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Itinerary

Jewish National Fund-USA

Interfaith Mission

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Your Voice in Israel

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Sunday 5.15 – Arrival / Tel Aviv

TRANSFER FROM BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR THOSE ARRIVING ON START DATE

OPENING DINNER AT CLARO

Located in the Sarona Compound, Claro is a farm-to-table restaurant with a welcoming vibe. Chef Ran Shmueli runs Claro and is one of Israel's most well-loved chefs.

OVERNIGHT: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday 5.16 – Tel Aviv / Yaffo

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

AYALON INSTITUTE

A clandestine bullet factory established by the Haganah in 1945. As the largest bullet factory during that time, it produced 2.25 million bullets from 1946-1948, in complete secrecy.

URBAN RENEWAL TOUR OF OLD JAFFA

One of the world's oldest seaports now home to a multiethnic community of Muslims, Christians, and Jews.

LUNCH IN THE AREA

PERES CENTER FOR PEACE AND INNOVATION

DINNER AT YAFFO-TEL AVIV RESTAURANT

Chef Haim Cohen focuses on simplicity by combining old and new cultures through the food he serves at his restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv



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Tuesday 5.17 – Northern Coast

📌 BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

📌 ATLIT DETENTION CAMP

Through an interactive and hands on tour, learn about the place where thousands of Jewish immigrants were imprisoned during the British Mandate upon arriving to Israel.

📌 AKKO

Steeped in medieval history, the former crusader city of Akko is now home to a brilliantly coexistent population of Jews, Christians and Muslims.

📌 LUNCH IN THE AREA

📌 JNF-USA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

Located in a restored historic Ottoman era building that acts as a center for rotating art exhibits of local artists, we will meet with Michal Shiloah, CEO of Western Galilee Now (WGN), a consortium of artisanal businesses, local entrepreneurs, and tourism operators, who will discuss how the center serves as one of many JNF-USA initiatives that aim to attract and retain 300,000 new residents in the thriving region.

📌 HULA VALLEY

An internationally acclaimed bird watching park in the Galilee where we will take a sunset ride through this wetland paradise.

📌 CHECK INTO THE HOTEL

📌 DINNER AT THE HOTEL WHERE AWARD WINNING CHEF EREZ KOMOROVSKY SERVES AS THE CHEF DE CUISINE

📌 OVERNIGHT: Mitzpe Hayamim, Rosh Pina

Wednesday 5.18 – Golan Heights

📌 BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

📌 MAGDALA TOURIST CENTER

Site of excavations of 1st Century Jewish fishing village where a synagogue from the time of Jesus has been discovered.

📌 MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

Traditional site of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount overlooking the Sea of Galilee and important Christian sites such as Capernaum and Tabgha.

📌 KORAZIM NATIONAL PARK

A Jewish town in a basalt landscape overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Visit the beautiful synagogue built here, made of basalt and carved in geometric floral and faunal patterns.

📌 LUNCH IN THE AREA

📌 MT. BENTAL

Panoramic views of the Golan and the site of a courageous battle fought during the Yom Kippur War.

DINNER CELEBRATING LAG B'OMER

A festive day on the Jewish calendar that celebrates the anniversary of the passing of the great sage Rabbi Akiva and commemorates the end of a plague that raged among his disciples. We will celebrate Lag B'Omer Israeli style – dinner “al Ha'esh” – on the fire!

OVERNIGHT: Mitzpe Hayamin, Rosh Pina

Thursday 5.19 – Jerusalem

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

LOTEM

A one-of-a-kind organization that enables youth with special needs and at-risk women to maximize their enjoyment of nature by offering special outdoor activities and field trips.

NAZARETH

Known as Jesus's childhood home, this city in Northern Israel is known for its biblical history.

SHEHECHIYANU UPON ENTRANCE TO JERUSALEM

Stop at Ein Kerem on Mount Scopus, the lookout post with an amazing view of the Old City, the Dome of the Rock, and the sprawl of New Jerusalem to say the Shehechyanu prayer. A blessing celebrating special occasions in thanks for new and unique experiences and events

CHECK INTO THE HOTEL

MACHANE YEHUDA MARKET TOUR

Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's “shuk” (Hebrew for “market”) and hear the special stories of the stall owners. Taste delicious cheeses, pastries, spices, and more.

