

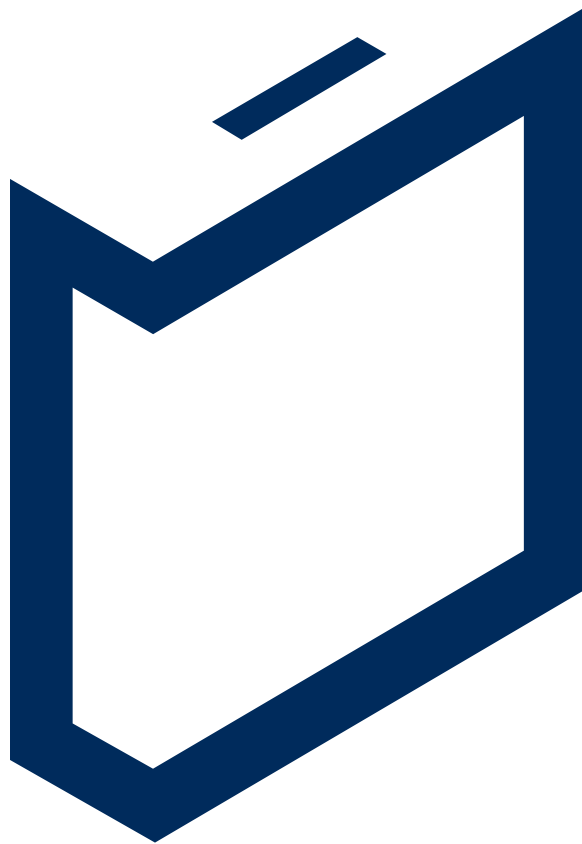
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# ISRAEL SINGLES TOUR: FOR 40s and 50s

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June 28 – July 5, 2020

**SAMPLE ITINERARY - SUBJECT TO CHANGE**



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*Your Voice in Israel*

## Sunday, June 30 – Arrival/Tel Aviv

- AM** Welcome to **Israel!** Upon individual arrivals, meet your arranged transfer and head to your hotel in **Tel Aviv**.
- PM** Enjoy an **opening dinner** at a local restaurant.  
Experience Tel Aviv's vibrant nightlife; go to **Kuli Alma** ("The Whole World" in Aramaic), a music and art-focused nightlife institution nestled into the creative crux of south Tel Aviv, owned and operated by a collective of Tel Aviv DJs, artists and party personas (optional).
- Overnight** Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv



*Itinerary is subject to change.*

## Monday, July 1 – Tel Aviv

### AM

After breakfast at the hotel, visit the **Ben-Gurion House**, which served as the residence of Israel's first Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion until he settled in the Negev with his wife. A visit here allows for unique, tangible insight into the constitutive events in the history of the State of Israel, as it was in this very house that the final version of the Declaration of Independence was written.

Depart for the trendy **Sarona neighborhood**, a former German Templar colony that has transformed into a thriving urban complex with new restaurants, cafés, and beautiful outdoor spaces. **Noa Gefen**, Executive Vice-Chairman of the Society for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites (SPIHS), will lead a short walking tour of Sarona and discuss the partnership between SPIHS and JNF that has helped restore Sarona and preserve many other historical sites across Israel.

Enjoy lunch on own in **Sarona Market**, Israel's largest indoor culinary market, where you can experience the full intensity of the flavors of the contemporary Israeli culinary scene.

### PM

Spend the afternoon at leisure, relaxing on one of Tel Aviv's scenic beaches or exploring the surrounding area on own.

Proceed to Tel Aviv's **Florentin** neighborhood for a unique tour through winding alleyways. See the impressive street art and graffiti that makes Florentin the up-and-coming neighborhood of choice for young adults.

Continue to the **Nefesh B'Nefesh Aliyah Hub**, a unique multidimensional community hub that helps acclimate new olim in their first five years of aliyah to the startup, career, and community ecosystem of Tel Aviv. Enjoy **dinner** and meet with JNFuture olim.

Join a Tel Aviv night tour that will take you to top events, homegrown happenings, and hidden parties taking place in the city and that are advertised to locals only. Enjoy access to some of the most prestigious nightclubs in Tel Aviv.

