have made their final attempt to resist Roman invaders (c 74 CE). We'll learn about Masada's importance as a symbol of Jewish defense and discuss its influence on modern Israel.
- ◇ **Lunch and a "Swim" in the Sea of Salt:** Float into happiness on the **Dead Sea**. Not much can live or swim in what is the saltiest piece of water in the world, nine times saltier than the ocean, but the weightless feeling of floating is great fun. We'll also enjoy a **buffet lunch** at the hotel.
- ◇ Hike in **Nahal David**, part of the **Ein Gedi** Nature Reserve. This is a desert oasis with springs, waterfalls, and freshwater pools, so don't forget your swimsuits. Nahal David is named after the biblical David, who fled here to escape from the murderous King Saul (time permitting).
- ◇ Return to Jerusalem.
- ◇ **Three Stars in the Jerusalem Sky:** At nightfall, we will mark the end of a special Shabbat with a communal **Havdallah** ceremony overlooking the Old City.
- ◇ Free time in the **Mamilla Mall**, an upscale shopping street and the only open-air mall in Jerusalem, located outside the Jaffa Gate of the Old City.
- ◇ **Lights! Action! Jerusalem!** Watch the **Night Spectacular** at the **Tower of David Museum**. The walls of the Citadel serve as the stage for this cinematic celebration of sight and sound depicting the story of Jerusalem.



05: SUNDAY, JUNE 19 | MEMORY & RENEWAL | JLM

Option 1:

- ◇ **The Holocaust and Contemporary Israeli Society: Dr. Rachel Korazim** will examine how Yad Vashem reflects the Israeli understanding of the Shoah. In particular, we'll explore the radically different ways in which secular Zionist and ultra-Orthodox leaders understood the causes and meaning of the Holocaust. Dr. Korazim is a renowned educator and expert on Israel and the Holocaust.

Option 2:

- ◇ **Israeli active games** in the hotel courtyard.

All:

- ◇ Depart the hotel.

Option 1:

- ◇ Visit **Yad Vashem**, the national memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, an essential emotional and educational experience. Your guided tour will include:
 - The **Avenue of the Righteous**, where trees symbolic of the renewal of life have been planted along with plaques honoring brave non-Jews who saved Jews during the Shoah.
 - The **Historical Museum**, a state-of-the-art interactive display reflecting decades of research and educational expertise. The story of the Holocaust, with an emphasis on individual victims, is told through survivor testimonies, original artifacts, and personal possessions saved from the ghettos and camps.
 - The **Children's Memorial**, commemorating the 1.5 million children lost during the Holocaust.
 - A **memorial service** where we will pay tribute to those who were lost. It will include the opportunity to talk about family members and loved ones who died during the Shoah.

Option 2:

- ◇ Gain insight into urban wildlife at the **Jerusalem Bird Observatory** Jerusalem through birdwatching and bird-banding.

All:

- ◇ Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Mahane Yehuda** open-air market.
- ◇ **Little Guy versus Big Guy:** As we drive by **Tel Azeka**, the site of David's biblical battle against Goliath, we'll read the old story through new eyes.



05: SUNDAY, JUNE 19 | CONT'D

- ◇ **Diggin' for Roots:** Get in touch with the land and history of Israel. Take part in an **archaeological dig** at the **Beit Guvrin Caves**. Get your hands dirty uncovering pottery from the Hellenistic period, 2300 years ago, and then crawl through the Maresha Cave Labyrinth (non-crawling options are available) in this UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ◇ Return to Jerusalem.
- ◇ Optional : **Going Under, Going Deeper:** Explore the **Western Wall Tunnel**, the underground continuation of the Kotel, and examine important archaeological discoveries that are revising our understanding of daily life in ancient Jerusalem.
- ◇ **High Times in the Holy City:** Jerusalem at night provides a very different vision of the Holy City. Check out how the locals let their hair down during a free evening and explore Jerusalem nightlife including:
 - The **Mamilla Mall**, an upscale, open-air food and shopping area located outside the Old City's Jaffa Gate.
 - The **First Station**, Jerusalem's rail link from the late 19th century has been transformed into a center of restaurants, shops, and culture.
 - Joining the crowds strolling through the **Ben Yehuda** and **Nahalat Shiva** Pedestrian Malls.



