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CARAVAN FOR DEMOCRACY PROGRAM 1 TO ISRAEL *ITINERARY*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

- **Arrival In Israel:** Enjoy a brief dinner before traveling north to begin your 10-day adventure on the Caravan for Democracy Mission.
- Travel north
- Check In

Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen - Galilee

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

- Breakfast
- **Opening Session & Group Orientation:** You & your peers will begin to learn about each other & review the goals & highlights of the program. Learn about each other, where you come from, & what brought you to this program.
- Independent lunch at Katzrin
- **Golan Overlook:** Ascend to the top of the Golan Heights, & see first-hand the northern border with Syria. Learn about the history of this area & its importance to Israel.
- Travel to Golan Winery
- Wine Tasting & Tour at Pelter Winery
- Travel to hotel
- Traditional Shabbat Dinner with explanation of customs & rituals.
- Oneg Shabbat- Group Activity

Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen - Galilee

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

- **Yardenit:** Experience the tranquility & spiritual beauty of the waters in which Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.
- **Capernaum:** Visit 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 St. Peters' Restaurant, Amnun beach Sea of Galilee**
- **Mount of the Beatitudes:** Visit the site of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which forms the basis of Christianity's moral code.
- **Group Debriefing**
- **Dinner at Hotel**

Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen - Galilee

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

- **Walking tour of Wadi NisNas** An Arab-Jewish neighborhood filled with artwork telling the story of the challenges & triumphs of living in co-existence.
- **LOTEM:** Visit this inspiring JNF supported project. It is the leading organization in Israel that offers accessible hikes & educational nature activities around the country to children & adults with special needs.
- **Lunch & Druze Hospitality in the Village of Isfiya:** Learn about the Druze faith & enjoy a feast of authentic Druze food.
- **Travel to Tel Aviv**
- **Check In**
- **Dinner at hotel**
- **New Year's Eve:** Celebrate the holiday in Tel Aviv, the Israeli city that never sleeps.

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

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MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

- Meet with Former Member of the Knesset, Dr. Einat Wilf, for an introduction to the current political climate.
- **Independence Hall:** Visit the place where Israel was declared a state & learn of the dramatic events that led to the decision to announce its official birth in the midst of the Independence War.
- **Independent Lunch in Tel Aviv**
- **Meet with an Israeli entrepreneur about Startup Nation:** Understand why Israel is called the "Startup Nation" & meet with Mike a startup business developer from Brooks-Keret & Matan the founder & CEO of ShinSheva Makers space.
- **Open House the LGBTQ Community Center Tel Aviv:** The center was established in 2008 under the premise that every person regardless of age, race, or gender has the right to live freely.
- **Meet with Arik Ze'evi:** Ze'evi competed in the -100-kg category in Judo & won the bronze medal in the 2004 Athens Olympics. This lecture combines personal stories & analysis with different situations that Arik faced in the past, present, & future.
- **Walking Tour of Jaffa:** Enjoy a stroll through the enchanted alleyways of Old Jaffa while learning about its history & the reasons that led to the establishment of Tel Aviv.
- **Dinner at Dr. Shakshuka**

Overnight: Metropolitan Hotel, Tel Aviv

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

- **Wadi Attir Far:** Volunteer at this unique JNF project bringing traditional Bedouin agricultural knowledge to modern use
- **Independent Lunch in Sderot**
- **Tour of Sderot & visit to the Indoor Playground:** Visit sites that are affected by the instability in the region & learn about the incredible JNF Playground that gives children in Sderot an opportunity to play safely even at times of war.
- **Tour of Netafim Factory:** Netafim is the world leader in drip irrigation systems & agricultural projects. Since 1965, Netafim has been a pioneer in drippers, dripper lines, sprinklers & micro-emitters.
- **Bedouin Hospitality Meal:** Enjoy an authentic feast in an authentic Bedouin community while learning about Bedouin life & culture.
- **Check In**

Overnight: Kibbutz Mashabei Sadeh

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

- **Volunteer with Earth's Promise:** Learn about urban agriculture & their connection to Ethiopian immigrants. Get your hands dirty working on this JNF organic urban farm in Israel.
- **Independent Lunch in Beer Sheva**
- **Tour of Dalet Neighborhood in Beer Sheva:** Explore the biggest city in the Negev.
- **Join local students** for a discussion on life on campus in Israel & their involvement in social action projects in Beer Sheva.
- **Dinner at Hotel**
- **Group Debriefing**

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

- Travel to Jerusalem
- **Security Barrier Tour:** Learn about the security situation in Jerusalem today & gain a deeper understanding of Jerusalem's role in the Middle East conflict.
- **Independent Lunch in Jerusalem**
- **Tour the Old City of Jerusalem:** Explore the vast history within the walls of the ancient city. Share in the legacy of religious life spanning generations & faiths.
- **Check In**
- **Meet with Rami Nazzal**, a Palestinian journalist, who is a resident of East Jerusalem & the son of Drs. Nafez & Laila Nazzal. Traveling extensively with his parents as they taught at world renowned universities, Rami gained an insight into the cultures of the world. Attending the Anglican International School in West Jerusalem, & later graduating in Business Management & Tourism from the University of Utah in 2003, he has worked for *TIME Magazine* since 2010.
- **Meet with Matti Friedman**, an inspiring journalist & writer for a discussion on current events from a journalist's perspective.
- **Dinner at Hotel**
- **Free Evening in Jerusalem**

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

- **Visit Yad Vashem:** As the Jewish people's living memorial to the Holocaust, Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past & imparts its meaning for future generations. Established in 1953, as the world center for documentation, research, education & commemoration of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is today a dynamic & vital place of intergenerational & international encounters.
- **Independent Lunch at Machane Yehudah Market**
- **Shabbat Preparation**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat at Hotel**
- **Traditional Shabbat Dinner with explanation of customs & rituals.**
- **Oneg Shabbat**

Overnight: King Solomon Hotel, Jerusalem

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

- **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 & its impact on modern Zionism. Descend using the snake path.
- **Travel to the Dead Sea**
- **Independent Lunch at the Dead Sea**
- **Float at the lowest point on Earth in the Dead Sea!**
- **Travel to Jerusalem**
- **Check Out of Hotel**
- **Final Group Discussion**
- **Closing Dinner at Luigi Restaurant**
- **Travel to Ben Gurion Airport**

Departure on Sunday, January 7th at 1:00 AM: Turkish Airlines Flight 791

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