DINNER AT NEFESH B'NEFESH

Promotes, supports, and facilitates Aliyah to Israel in partnership with JNF-USA by helping new Israeli residents (known as Olim) acclimate to life in Israel. Visit the stunning new Nefesh B'Nefesh Campus in Jerusalem located on Israel's National Mall and directly across from the Supreme Court, the Foreign Ministry, the Knesset, and the planned new Prime Minister's residence. The Campus will place aliyah at the forefront of the national agenda, has offices for employment services, and offers cultural experiences. Here we will enjoy a catered dinner overlooking the spectacular view of the modern city of Jerusalem.

OVERNIGHT: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



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Friday 5.20 – Jerusalem

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

MASADA

The mountain fortress built by King Herod where religious zealots made their final stand against the Romans.

LUNCH IN THE AREA

QUMRAN NATIONAL PARK

Fascinating site of great archaeological significance. In 1947 two Bedouin shepherds accidentally came across a clay jar in a cave that contained seven parchment scrolls. This led to the discovery of a collection of scrolls from the 3rd-1st centuries BCE containing fragments from every book in the Torah

KABBALAT SHABBAT

CATERED SHABBAT DINNER

OVERNIGHT: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



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Saturday 5.21– Shabbat

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

OPTION TO STAY IN JERUSALEM FOR A RELAXING SHABBAT

OLD CITY WALKING TOUR

Embark on a comprehensive walking tour including the historic Jewish & Christian Quarters; the Western Wall (known as the Kotel), and other fascinating sites. Enjoy free time to walk around and shop on own.

DINNER ON OWN IN JERUSALEM

This evening as Shabbat goes out, feel free to enjoy the festive spirit as the streets of Jerusalem come back to life. We are happy to provide dinner recommendations and assistance with reservations.

OVERNIGHT: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday 5.22—Jerusalem

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

YAD VASHEM

LUNCH IN THE AREA

BETHLEHEM

We will have a Palestinian Christian guide that will discuss the security barrier with us as well as the significance of the increased presence of the renowned street artist Banksy and his images on the Wall

CITY OF DAVID

The actual location of the biblical city of Jerusalem captured by King David over 3,000 years ago. We will take a fascinating walking tour that includes recently excavated sites, including the foundation stones of the Western Wall and climb onto the magnificent road where Jewish pilgrims walked 2000 years ago.

DINNER AT EUCALYPTUS

Chef Moshe Basson, utilizing his education in agriculture and passion for studying ancient script, has incorporated many dishes based on foods eaten for centuries in the region.

OVERNIGHT: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



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Monday 5.23—Gaza Envelope

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

JNF-USA SDEROT INDOOR RECREATION CENTER

This 21,000 square foot bomb proof indoor playground is a signature project that has provided a much-needed sense of normalcy for residents living in the hard-hit town of Sderot, located less than one mile from Gaza.

SDEROT ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY CENTER

LUNCH IN THE AREA

FARMING ON THE GAZA BORDER

Meet a local farmer whose farm suffered from the terror balloons that were launched from Gaza. Hear his personal story and of his passion living in this challenging area referred to as the Gaza Envelope. Meet with a former Israeli Civil Administrator and hear about the security challenges and the work JNF-USA is doing to build up communities in this area.

SPECIAL DINNER IN THE AREA

OVERNIGHT: Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday 5.24 Jerusalem / Departure

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

SPECIAL IN UNIFORM

Visit this extraordinary unit at an IDF Base at the Home Front Command which, among other things, serves as the base of the Search and Rescue delegation's mission to assist in life-saving efforts.

SUPREME COURT OF ISRAEL

Subject to confirmation, meet with a sitting Judge to learn how the judicial system works in Israel and how it compares to the US.

LUNCH IN AREA

HADASSAH HOSPITAL

Where groundbreaking research is taking place impacting the future of medicine. View the Chagall Windows, designed by artist Marc Chagall. See the luminous colors and rich Jewish symbolism of the exquisite Chagall stained glass windows, designed by Marc Chagall.

NEOT KEDUMIM

Israel's Biblical Landscape Reserve where we will do a ceremonial tree planting. As it is a year of 'Shmita', we are commanded to let the earth replenish by lying fallow for a year, we will put our hands in the earth and give life to trees that will be planted in their permanent places after the end of the 'Shmita' year.

FAREWELL DINNER

BUS TRANSFER TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR RETURN FLIGHTS



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