



## NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP 2018 SUMMER MISSION TO ISRAEL ITINERARY - *subject to change*

### **DAY ONE: MONDAY, JULY 2**

#### ***ARRIVAL + TEL AVIV***

**Gala dinner** featuring modern Israeli and Mediterranean cuisine

### **DAY TWO: TUESDAY, JULY 3**

#### ***TEL AVIV***

**Opening Briefings** – State of Play in Israel with former US Ambassador to Israel [Dan Shapiro](#)

Participate in a **volunteer activity** for the benefit of Israel's families in need through the Hatov V'Hameitiv Charity Farm located in Rehovot. The Hatov V'Hameitiv Farm grows more than 40 seasonal crops on 250 acres. Each year the fields yield more than 15 million pounds of fruits and vegetables for donation to populations in need throughout Israel.

#### **Choose Your Own Adventure:**

**TRACK ONE, Tel Aviv 101:** Set forth for a **walking tour** of the ancient city of Jaffa, and experience the charms, history, and unique heritage of what is argued to be the world's oldest port city. Learn about how Tel Aviv became the "White City," and so much more, as you make your way through this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**TRACK TWO, Start Up Nation:** Visit a 'start-up nation museum' to see the highlights of Israeli achievements in entrepreneurship, innovation and technology in a variety of sectors including agriculture, medicine, defense, cyber security, science, transportation and aerospace. Meet Israeli entrepreneurs and gain inside access to the innovators of Israel's tech scene.

**TRACK THREE, The Arts:** Join the **Graffiti Tour** of South Tel Aviv & Jaffa. Watch the city of Tel Aviv come to life around you through this arts and culture track.

**Afternoon at leisure in Tel Aviv**

**Dinner on own**

**DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 4**

***TEL AVIV TO THE NORTH***

**Briefing – iRep**

Meet a panel representing the **iRep program**. Hear from young Israelis who committed to making Israel a more pluralistic society in the areas of religion, marriage, and freedom.

**Federation Site Visits** – A chance to visit and learn about the impact Federation’s strategic partners on the ground are making in the areas of technology, education, culture, preserving tradition, and providing humanitarian aid. Participants will attend one site visit by bus.

**Friends for Healthy Living at the Israel Sports Center for the Disabled in Ramat Gan – JDC Supported**

This program gives people with disabilities the opportunity to lead a healthier lifestyle and strengthen their other abilities through sports, nutrition workshops, and other healthy-living activities geared especially to them.

**Neve Michael Children’s Village – JAFI Supported**

The campus in Pardes Hanna is a safe haven for children 5 to 18 years of age who have been removed from their homes by Israel’s Welfare Department due to extreme traumatic circumstances such as family dysfunction or neglect, violence in the home or mental, physical and/or sexual abuse. Neve Michael’s mission is to provide each child with the love, care and professional treatment to overcome the abuse they have endured and to offer them a chance at a better future.

**Youth Futures – JAFI Supported**

One of Israel’s leading positive-intervention programs. It creates opportunities for the strengthening of children, teens, families and communities by means of a model unique to Youth Futures. Mentors are local young adults, professionally trained to guide 16 children in different circles of intervention: personal, familial, social and educational, with emphasis on full parental involvement and partnership in a long-term process.

**Festive BBQ Dinner Party** with IDF soldiers and music

**DAY FOUR: THURSDAY, JULY 5**  
***NORTH + TRAVEL TO JERUSALEM***

**Morning Briefing** - Geopolitical and strategic challenges Israel faces with **Lt. Col. Marco Moreno**

**Kayaking** in the region of the Galilee and the Golan Heights

**Group Picnic Lunch**

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**Friends for Healthy Living *interactive* Krav Maga Martial Arts activity – JDC Supported**

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**Arab Employment Centers – JDC Supported**

A network of 21 Arab Employment Centers in Israel that will help Arab men and women gain financial stability by integrating into the Israeli workforce and establishing better career paths. Centers provide job readiness workshops, individual employment counseling, help with job placement and referral and support for vocational training and higher education

Hotel check-in and spirited Schecheyanu overlooking Jerusalem

Free time and dinner on own in the **Machane Yehuda market**

**DAY FIVE: FRIDAY, JULY 6**  
***JERUSALEM***

**Choose Your Own Adventure:**

**TRACK ONE, Jerusalem 101:** Guided tour of the Yad Vashem Museum by a Yad Vashem senior docent, considered the foremost memorial to mankind’s darkest period and Israel's official memorial and historical museum to the victims of the Shoah.

**TRACK TWO, Jerusalem Geopolitics:** Depart hotel for a tour the perimeter of the **Jerusalem Seam Line** with **Dr. Dany Tirza**, one of the foremost experts on the Israeli-Palestinian political process.

**TRACK THREE, Healthy Tour:** Guided bike tour of Jerusalem.

### **Walking guided tour of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City & Visit to Western Wall**

**Shabbat dinner**

### **DAY SIX: SATURDAY, JULY 7**

#### ***JERUSALEM***

**Special Shabbat options include:**

- Enjoy a **walking tour** of Jerusalem.
- Tour **Masada & the Dead Sea** (includes lunch at a luxury Dead Sea hotel).
- Rest, relax and prepare for the evening.

**Havdalah Ceremony** to mark the end of Shabbat thereby distinguishing it from the rest of the week

**Free night and dinner on own**

### **DAY SEVEN: SUNDAY, JULY 8**

#### ***JERUSALEM***

**Briefing speaker TBC:** Israel today and its relationship to the diaspora

**JFNA [ENP SPACE](#) Visit** – Federation has helped bring tens of thousands of Jews from Ethiopia to Israel, but moving from rural communities in sub-Saharan Africa into one of the most advanced countries in the world made the integration of Ethiopian-Israelis one of the most challenging in Israel's history. The SPACE program provides Ethiopian-Israeli youth with intensive after-school scholastic assistance to improve their academic performance and prepare them for successful adulthoods.

**Lunch and afternoon at leisure**

**Farewell Dinner Event at the [Barkan Winery](#)**