06: MONDAY, JUNE 20 | FUN & ADVENTURE ON THE WAY NORTH | UPPER GALILEE

- ◇ **Challenges and Triumphs of Religious Pluralism and Social Justice in Israel:** Dialogue with **Anat Hoffman**, Executive Director of the **Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC)** at Azarat Israel, the egalitarian section of the **Kotel** (Western Wall).
- ◇ Check out of the hotel.
- ◇ **How Fast Can This Thing Go?** The patriarch Abraham will welcome us to **Genesis Land** for a taste of life and travel in biblical times as we take a **camel** for a test drive and ride into the heart of the desert.
- ◇ As we drive north through the **Jordan Valley**, we'll discuss the strategic and political situation in this area and consider how Israeli control over it is viewed by some as vital to national security but by others as an impediment to any future agreement with the Palestinians.
- ◇ **Cool Off Down the Jordan River:** With the hot weather, it's time to take to the water with **rafting or kayaking** down the Jordan River. This is the parched Middle East rather than the Rockies, so the current is mainly calm and suitable for ages five and up. Water shoes are recommended. Other activities include:
 - **Climb and Clamber:** After cooling down, get your adrenaline levels up at the **adventure park**. It includes a 40- foot high, all-levels climbing wall and 20 different rope bridges.
 - **Zip:** You can also ride on a 300-foot zipline that will send you careening into to the Jordan River.
- ◇ Drive to the hotel and check in.
- ◇ **Ready-Steady-Cook!** Who are the champion cooks on the trip? Find out in a **cooking competition** where laughter and fun are at the top of the menu. Guided by a professional chef, we'll split into teams and prepare a meal using the flavors of the Galilee. And after the cooking comes the eating with **dinner**.



07: TUESDAY, JUNE 21 | **SERENITY & SECURITY IN THE GOLAN** | UPPER GALILEE

- ◇ **Higher Ground:** Hit the ground racing as we go off-road for a **jeep tour** of the **Golan Heights** that will combine natural beauty with security insights into one of Israel's most strategically important areas. Retrace the experiences of Israeli soldiers in their battles during the Six-Day War of 1967 and the 1973 Yom Kippur War and talk with your jeep drivers about their personal experiences and feelings about the Golan.

Option 1:

- ◇ **60 Minutes – Israel's Security Challenges Along Its Syrian Border:** Meet with a research expert and reserve IDF officer from the **Alma Research and Education Center** for a security briefing at observation points along Israel's border with **Syria**. Find out about the security implications of Syria's civil war, Iran and the Shi'ite axis on the border, Operation "Good Neighbor," United Nations (UNDOF) activity in Syria, and security challenges on the Syrian border.

Option 2:

- ◇ **Northern Borders, Northern Battles:** We'll gaze across the Golan and into Syria from the top of **Mount Bental** and gain powerful insights into Israel's geopolitical and security situation. After that, we will go through the original bunkers and gain insight of the daily life of the soldiers.
- ◇ **Lunch** at Kibbutz Merom Golan Restaurant.

Option 1:

- ◇ **From Little Things, Great Things Grow:** The Golan Heights is wine country. Sample some of its best at the **Pelter Winery**. Nir and Tal Pelter used to run this winery out of the backyard of their family farm. The brothers have proven their expertise since then, but the winery remains a boutique family affair. We're doing the driving, so you're welcome to treat yourself to Pelter's Israeli gin along with the grapes.

Option 2:

- ◇ **Comfort You Can Eat:** Enjoy the culinary delights of a **chocolate workshop** at the **De Karina Chocolate Factory** on Kibbutz Ein Zivan. Chocolatier Karina Chepelinski continues her family's tradition of creating handmade premium chocolate. During this tour and workshop, taste various chocolates and learn what makes it so delicious. Then, experiment with quality ingredients to create your own chocolate masterpiece.
- ◇ **Dinner** at the hotel.



08: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 | THE COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTH | TLV

- ◇ Check out of the hotel
- ◇ Perhaps it's the combination of mysticism and art, and maybe it's the mountain air in Israel's highest city; entering **Tsfat**, there is a sense of something uniquely Jewish but not quite of this world. Here, you'll:
 - Visit the **Ari synagogue** and share in the inspiration and innovation that moved **Rabbi Isaac Luria** (the Holy Ari) and his fellow mystics. In Tsfat they developed the Kabbalah, the esoteric insights of Judaism and created Kabbalat Shabbat, the prayers sung on Friday evenings to welcome the arrival of the Sabbath.
 - Walk through the cobbled streets and alleyways to the **Artists' Colony** with its galleries, shops, and studios.
 - Engage in a musical session with the local **Agadata** band, playing Kabbalah inspired music on authentic musical instruments.
- ◇ **Growing More with Less:** During this AgriTour of **Kibbutz Magal**, discover how the Kibbutz has become a global leader in smart irrigation while building a thriving agricultural presence. We'll see the **Netafim Greenhouse Park**, which is creating greenhouse solutions for climates around the world; tour the Kibbutz and surrounding area with its spectacular views of the Haviv Valley and Israel's narrow waist; and sample **olive oil** from Israel's leading producer, Masik, on the Kibbutz.
- ◇ Drive to **Tel Aviv** and check into hotel
- ◇ A free evening to sample the excitement of Tel Aviv after dark with dinner (on own account).



