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PROGRAM PROPOSAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Arrive in Israel! After refreshments, make your way up North to begin your ten-day adventure in Israel on the Caravan for Democracy Mission.

Travel to Ramat HaNadiv at Zichron Ya'akov for Shehechiyanu opening ceremony and overlook. Enjoy the stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Check-in

Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Ohalo Manor, North

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Breakfast at hotel

Group Orientation

Travel to the Golan Heights Learn about the role the Golan Heights played in the '73 war through an audio-visual show, followed by a debrief about historical and current developments in the Syrian and Lebanese fronts by Lt. Col. (res.) Guy Malal.

Independent lunch at Katzrin

Chateau Golan Tour and wine tasting.

Travel to hotel

Shabbat preparation

Kabbalat Shabbat Candle lighting and explanations of the Shabbat rituals.

Traditional Shabbat dinner at hotel

Oneg Shabbat A fun group activity at the hotel.

Overnight: Ohalo Manor, North



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

Breakfast at hotel

Yardenit Experience the tranquility and spiritual beauty of the waters in which Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

Capernaum Church The small village on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus preached in the synagogue. It is an opportunity for us to explore the roots of the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Lunch at Saint Peters' Restaurant

Relax and unwind at Hamat Gader This site of natural hot springs will keep keep you warm and cozy, even when temperatures outside are dropping.

Travel to hotel

Shower and Change

Group Debriefing at the hotel

Travel to Free Evening

Free Dinner and Evening

Overnight: Ohalo Manor, North

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Breakfast at hotel

Travel to Hospital

Ziv Hospital Visit Learn about operation Good Neighbor, Israel's aid to Syrian casualties. Meet with a doctor and get an insider's look on how the hospital operates.

Travel to Lotem

LOTEM Visit this inspiring JNF supported project. Lotem is the leading organization in Israel that offers accessible hikes and educational activities in nature around the country to children and adults with special needs.

Travel to Dalyat El Carmel

Muna's Kitchen lunch and Druze hospitality Meet people of the Druze faith and learn about this minority in Israel while eating a delicious, authentic lunch.

Travel to Jerusalem

Check-in

Dinner at hotel

Meet with Rami Nazzal a Palestinian journalist who is a resident of East Jerusalem and the son of Drs. Nafez & Laila Nazzal. Rami gained an insight into the cultures of the world by traveling extensively with his parents as they taught at world-renowned universities. He has worked for TIME Magazine since 2010.

Group Debriefing

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

Breakfast at hotel

Travel to Old City

Old City of Jerusalem Walking Tour Explore the vast history within the walls of the ancient city. Share in the legacy of religious life spanning generations and faiths. Learn about the ancient temples and their destruction, and the role the Old City plays for all three religions in contemporary politics and everyday life.

Visit the Western Wall Take time to write down your personal prayer before visiting The Western Wall.

Independent lunch and Free Time At the Old City of Jerusalem.

Security Barrier Tour Learn about the security situation in Jerusalem today and gain a deeper understanding of Jerusalem's role in the Middle East conflict.

Travel to hotel

Meet Matti Friedman, an inspiring journalist and writer for a discussion on current events from a journalist's perspective.

Dinner at hotel

Time to change and shower

Travel to free night

New year's eve party Celebrate the holiday in the holy city, Jerusalem.

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Breakfast at hotel

Travel to Yad VaShem

Visit Yad Vashem, the official Holocaust museum in Israel. Visit the monuments and memorials on the grounds of the museum and discuss the notion of heroism in the context of the Holocaust.

Travel to Sderot

Independent lunch at Sderot

Travel to Kfar Aza Visit this Kibbutz located near the Gaza border and meet with kibbutz member **Chen Abrams** for a discussion on life near the border.

JNF Indoor Playground Visit incredible JNF Playground that gives children in Sderot an opportunity to play safely even at times of war.

Travel to dinner

Bedouin Hospitality Meal Enjoy an authentic feast in a Bedouin community while learning about Bedouin life & culture.