### Overnight

Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv



Jerusalem

## Tuesday, July 2 – Tel Aviv / North

AM

After breakfast and hotel check-out depart north along the scenic coastal route to explore **Caesarea**, former Roman capital of the region. Tour this ancient city and see excavations from the time of the Crusades, the historic aqueduct, and the site of the old amphitheater that has been restored and converted to a concert venue.

PM

Continue for lunch in the charming town of **Zichron Ya'akov**, one of the first Jewish communities founded by modern pioneers in 1882.

Head to the **Atlit Illegal Immigration Camp**, where thousands of Jewish immigrants were once detained upon their arrival to Israel during the British Mandate. See the restored Galina ship, a replica of a ship that carried 122,000 “illegal” immigrants in defiance of the British blockade of Israel. Tour the premises with **Noa Gefen** and see the plans for the **new exhibit within a C46 airplane** that interactively tells the story of clandestine Jewish immigration by air, allowing visitors to feel as if they themselves were making the secret journey to Israel.

Proceed to **Kishor Winery** for a wine-tasting. Learn about their unique business model that employs people with special needs from the community.

Travel to **Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk**. Enjoy **dinner** and participate in an interactive workshop with a local member of a non-profit organization aimed at promoting the region's local businesses.

Overnight

Dan Panorama Hotel, Haifa



From left: Kishor Winery, Caesarea



## Wednesday, July 3 – Western Galilee



*Youth from Green Horizons*

### AM

Start the morning with a **boot camp** at the beach together with young members of **Green Horizons**, a JNF partner and young leadership group that cultivates growth, self-confidence, and independence amongst Israeli youth.

Return to the hotel for a delicious Israeli buffet breakfast.

Head to the city of **Akko**, a cultural melting pot of the north, steeped in history. Explore the ancient gates, towers, and secret passageways of this Crusader city.

Visit the **Western Galilee Now (WGN) Visitor's Center**, a remarkable multimedia facility that showcases the vast array of activities and attractions in the area.

Enjoy some time on your own exploring the local *shuk* (market) before reconvening for lunch at **Alto Dairy Farm**, a boutique dairy farm and restaurant founded by a family in the Western Galilee. Meet with the owners and hear about their experience of running a small business in the area as a participating member of WGN.

### PM

In the afternoon, enjoy a variety of **water activities** such as **taking a ride on a speedboat**, and **paddle-boarding** and **kayaking** in Shavei Tzion beach, one of the most beautiful coastal spots in Israel.

Continue to **Malka Brewery**, one of the first microbreweries in Israel. Enjoy dinner and sample several of the beers produced at the brewery.

### Overnight

Dan Panorama Hotel, Haifa

## Thursday, July 4 – North/Jerusalem

### AM

Following breakfast and hotel checkout, continue to **Neot Kedumim**, Israel's Biblical Landscape Reserve. Plant a tree in the soil with your own hands at the **Harvey Hertz-JNF Ceremonial Tree Planting Center** and contribute to JNF's ongoing afforestation efforts in Israel.

Stop at the **JNF 9/11 Memorial**, the only site outside of the United States that recognizes the names of the people who were killed on 9/11.

### PM

Spend the afternoon at **Ammunition Hill**, site of a pivotal battle in the Six-Day War. Enjoy a catered lunch upon arrival before touring the grounds. Walk through the battlegrounds and bunkers to follow in the footsteps of the soldiers who fought here; see the multimedia exhibit and movie that tells the story of this fierce battle that reunified Jerusalem; and visit **JNF's Wall of Honor**, which commemorates Jewish veterans from around the world.

Enter the **Old City of Jerusalem** for a comprehensive walking tour. Explore the historic Jewish & Christian Quarters and visit the Kotel where you will have time for a silent prayer and contemplation in this holiest of places.

Depart for the famous **Machane Yehuda Market**. Become immersed in the bustling energy of Jerusalem's *shuk*. Take time to wander among the many stalls where local vendors sell delicious cheeses, pastries, spices, and more. Enjoy dinner on own this evening.

End the night at the **Tower of David Night Spectacular**, where the walls of the Citadel serve as a stage for a nighttime show which is a celebration of sight and sound.

