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*Family Israel Adventure
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Date	Program	Meals/Overnight
Sunday June 24	Departure from LAX on El Al 006 at 1:30pm, non-stop flight to Tel Aviv.	
Monday June 25	<i>Bruchim Haba'im! Welcome to Israel!</i> Arrival at Ben Gurion airport at 2:00pm. We proceed directly to Mt. Scopus for an opening program. Say the <i>Shehechyanu</i> while overlooking the Old City of Jerusalem. Welcome dinner and check-in at hotel.	<u>Airport Snack</u> <u>Welcome Dinner</u> Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem
Tuesday June 26	<i>This Year in Jerusalem</i> Descend to the City of David, where the kings and prophets of Israel created a civilization that impacted on all of humanity. Wade through Hezekiah's water tunnel, built 2700 years ago to protect Jerusalem's water supply from invading armies. Explore the Jewish Quarter. Adults will see how Jerusalem's elite lived 2000 years ago at the Herodian Mansions. Kids will go on a scavenger hunt in the Jewish Quarter. Lunch stop in the Jewish Quarter. Visit the Southern Wall Excavations at the base of the site of the Temple, once the largest building in the world and center of Jewish life in the Land of Israel. (or Kotel Tunnel Tour if available) Dinner and evening at leisure.	Lunch-on own in Jewish Quarter Dinner-on own in Jerusalem Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem
Wednesday June 27	<i>The Second Temple and Its Times</i> Visit the Southern Wall Excavations at the base of the site of the Temple, once the largest building in the world and the center of Jewish life in the Land of Israel. Join a unique salvage dig to help Israeli archaeologists sifting through remains of the Temple Mount at Emek Tzurim. <i>Politics of Peace</i> In the afternoon, adults will receive a strategic briefing by leading political analyst followed by a political topography tour of Jerusalem and the separation barrier with a representative of Rabbis for Human Rights or Ir Amim. Parallel program for the kids with hands-on activities at the Ein Yael Living Museum and pool time. Dinner and evening at leisure.	Lunch-on own in Jerusalem Dinner-on own in Jerusalem Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem
Thursday June 28	<i>Mitzvah Day!</i> We begin the day at Yad L'Kahshish, Lifeline for the Elderly, where shopping is a true mitzvah. We then break into small groups to perform our special Bnei Mitzvah chessed projects at different places in and around Jerusalem.	<u>Kiddush</u> Lunch-on own in Jerusalem Dinner-on own in

	<p>In the late afternoon, we'll enjoy a special interactive art program with Kol Ha'Ot: "Illuminating Jewish Learning Through Art". Dinner break. Evening: Tower of David sound and light show.</p>	<p>Jerusalem</p> <p>Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Friday June 29</p>	<p><i>From Out of the Crucible</i> We learn and remember at Yad Vashem, including visits to the historical museum, Children's Memorial, and our own group ceremony. (Young children will visit the Biblical Zoo). Then it's time to explore the exciting cacophony of Jerusalem's famous Machaneh Yehuda fruit & vegetable market, where many of Jerusalem's residents converge every Friday to prepare for Shabbat. Return to the hotel to for our own preparations and a pre-shabbat snack. Kabbalat Shabbat services as a group at Robinson's Arch (the egalitarian Kotel). Then continue to the Kotel Plaza to welcome Shabbat together with thousands of Jews and other visitors from all over the world. Return to the hotel for a festive Shabbat dinner.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own in Machaneh Yehuda</p> <p><u>Shabbat dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Shabbat June 30</p>	<p><i>Shabbat in Jerusalem</i> Shabbat worship and Bnei Mitzvah ceremony at the beautiful Haas Promenade overlooking Jerusalem. Celebratory Kiddush. Shabbat lunch at Bet Shmuel, a youth hostel established by the Reform Movement in Israel. Afternoon at leisure to enjoy the hotel pool or visit museums on your own. (The Tower of David is open from 10-2, Israel Museum is open 10-4, Bible Lands Museum is open 10-3, Islamic Art Museum 10-2, Ramparts Walk 10-4, Bloomfield Science Museum 10-4) We reconvene in the late afternoon for a Seudah Shlishit picnic and Torah study with Rabbi Levi (or Rabbi Bill Berk) followed by group Havdalah and evening at leisure.</p>	<p><u>Shabbat lunch at Bet Shmuel</u></p> <p><u>Seudah Shlishit picnic</u></p> <p>Dinner-on own</p> <p>Overnight: Mt. Zion Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Sunday July 1</p>	<p><i>A State in the Making...</i> We bid farewell to Jerusalem and travel to the Armored Corps Museum at Latrun which was also the site of a number of fierce battles during the War of Independence. Continue south to the Negev. Enjoy a home hospitality Moroccan lunch in the homes of residents at the development town of Yerucham. Exciting jeep ride in the Ramon Crater where we will see some of the most beautiful vistas in Israel and learn the secrets of its unique geography. Check-in and dinner at the kibbutz. Evening: Optional star-gazing to ponder why the Torah was given in the desert and what Elijah meant by a Still Small Voice.</p>	<p><u>Yerucham Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Maashabei Sade Guest House</p>
<p>Monday July 2</p>	<p><i>Negev Adventure</i> For the young at heart: Amazing but optional sunrise hike through Nahal Chavarin in the heart of the Central Negev Highlands. Return to guest house for breakfast and check-out. Visit Mitzpeh Revivim, one of the first modern settlements in the Negev and site of a field hospital from the War of Independence. Lunch stop in Beersheva. Then visit the Israeli Air Force Museum at Hatzerim. Continue to the Judean Desert. Late afternoon camel ride followed by authentic Bedouin hospitality and "hafla" dinner.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own in Beersheva</p> <p><u>Bedouin "hafla" dinner</u></p> <p>Overnight: Kfar Hanokdim Camel Ranch or Inbar Hotel, Arad</p>