09: THURSDAY, JUNE 23 | THE MOSAIC OF THE FIRST HEBREW CITY | TLV

Option 1:

- ◇ **Beginnings:** Modern Tel Aviv grew out of ancient **Jaffa**. Gaze out over the Mediterranean Sea; learn why Jaffa, mentioned in the biblical story of Jonah and the Whale, is so historically important; and see how its Old City reflects the present as well as the past.

Option 2:

- ◇ **I Like Bike:** Tel Aviv's waterfront is one of the city's most beautiful areas. It's even more fun on two wheels, so we'll take to our **bikes** and cruise along the coast from the Jaffa Port to the Charles Clore Park with sights and stories of the city along the way.

All:

- ◇ **Special program** with the **Institute for the Advancement of Education in Tel Aviv-Jaffa** ("The Jaffa Institute"), a private, non-profit, multi-service social agency, established in order to assist thousands of severely disadvantaged children and their families.
- ◇ **Ethnic Tasting Tour:** Eat, drink and learn at **Levinsky Market**, where we'll sample food, sweets and spices from all over the Mediterranean and the Middle East and try to figure out what is Israeli about Israeli food. This ethnic tasting tour can double up as a delicious lunch.
- ◇ **What's Going on in Bohemian Tel Aviv?** Join an expert on Tel Aviv's alternative scene for an urban adventure and **graffiti tour**. Explore the latest street art and find out what it reveals about life, ideas, and ideology in Israel's cultural capital.
- ◇ Return to the hotel.

Option 1:

- ◇ **The US - Israel Relationship: Origins, Present and Future:** Briefing with **Major (Res.) Dan Feferman**, a fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute, a leading think-tank focusing on issues of importance to Israel and the Jewish people, and a former foreign policy and national security analyst, strategist and adviser in the IDF.

Option 2:

- ◇ Enjoy the rest of the afternoon crashing the waves of the Mediterranean Sea.



10: FRIDAY, JUNE 24 | FOUNDATIONS OF A CITY & STATE | TLV

Option 1:

- ◇ **Neve Zedek** was one of Tel Aviv's first neighborhoods as the city grew outside of Jaffa. Stroll through this stylish area with its boutiques, galleries, and the Suzanne Dellal Center, Israel's world-class home of contemporary dance.

Option 2:

- ◇ **Stylish Scavengers:** Cryptic clues and madcap missions will let you to discover, on this **scavenger hunt** in **Neve Zedek**, why one of Tel Aviv's oldest neighborhoods feels so young and cool.
- ◇ Stop by the famous **Anita** ice cream parlor and buy the scoop of your choice.

All:

- ◇ **From Hebrew City to Hebrew State:** Walk along the **Independence Trail** and embark on a remarkable journey that begins with the founding of Tel Aviv in 1909 and ends with the establishment of Israel in 1948.
- ◇ Browse your way through **Nahalat Binyamin**, Tel Aviv's arts and crafts market.
- ◇ Return to the hotel.
- ◇ **Kabbalat Shabbat** services with **Beit Tefilah Israeli** (location TBD). As the sun sets over the Mediterranean Sea, join Israelis from diverse backgrounds welcoming Shabbat through prayer, song, and joy.
- ◇ **Festive Shabbat dinner** at the hotel.



11: SHABBAT, JUNE 25 | **CREATING MEMORIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME** | DEPARTURE

- ◇ Visit **ANU – Museum of the Jewish People**, the largest Jewish museum in the world, and join a fascinating journey that portrays the story of the Jewish people through the generations and up to the present time. The Museum represents all parts of the Jewish people and highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of communities in different periods of history.
- ◇ Enjoy lunch at the **Sarona Market**. Through the smells, flavors, and tastes of this renovated historical Templars town, explore the range of cuisine – from local street food to fine dining by world-renowned Israeli chefs.
- ◇ **Arming for Independence**: Visit the **Ayalon Institute** near Rehovot and uncover its role in the establishment of the state of Israel. This secret ammunition factory produced millions of bullets for Jewish forces fighting for a Jewish state and the end of British rule over Palestine.
- ◇ Return to the hotel and enjoy free time to prepare for your journey back home, with dinner on own.
- ◇ **Three Stars in the Israeli Sky**: At nightfall, we will mark the end of a special Shabbat with a communal **Havdallah** ceremony overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.
- ◇ Late check out of the hotel, transfer to **Ben Gurion International Airport**, and check into your flight home.