### Overnight

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*Harvey Hertz-JNF Ceremonial Tree Planting Center*



Friday, July 5 – Jerusalem



Machane Yehuda Market

#### AM

Following breakfast, visit **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum & Memorial**. A sprawling complex of tree-studded walkways leading to museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, and memorials, Yad Vashem tells the story of the Holocaust from a unique perspective, emphasizing the experiences of victims through original artifacts, survivor testimonies, and personal possessions.

Proceed to the nearby **Mt. Herzl**, site of Israel's national cemetery. See the new dedication wall, and visit the gravesites of former leaders and dignitaries such as Shimon Peres, Theodore Herzl, Golda Meir, and Yitzhak Rabin.

Explore Ben Yehuda Street, and Alrove Mamilla Avenue, the modern open-air street mall, or return to the **Machane Yehuda Market** where you can see shoppers preparing for Shabbat.

Early this evening, we will celebrate the spirited ritual of **Kabbalat Shabbat** at the **Kotel** like the locals. Afterwards, enjoy a special **Shabbat dinner** at the hotel with **Nefesh B'Nefesh Lone Soldiers**, who will share their personal stories of leaving their family, friends, and homes in order to serve in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

#### Overnight

Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

## Saturday, July 6 – Shabbat

### AM

Today will be at leisure in honor of **Shabbat**. An optional Shabbat service will be offered at the hotel this morning to those who are interested.

Alternatively, consider participating in one of the following optional activities:

- **Option 1: Masada & Dead Sea Tour\*** Spend the day at Masada and the Dead Sea. The bus will depart from the hotel early this morning and drive via the Judean Hills along the shores of the Dead Sea. Visit Masada, the mountain fortress built by King Herod where religious zealots made their final stand against the Romans. Take a cable car ride to the top of the Herodian Palace Complex and learn about the history of the Jewish fighters. Afterwards, proceed to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. Enjoy lunch, float in the buoyant waters, and spend time relaxing at the beach.
- **Option 2: Day on Own** Take the day to enjoy Jerusalem at your leisure. Consider visiting sites such as Yemin Moshe, Ein Karem, or the Israel Museum, one of the world's leading art and archeology museums. Here, see the Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest biblical manuscripts in the world; view the "Holy Land Model," a miniature replica of Jerusalem as it was during the Second Temple Period; stroll through the beautiful sculpture garden; and explore other fascinating exhibits at this one-of-a-kind cultural institution.

### PM

Enjoy the evening and dinner at leisure, exploring Jerusalem's nightlife at your own pace. Consider spending time on **Ben Yehuda Street**, the beating heart of Jerusalem's center-city life, or heading to the **First Station** to experience Jerusalem's hottest new culture and culinary hub in the former rail depot.

### Overnight

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*\*Additional cost; Not included in tour price.*



*The Dead Sea*



## Sunday, July 7 – Negev/ Departure

AM

Following breakfast and hotel check-out depart south for **ALEH Negev-Nahalat Eran**, a one-of-a-kind rehabilitative village that provides high-level medical services and unparalleled care to children with severe cognitive and physical disabilities. Tour the beautifully landscaped grounds and see the various therapeutic services offered here.

PM

Enjoy a home hospitality lunch in **Ofakim**, a small and rapidly growing city in the northern Negev. Hear from the chef and local resident, **Osi**, who will share her story of growing up in the area and the challenges of living near the Gaza border.

Depart to **Halutza** located 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 cooperation with JNF, Halutza's pioneers laid roads, created an infrastructure, brought in temporary housing, erected hundreds of greenhouses, planted crops and built fields of solar energy panels. Led by **Yedidya Harush**, JNF Halutza Liaison, see Halutza's greenhouses and the state-of-the-art Medical Center. The new 24-hour medical center provides an expanded range of services and timely response for residents in the surrounding area.

Visit the **JNF Sderot Indoor Recreation Center**, a JNF signature project that has provided a much-needed sense of normalcy to residents living in the hard-hit town of Sderot located less than one mile from Gaza. Learn how this secure playground was strategically built so that play areas double as bomb shelters, ensuring that all occupants can quickly reach safety in the case of a rocket attack.

Enjoy a memorable **farewell dinner** before transferring to Ben Gurion Airport for return flights to the U.S.



*JNF Sderot Indoor Recreation Center*