Travel to hotel

Check-in

Group Debriefing

Overnight: Leonardo Hotel Negev, Beersheba



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

Breakfast at hotel

Mifgash with BGU Students Join local students for a discussion on life on campus in Israel and their involvement in social action projects in Beer Sheva.

Visit SodaStream, an island of peace where Palestinians, Bedouins and Jews work together to make this company what it is- one of the largest beverage companies in the world. SodaStream is an Israeli innovation that provides sparkling water to millions of homes worldwide.

Hineni Farm The Beta Israel Village Project is a unique social business which combines agricultural and educational activities with the intent of preserving Jewish-Ethiopian heritage and establishing it as a sustainable national asset.

Traditional Ethiopian lunch at Hineni Farm

Shafdan (Igudan) Reclamation Plant- Ecological Visitor Center Igudan is an association that assigns great importance to promoting and fostering environmental awareness in the community. The Visitor Center is an educational-ecological center, committed to expanding environmental education.

Travel to hotel

Check-in

Dinner at hotel

Meet with **Former Member of the Knesset Dr. Einat Wilf** for a discussion on the current political climate.

Group Debriefing

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD

Breakfast at hotel

Meet with Noam Gershony, an IAF pilot, wheelchair tennis player and para-olympic gold medalist. His story is one of inspiration and courage. Noam will tell the story of how his Apache helicopter crashed to the ground during the 2006 Lebanon war. In his presentation, he will talk about his courage and determination to live life to its fullest, even with life-threatening injuries.

Save a Child's Heart Visit this incredible non-profit organization that has saved the lives of more than 4,000 children from around the world. Meet the team that works hard to make it happen and get a chance to meet with the kids who are in Israel for their life changing surgery.

Travel to Neot Kedumim

Tour and Tree planting and Lunch at Neot Kedumim Plant a tree and leave a mark in Israel.

High Tech Startup Visit Learn about the "Startup Nation", the unique Israeli ecosystem and visit a successful startup.

Travel to hotel

Walk to free evening

Free evening and dinner in Tel Aviv

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH

Breakfast at hotel

Tel Aviv-Jaffa Opening + Rabin Square Activity

Tel Aviv walking tour Walk by Independence Hall the place where Israel was declared a state and hear about the dramatic events that led to the decision to announce its official birth in the midst of the Independence War.

Independent lunch and free time at Carmel Market Artists Fair

Rainbow Tour TLV Experience the story of the Israeli gay community through the lens of Tel-Aviv, the gay capital of the Middle-East and the home of a young, vibrant & colorful LGBTQ community.

Travel to hotel

Shabbat Preparation

Kabbalat Shabbat Candle lighting and explanations of the Shabbat rituals.

Meet with Hen Mazzig, who was recognized as one of Algemeiner's 2018 top 100 people most positively influencing Jewish life. Hen is a young, energetic, Israeli, who is a writer, international speaker, social media activist, and advocate for his country.

Traditional Shabbat Dinner at hotel

Meet with Titi Aynaw, an Israeli model and TV personality who became the first Ethiopianborn Israeli to win the title of Miss Israel.

Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH

Breakfast at hotel

Travel to Masada

Climb Masada Walk up the path built by the Roman army (in the 1st Century CE) in order to destroy the Jewish resistance group located atop the fortress. Learn about their heroic stand and its impact on modern Zionism. Descend using the snake path.

Meeting with JNF Faculty Professors at Masada

Travel to Dead Sea

Independent Lunch and beach time at the Dead Sea.

Travel to Tel Aviv

Shower time

Late checkout (end of Shabbat)

Travel to Graffiti Tour

Graffiti Tour Go on an exciting and surprising graffiti tour in the stylish neighborhood of Florentine. Experience the unique atmosphere of this place and learn about Israeli current affairs through the writing on the walls.

Wrap up Final group discussion at Florentina Restaurant.

Dinner at Florentina Finish the mission with a delicious closing dinner at the "Florentina" restaurant.



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