Itinerary
Israel @ 75
April 23-30, 2023
Remember the family. Come home for a visit.

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Sunday, April 23 – Arrivals/Jerusalem

- **WELCOME TO ISRAEL!**
- **INDIVIDUAL ARRIVALS AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL**
- **OPENING DINNER AT NEFESH B’NEFESH**

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. Enjoy an amazing group dinner here to kick off the start of a unique and unforgettable week.

- **OVERNIGHT:** Hotel in Jerusalem

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Monday, April 24 – Jerusalem / Erev Yom Hazikaron

- **BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL**
- **TRACK 1**
  - **MACHANE YEHUDA TOUR**
    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.
- **TRACK 2**
  - **OLD CITY WALKING TOUR**
    Embark on a comprehensive walking tour including the historic Jewish & Christian Quarters, the Kotel (also known as the Western Wall), where Jews from around the world gather for prayer and silent contemplation, and other fascinating sites.
- **EARLY DINNER AT THE HOTEL**
- **CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE START OF YOM HAZIKARON (ISRAEL’S MEMORIAL DAY) AT AMMUNITION HILL**

Attend a moving and meaningful ceremony in memory of Israel’s fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks in Israel. Listen to the country wide siren, signaling the start of Yom Hazikaron at Ammunition Hill, the site of the pivotal battle of the Six-Day War that led to the reunification of Jerusalem.

- **OVERNIGHT:** Hotel in Jerusalem
Tuesday, April 25 – Jerusalem/Yom Hazikaron

- **BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL**
- **YOM HAZIKARON MEMORIAL SERVICE**
  Join thousands of others, as the country comes together to mourn the loss of Israel’s fallen soldiers and victims of terror attacks. The entire country stops their normal activities including work and school to devote the day to honor those we have lost.
- **NEOT KEDUMIM TREE PLANTING**
  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-USA’s ongoing afforestation efforts.
- **BBQ DINNER TO COMMENCE THE YOM HA’ATZMAUT CELEBRATIONS (ISRAEL’S INDEPENDENCE DAY)**
  Witness the unique shift the country makes as Yom Hazikaron ends and Yom Ha’atzmaut begins. Celebrate Israel’s 75th birthday like a true Israeli with a fun and festive BBQ dinner.
- **RETURN TO JERUSALEM**
- **OVERNIGHT:** Hotel in Jerusalem

Wednesday, April 26 – Yom Ha’atzmaut

- **BREAKFAST AT HOTEL**
- **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.
- **BE’ER SHEVA RIVER PARK**
  The centerpiece of JNF-USA’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, the 12,000 seat amphitheater, and the site of the new World Zionist Village Campus.
- **CELEBRATORY CONCERT IN BE’ER SHEVA FOR YOM HA’ATZMAUT**
  Continue the birthday celebrations with an exclusive concert in Be’er Sheva!
- **DINNER AT THE HOTEL**
- **OVERNIGHT:** Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker
Thursday, April 27 – Negev/Arava or Gaza Envelope

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- TRACK 1
  - ARAVA
- TRACK 2
  - GAZA ENVELOPE
- DINNER UNDER THE STARS IN SDE BOKER
- OVERNIGHT: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

Friday, April 28 – Central Negev

- BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL
- 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.
- MITZPE RAMON
  Visit this expansive, captivating, and multi-cultural community in the most remote area of the Negev Desert. Learn how Jewish National fund is helping turn Mitzpe Ramon’s isolation and diversity into its greatest strength and opportunity for growth.
- 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).
- SHABBAT DINNER AT THE HOTEL
- OVERNIGHT: Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker
Saturday, April 29 – Shabbat

- **BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL**

- **DAY AT LEISURE IN HONOR OF SHABBAT**

- **OPTIONAL MASADA/DEAD SEA DAY TOUR**
  The mountain fortress built by King Herod where religious zealots made their final stand against the romans. Relax and float in the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth.

- **OPTIONAL HIKE WITH GREEN HORIZONS**
  A Jewish National Fund Partner Organization that works with Israeli youth in grades 5-12 to create a meaningful connection with the land through hikes and camping all designed to promote self-confidence, independence, social responsibility, and an appreciation for Israel’s history.

- **DINNER AT THE HOTEL**

- **OVERNIGHT:** Kedma Hotel, Sde Boker

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Sunday, April 30 – Center/North

- **BREAKFAST AND CHECKOUT**

- **TRACK 1**
  - **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.

  - **MINCOV CITRUS ORCHARD MUSEUM**
    In 1904 Zalman Minkov who came to Israel during the First Aliyah planted the first orchard in Rehovot. It is now a museum that features a display that reconstructs the packing process in the early days of citrus growing.

- **TRACK 2**
  - **ATLIT DETENTION CAMP**
    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. Meet with Michal Shiloach, 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 the many JNF-USA initiatives that aim to attract and retain 300,000 new residents in the thriving region.

- **FAREWELL DINNER AT AMHSI (ALEXANDER MUSS HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL)**
  The ultimate college prep study abroad adventure, AMHSI in Hod HaSharon serves as the only non-denominational, pluralistic, accredited academic program in Israel for English-speaking, North American High School students.

- **BUS TRANSFERS TO BEN GURION AIRPORT FOR RETURN FLIGHTS**
Task Force Missions:
April 30 – May 2, 2023
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