	<p>Later, the younger set (and those who wish to join them) will camp out in a Bedouin tent (bathrooms and showers available). The others will spend the night in a hotel in Arad.</p>	
<p>Tuesday July 3</p>	<p><i>What Price Freedom?</i> Early morning ascent by the Roman Ramp of Herod's mountain fortress of Masada in time for sunrise. Explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. (Parallel programs for adults & kids). Descend by cable car. Light breakfast in the air-conditioned Masada youth hostel. Hike to the Nahal David waterfall in the Ein Gedi Nature reserve. Float in the Dead Sea. Travel north along the Jordan River Valley to the Galilee. Check-in and dinner at hotel.</p>	<p><u>Breakfast at Masada youth hostel</u></p> <p>Lunch-on own at Ein Gedi</p> <p><u>Dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House (Chalets-1 per family)</p>
<p>Wednesday July 4</p>	<p><i>Northern Exposure</i> Meet young IDF soldiers defending Israel's northern border. Ascend the Golan Heights to Mt. Bental. Explore the former Syrian bunkers overlooking Kuneitra. Adults-Meet Elaine Hoter, who wrote a children's book after her son was killed in a terror attack. Kids-Hands-on chocolate workshop at the De Karina boutique chocolate factory. Magical hike to the Jilaboun waterfall at Nahal Devorah. (Non-hikers can tour the Golan Heights award-winning winery). Return to kibbutz for dinner and overnight.</p>	<p><u>Picnic Lunch</u></p> <p><u>Dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House (Chalets-1 per family)</p>
<p>Thursday July 5</p>	<p><i>Mystics & Mountains</i> Explore the narrow alleyways and synagogues of Tzfat and learn how the mystical traditions that emerged in Tzfat 500 years ago continue to impact the Jewish world. (Parallel Program for kids with Otzer HaStam-Jewish calligraphy). Time for shopping and lunch on your own. Continuing across the Galilee and the Sharon Plain to Ra'anana. Program with our sister congregation Kehilat Ra'anana and meeting with Rabbi Tammi Kolberg. Family to family visits for home hospitality. Continue to Tel Aviv for check-in and overnight.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own</p> <p><u>Home Hospitality Dinner</u></p> <p>Overnight: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv</p>
<p>Friday July 6</p>	<p><i>Exile and Return</i> Begin the day reenacting the moving moment when David Ben Gurion declared the establishment of the State of Israel at Independence Hall OR visit the new multi-media Rabin Museum. Visit the Ayalon Institute, a secret underground bullet factory from the British Mandate Period. Explore the weekly arts & crafts fair in the historic Tel Aviv neighborhood of Nahalat Binyamin. Enjoy a musical Kabbalat Shabbat by the Mediterranean with "Bet Hatefilah Hayisraeli" at the Tel Aviv port. Return to the hotel for festive Shabbat dinner.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own</p> <p><u>Shabbat dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Overnight: Tal Hotel, Tel Aviv</p>
<p>Shabbat July 7</p>	<p><i>Shabbat in Tel Aviv</i> Shabbat morning services at Beit Daniel in Tel Aviv or as a group at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to explore cosmopolitan Tel Aviv's cafes or museums or enjoy the beach. (The Tel Aviv Museum of Art</p>	<p>Lunch-on own in Tel Aviv</p> <p><u>Farewell dinner at hotel</u></p>

	<p>is open 10-4, The Eretz Israel Museum is open 10-2, Bet Bialik is open 10-2, Rubin Museum 11-2, Nahum Gutman Museum of Art 10-3). Optional walking tour to the memorial of late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at Rabin Square.</p> <p>We reconvene in the late afternoon for a summary discussion and farewell dinner at the hotel. Group Havdalah followed by check-out and transfer to the airport for departing flight.</p>	
Sunday July 8	<i>Departure on El Al 005 at 1:10am. Arrival in LAX at 6:35am.</i>	

- Program will be staffed by senior tour educator and youth counselor to allow age-appropriate activities and family education opportunities.
- All breakfast plus meals are included in the package price.
- Listed activities and speakers' participation subject to confirmation.