12: SUNDAY, JUNE 25 | **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN** | FLIGHT

- ◇ Arrive in the USA.



Rates & Lodging

Group rates are land only, per person sharing a double room:

Dates	Nights	Lodging	Room Cat.	City
Jun 16-20, 22	4	Orient	Orient	Jerusalem
Jun 20-22, 22	2	Pastoral	Boutique Garden	Kfar Blum
Jun 22-25, 22	3 + LCO	David Intercontinental	Executive (with no lounge access)	Tel Aviv

# OF PARTICIPANTS	40+	Price per child sharing as a 3 rd (Age 2-12)	Single Supplement
	\$5,325	\$4,075	+\$1,890

What to **Expect**

Included:

- ◇ 9 nights' accommodations, including portage at the hotels.
- ◇ 10 days of touring with a tour educator (guide) in a luxury, air-conditioned bus.
- ◇ 1 group transfer and assistance from/to the airport.
- ◇ All site entrance fees & program fees as per your final program.
- ◇ Mineral Water during all touring days.
- ◇ Portage at the airport & hotels.
- ◇ Guaranteed late check-out on day of departure.
- ◇ Online portal that to inform & to facilitate recruitment and registration.
- ◇ A personal tour operator will take care of all your logistics and work with you to ensure a successful and seamless travel experience.
- ◇ Daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 5 dinners.



Excluded:

- ◇ Flights to & from Israel.
- ◇ COVID related tests.
- ◇ Evening transportation when dinner is not included.
- ◇ Amendments to the program: In the event that any sites, programs or meals etc are added to the program, an additional fee may be required.
- ◇ Personal extras: Items of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, beverages, coffee, tea, food other than the table d'hotel menu, passport and visa fees, insurance, and foreign port taxes, unless otherwise specified.
- ◇ US and foreign airport taxes, Q fuel surcharge and border taxes when applicable.
- ◇ Value Added Tax is currently not applicable to tourists visiting Israel. Should the law change, you will be notified accordingly, and VAT will be added to your final invoice.
- ◇ Gratuities: We recommend the following guidelines for tipping (amounts are in US dollars): Group of 15 participants and more: Tour Educator: \$12 | Driver: \$6 - per participant per day.

Terms & Conditions (T&C's):

Please review separate attachment or request that we send you our full T&C's. Until you do that, here is the small print, and other stuff you may want to know:

Rates: Rates are per person based on double occupancy and a minimum number of 40 full-paying participants. Should the number of participants drop below the minimum listed, the cost of the trip will be adjusted to reflect the additional expense of operating the program.

Currency: Tour prices are per person in **U.S.** dollars. All hotel accommodations, motor coach transportation, special dinners, sightseeing, admissions, luggage handling and the services of local guides, drivers, and the tour guide/educator are included.



Payment policy: The following payment policy has been instituted in order to reflect current realities. J² Adventures reserves the right to adjust its terms of payment, including cancellation policies and initial deposits. Notification of any changes will be made explicitly to the participants where relevant.

- An initial refundable deposit of \$500 per person, non-transferable is due at the time of reservation unless another amount is indicated.
- Final payment is due 90 days before the scheduled trip begins, or as specified in your invoice.

Cancellation policy: All cancellations need to be made in writing.

- If your cancellation is made more than 30 days prior to departure all your monies will be fully refunded.
- If your cancellation is made less than 30 days prior to departure you will be provided with a travel credit, valid for 18 months for travel on a J² travel program.
- If your J² travel program is cancelled at any time you will receive a full refund.

Cancellation less than 30 days before departure may also include:

- Hotel or supplier cancellation fees.
- The cost of the PEACE OF MIND TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (POM), for trips only to Israel, if this was purchased.

Travel insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase your own travel insurance. Please discuss land, air, and health insurance options with your insurance provider. Some insurance programs provide more comprehensive coverage when the policy is purchased in close proximity to the initial trip deposit. We, therefore, recommend that you secure insurance within 14 days of your initial deposit payment date.

Cancellation fees may also include:

- Hotel or supplier cancellation fees.
- For trips in Israel only: The cost of the PEACE OF MIND TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (POM), if this was purchased.
- Group airfare penalty fee.



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