

Israel Anniversary GA Mission

OCTOBER 17-24, 2018

This fall, celebrate Israel's 70th anniversary with a mission – a Federation mission.

Journey with us as we feel Israel's storied paths beneath our feet. Sip its wine and break bread with local Israelis. Listen to their struggles and successes, their hopes and fears and we'll share ours with them.

Create a connection to Israel and its people like never before. Whether it's your first time – or your hundredth – experience an Israel you can only see with Federation.

Wednesday 10/17

Dig deep into Israel's history in the ancient coastal city of Caesarea.

Caesarea was once a storied port to rival Alexandria and Carthage. Gaze upon its past through the lens of the future; using Israel's cutting-edge virtual reality technology, be transported to Herod's Palace, the Hippodrome, and the ancient Roman amphitheater.

Then spend the evening getting to know locals from Zichron Ya'akov, a town founded in 1882 by pioneers of the First Aliyah.

Overnight: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov

Thursday 10/18

Head north to discover a world of diversity.

In Haifa, visit Beit HaGefen, an Arab-Israeli cultural center that shares our dedication to promoting coexistence and tolerance through cultural, artistic, and community programs.

Then travel to the nature preserve and gardens of Ramat Hanadiv, a living memorial to Baron Edmond de Rothschild. Dine at Mata'im, a Federation-supported restaurant that employs and mentors at-risk youth. And sample local wines with renowned Israeli winemaker Roni Saslove.

Enjoy an optional visit to your Federation's P2G partner community.*

Overnight: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Ya'akov

Friday 10/19

All roads lead to Jerusalem.

Experience a deeper connection to Israel as we journey into Jerusalem. Travel by jeep up the Burma Road and retrace the steps of the 1940s Palmach fighters, the underground army of the nascent Jewish State.

Immerse yourself in the day-to-day life of Israelis and wander through the iconic Mahane Yehuda market. Mingle among locals as they eat, shop, work, and convene.

Later, enjoy a communal Kabbalat Shabbat service and dinner in the ancient Old City. Come together with all Federation delegations visiting Israel to experience the spirit of Shabbat with friends from across the movement.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Saturday 10/20

Experience Shabbat in the world's holiest city.

Attend optional morning services at a nearby synagogue and experience the unique beauty of Shabbat in Jerusalem. Or, embark on one of the following optional activities:

- **Visit Masada**, the ancient desert fortress and majestic UNESCO World Heritage Site overlooking the Dead Sea, to learn about the Jewish zealots who held strong to their identities during Roman rule.*
- **Take a walking tour** of picturesque Yemin Moshe, the first modern Jewish neighborhood established outside the Old City walls.
- **Participate in a bike tour** to the 9/11 Memorial in the Jerusalem forest on the outskirts of the city to reflect on the cultural and diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Israel.*

As Shabbat ends, gather on the terrace of the David Citadel Hotel for a beautiful Havdalah ceremony. Later, relax or join an expedition to the famous Western Wall Tunnels.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Sunday 10/21

Venture south to the Negev.

Begin at the Gaza border and visit the Black Arrow Memorial, overlooking the Gaza Strip, where you'll hear from the former director of the Israeli Counterterrorism Bureau.

Continue south and fully experience how Federation's Negev Now initiative is revitalizing the desert, inspiring residents, and bringing communities together.

Enjoy an authentic Moroccan lunch with our partners at Hamakom, a community initiative where North African culture is expressed through song, art, and food. Then tour Sderot with residents of Netiv HaAsara — the community closest to the Gaza Strip — to discuss life on the border and how our work sustains it.

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Travel to Tel Aviv and get ready for the General Assembly.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday 10/22 Tuesday 10/23

Join GA 2018 in Tel Aviv!

Welcome to Federation's seminal event — for the first time in Tel Aviv! Communities from around the world will come together to deepen our mutual understanding of one another — putting you at the epicenter of dialogue between Diaspora and Israeli Jews.

Share coffee, conversation, and viewpoints with Israeli philanthropists, intellectuals, and activists. Hear from renowned religious, cultural, and political thought leaders from around the globe on topics that most impact our Jewish world.

www.generalassembly.org



Wednesday 10/24

L'hitraot, until next year.

The GA experience continues through the morning. After the closing program, leave feeling connected — to Israel, to Israelis, to your global Jewish community, and to your Jewish values and identity.

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Cost *(includes GA registration)*

Per person (land only, based on double occupancy)	\$3,595
Single supplement	\$1,275

**Optional activities not included in the mission price.*

To register

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Itinerary subject to change