

Itinerary **President's Society Mission** October 22 – 26, 2023



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## **OPTIONAL SHABBAT – Add on**

## THURSDAY, 10.19 – Arrivals/Jerusalem

- WELCOME TO ISRAEL!
- DINNER ON OWN IN JERUSALEM
- **OVERNIGHT:** The Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

## FRIDAY, 10.20 – Jerusalem

#### BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

#### MACHANE YEHUDA MARKET

Machane Yehuda Market, Immerse yourself in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's "shuk" (Hebrew for "market"). Wander around and taste from the many local vendors selling delicious cheeses, pastries, spices, and more. Enjoy the variety of items the market has to offer during the day and return at night to experience the epicenter of Jerusalem nightlife housing restaurants, bars, and live music.

- FREE TIME IN JERUSALEM
- KABBALAT SHABBAT
- SHABBAT DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- **OVERNIGHT:** The Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

## SATURDAY, 10.21 – Shabbat

#### BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

#### DAY AT LEISURE IN HONOR OF SHABBAT

#### OPTIONAL WALKING TOUR

#### ISRAEL MUSEUM ON OWN

Israel Museum, the largest cultural institution in the country. See the Second Temple Period Model of Jerusalem; the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest biblical manuscripts in the world; and the beautiful outdoor gardens and installations. The campus has a lot of beauty and activities to offer including historical and modern art.

#### DINNER AND EVENING ON OWN

**OVERNIGHT:** The Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



## SUNDAY 10.22 – Arrivals/Jerusalem

#### WELCOME TO ISRAEL!

#### OPTIONAL CITY OF DAVID TOUR

City of David, the actual location of the biblical city of Jerusalem captured by King David over 3,000 years ago. See the world's most significant archeological finds from the biblical period, evidence of the more than 3,000 year-long Jewish presence in the city.

#### OPENING DINNER IN JERUSALEM

**OVERNIGHT:** The Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

## MONDAY 10.23 – Jerusalem

#### BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL

#### AMMUNITION HILL

Ammunition Hill, site of the pivotal battle of the Six-Day War that led to the reunification of Jerusalem. Walk through the battlegrounds and bunkers to follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here; see the multimedia exhibit and stateof-the-art Six-Day War Museum; conclude at JNF's Wall of Honor, which commemorates Jewish veterans from around the world.

#### 9/11 MEMORIAL

JNF's 9/11 Living Memorial, built in memory of the victims of the September 11, terrorist attacks, the 9/11 Living Memorial serves as the only site outside of the United States that recognizes the names of those lost on that tragic day.

#### MACHANE YEHUDA FOR LUNCH ON OWN

#### NEFESH B'NEFESH

**Nefesh B'Nefesh** promotes, supports, and facilitates Aliyah to Israel by helping new Israeli residents (known as "olim") with career placement, housing assistance, and overall acclimation to life in israel. Meet with Oilm and hear their personal stories.

#### **JINNER AT A RESTAURANT IN JERUSALEM**

**OVERNIGHT:** The Orient Hotel, Jerusalem



## TUESDAY 10.24 – Gaza Envelope

#### BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

#### ADI NEGEV-NAHALAT ERAN

ADI Negev-Nahalat Eran, A one-of-a-kind rehabilitative village in Southern Israel that provides high-level medical services and unparalleled care to individuals with severe cognitive and physical disabilities

#### GROOVETECH

A state-of-the-art, safe indoor playground and innovative learning center that is providing a welcoming space where kids can thrive during the day and after school hours. The center's two stories house rock climbing walls, a "tree house" play structure, virtual reality rooms, a planetarium, science and robotics spaces, art workshops, and general social and gathering spots. It is fast becoming the go-to place in the Eshkol region.

#### LUNCH IN THE AREA

#### JNF HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT SITE

#### HALUTZA

Halutza, located in the Northwest Negev less than a mile away from the Gaza border, Halutza was founded in 2005 by a group of families that left their homes during Israel's disengagement from Gaza. In partnership with JNF, Halutza's pioneers laid roads, created infrastructure and housing sites, planted crops, built fields of solar energy panels, and more. Pick fresh produce in the flourishing greenhouses, tour the state-of-the-art Medical Center, community developments.

#### DINNER AT KEDMA

OVERNIGHT: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

## WEDNESDAY 10.25 – Arava

#### BREAKFAST AT HOTEL

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**The Arava International Center for Agricultural Training (AICAT)**, This unique program is based on the principle of "Learning by Doing"—a winning combination of practical training and theoretical studies on an advanced, modern farm which provides students with an authentic and rich educational experience. Students from Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, and Myanmar among other countries, receive professional agricultural training with the goal of applying their knowledge and expertise to develop local industries in their home countries. Each year more than 1,000 students complete the training course and become willing ambassadors for Israel, spreading JNF's "Positively Israel" message.

#### LUNCH IN THE AREA

#### 🖊 ZUKIM

**Zukim**, The first non-agricultural community established in the Arava which has become a blossoming village located two hours south of the Negev capital city of Be'er Sheva. Thanks to the motivation and vision of the dedicated women of Jewish National Fund's Sapphire Society, JNF's Major Donor division for women, Zukim has become a modern-day miracle, drawing Israelis to a life that is decidedly and intentionally slower paced and family-focused.

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#### ADAM V'ADAMA

- DINNER IN THE AREA
- **OVERNIGHT:** Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker



## **THURSDAY 10.26 – Central Negev/Departure**

#### BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL AND CHECKOUT

#### RAMAT HANEGEV

Located in the heart of the desert and covering approximately 22% of the total area of the State of Israel, Ramat HaNegev is home to 15 diverse communities and about 8,000 residents. Learn about the Institutes for Desert Research and the International Agriculture Training Center (one of the world's most advanced renewable energy facility.

#### LUNCH IN THE AREA

#### YERUCHAM

One of six towns established in 1951 in the Northern Negev, located less than half an hour from Be'er Sheva. See the Yerucham Lake Park and learn about how JNF-USA is helping this town flourish.

#### BE'ER SHEVA

**Be'er Sheva**, now the capital of the Negev and Israel's fastest growing city. Be'er Sheva River Park, the centerpiece of JNF's efforts to create a renaissance for the city. Hear how this urban renewal project has served as an anchor of tourism and recreation. See the Pipes Bridge, a pedestrian and cycling bridge that links to the Old City of Be'er Sheva, and the 12,000-seat amphitheater—now the largest in Israel.

#### FAREWELL DINNER

#### BUS TRANSFER TO BEN GURION FOR RETURN FLIGHTS



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