

ISRAEL TOUR CONNECTION (ITC)
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CONGREGATION BNAI TIKVAH ISRAEL TOUR
with Rabbi Raphael Asher

13 – 25 July 2008

Religious and Cultural Diversity in Israel

Sunday, 13 July – USA Departure

- Overnight flight to Israel

Monday, 14 July – *When You Come Into the Land (Deut 26:1)*

- Late afternoon arrival at **Ben Gurion Airport** to be met and assisted by your ITC guide
- Ascent to **Jerusalem**
- Gaze upon the Temple Mount from the **Tayelet**, as did our forefather, Abraham, when he prepared to sacrifice Isaac. Take in the breathtaking view
- Hotel check-in and orientation
- **Welcome dinner** at the hotel
- Overnight: Har Tzion Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, 15 July – *Diversity in the Old City*

- Private prayer and reflection at the **Kotel**
- Explore the **Southern Wall Excavations** and have a virtual, computerized encounter with the ancient Jerusalem Temple at the **Davidson Center**
- Take in a rooftop view of the **four quarters** of the Old City of Jerusalem
- Meet with Father Pockrot, the Patriarch of the **Armenian Community** in the Armenian Quarter (if available)
- Free time for lunch and shopping in the **Jewish Quarter**
- At the **Burnt House**, experience a moving, informative presentation on the conflicts leading to the destruction of Jerusalem and the second Temple
- Free time for a swim at the hotel and supper (on one's own)
- Overnight: Har Tzion Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, 16 July – *Those Who Made a Difference*

- Visit the state-of-the art Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Children’s Memorial at **Yad Vashem** (age 12 and up only)
- ❖ **Alternative for younger children:** At the **Jerusalem Biblical Zoo**, enjoy meeting the animals that roamed this land during Bible times (accompanied by adult/s)
- Visit the **Herzl Exhibit**, where the Father of Modern Zionism and his untiring quest are “brought to life” before your eyes
- Optional: Admire the beautiful Chagall Windows at **Hadassah Hospital** (on one’s own)
- Dinner at Little Italy Restaurant (dairy)
- Evening: In the **Kotel Tunnels**, walk alongside the Western Wall’s massive foundation stones
- Overnight: Har Tzion Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, 17 July – *Freedom Fighters or Fanatics?*

- Early departure for **Masada**. Ascent by cable car for a tour of this magnificent excavation and a discussion of the terrible dilemma faced by its Jewish Zealot population
- Descend Masada by the Roman Ramp and visit **Tel Arad** to see a fascinating excavation of a site of “alternative” ancient Jewish worship, modeled after the Jerusalem Temple
- Meet with residents of the **Arad** and learn about its successes and challenges with immigrant absorption
- Stop for a dip in the amazing **Dead Sea**
- Return to Jerusalem for a free evening
- Overnight: Har Tzion Hotel, Jerusalem

Friday, 18 July – *Diversity in the Negev*

- Visit a center for **traditional Bedouin weaving** done in women’s homes in the village of Lakia. Learn about Bedouin culture and see the traditional process of hand weaving demonstrated
- Visit the **Ethiopian women’s crafts workshop** in Beersheva and hear about the challenges and accomplishments of this immigrant community
- At Moshav Nevatim, home to **Cochini Jews from India**, visit their impressive synagogue brought over from India and their small community museum
- Return to Jerusalem to prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat at the **Kotel**
- Festive **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel
- Overnight: Har Tzion Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat, 19 July – *Shabbat in Jerusalem*

- (Optional) Shabbat services at HUC, followed by a tour of the facility
- Study session at HUC on the subject of pluralism and diversity
- Sumptuous **Shabbat buffet lunch** at the hotel
- Shabbat rest
- **Shabbat afternoon walking tour** in a fascinating Jerusalem neighborhood near the hotel
- Free evening in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Har Tzion Hotel, Jerusalem
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Sunday, 20 July – *Foundations of the Modern State*

- Depart for Tel Aviv
- Climb down into the amazing underground, pre-State bullet factory built by the Haganah under the noses of the British at the **Ayalon Institute**
- Explore the alleyways, art galleries, and market stalls of **Old Jaffa**, once the gateway to Eretz Yisrael; review the biblical story of Jonah the Prophet on site
- At **Independence Hall**, relive Ben Gurion's moving declaration of the State
- Enjoy an impressive presentation of the amazing achievements of the Palmach at the recently opened multi-media **Palmach Museum** (if available)
- Dinner at Maganda Yemenite Restaurant
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday, 21 July – *Tel Aviv Tapestry*

- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Visit, **Selah**, a center that assists **needy immigrants** to Israel
- At the IDF's **Collection House**, encounter the wide-ranging contribution of Israel's army by exploring some of its hiding places and the varied things it collects
- At the **Jaffa Institute**, engage in hands-on activities with disadvantaged Tel Aviv youth and to learn of the wonderful work done there
- Return to the hotel for a **Mediterranean swim** and free time for dinner (on one's own)
- Evening meeting at the hotel with leaders of the **Reform Community** in Tel Aviv
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, 22 July – *Religious Diversity in Israel's North*

- Meet members of Israel's **Druze community**, hear about their fierce patriotism, and enjoy their warm hospitality
- Continue north to **Acco, city of three religions**: Visit several of the following: a Crusader fortress; the new exhibit at the adjacent **Turkish Baths**; the amazing **Tunisian Synagogue** in Acco, which is completely decorated with mosaics depicting stories from Jewish history and traditional texts; the British prison, where Jewish freedom fighters were incarcerated
- Delightful Lake **Kinneret boat ride**
- Enjoy a **lakeshore dinner** at Decks Steak Restaurant,
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar Hotel, North

Wednesday, 23 July – *The Golan Heights and the Galilee*

- Explore the magnificently excavated ancient city of **Tzipori**, home to Rabbi Judah the Prince and enjoy a family "detective" activity (ITC program) on site
- Visit the ancient **Caperneum Synagogue** on the shores of Lake Kinneret
- Travel to the **Golan Heights** by jeep, off the beaten track, and stop to gaze down over the Galilee as the Syrians once did
- Ascend to the peak of **Har Bental** and take in a panoramic view at the crossroads of three countries
- Free time for dinner (on one's own) on the **Tiberias boardwalk**
- Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar Hotel, North

Thursday, 24 July – Galilee Communities

- In Tiberias, visit **Dona Gracia House** to become acquainted with the fascinating life of this 16th century Jewish heroine and Tiberias financial leader
- **Plant a tree** in Israeli soil, in honor or in memory of a loved one
- Visit **Har Halutz**, a Reform community near Karmiel and learn about the joys and challenges of their life in the Galilee
- Enjoy **lunch** with members of Har Halutz
- Begin in-depth tour of the synagogues, courtyards, shops, and the grave and mikveh of the Ari z”l in the mystical city of **Tzefat**
- Enjoy **klezmer music** over dinner at the Bar-El Restaurant in **Tzefat**
- Depart for the airport for overnight return flight to USA

Friday, 25 July – A Temporary Departure

- Return to USA
- Begin planning your **next Israel trip!**

PRICES FOR THE ABOVE TOUR

“Land Only” Packages, based on group size

15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	single supplement
\$2715	2605	2505	2465	2365	2325	2295	595

Third person over 18 in triple room: **subtract** \$160

Child, age 2-13 as third person in a triple room: **subtract** \$502

Child, 14-18 as third person in a triple room: **subtract** \$251

Flights (NB: Rates depend on when booked and contract received from the airline; tour companies have only very limited control over group seating on flights.)

Terms & Conditions

- The above rates are per person based on double occupancy.
- Prices are per bus.
- Offer is for indicated or similar hotels, depending on availability
- Single supplement applies only when a passenger is allocated a single occupancy room.

All of this is Included in your Tour

- Deluxe accommodations, as per your itinerary
- Touring and entrance fees as per agreed upon itinerary
- Hotel taxes and portorage
- Meeting & assistance by your ITC representative within the arrivals terminal at Ben Gurion airport
- One of Israel's finest tour educators (guides) will be with you for the duration of the tour to give you insight into this beautiful, spiritual land
- Deluxe air-conditioned, comfortable modern motor coach & professional safety conscious driver
- Informative full-color Israel sourcebook - adults' and children's versions
- Souvenir Israel tour CD, personalized with input (photos, letters) from your touring group
- Knowledgeable ITC tour manager
- Hostess at Jerusalem hotel, based on minimum group size
- Daily buffet breakfasts, most weekday dinners, Shabbat dinner, and Shabbat lunch, as per itinerary

Not Included in Package

- Airport taxes & security/fuel surcharges
- Visa & border fees
- Items of a purely personal nature
- Private rooms for group meetings/meals at the hotel, unless specified in this offer
- Tips (\$120 per person)*
- Insurance

* Please note that this amount covers a basic recommended minimum tip for the guide, bus driver, and meal service staff at restaurants and hotels for the number of days the group will be in Israel. Travelers should feel free to add to this amount when in Israel, if they are so moved.

Important Information For All Travelers:

Please be aware that you may not fly to a foreign country if your passport has fewer than 6 months remaining. [Be sure that your passport, and those of all members of your traveling group, has an expiration date that is at least six months later than your day of departure.](#) If this is not the case, please take immediate steps to renew your passport!

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90-30 Days-
29 - 15 Days
14 Days-or Less

CANCELLATION FEE

\$200.00 per person*
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Registration Form:

Religious & Cultural Diversity in Israel hosted by Rabbi Raphael Asher, July 13-25, 2008

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Do you wish to extend to Egypt or Jordan? ___yes ___ no yes ___ no ___

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Do you wish to purchase Travel Insurance: ___yes ___ no yes ___ no ___

Final Payment will be March 31, 2008

Please sign here to acknowledge terms of trip: _____