



**Jewish  
Federation**  
of Greater Charlotte

**Mission to Israel**  
**Nov. 5-13 2023**





# 1 Day 1: Sunday, November 5, 2023

Welcome to Israel: Bruchim U'Bruchot HaBaim

Arrival to Israel.

VIP meet and greet assistance upon arrival at Ben-Gurion airport and transfer to Jerusalem.

Recite Shehecheyanu, the traditional blessing upon arrival in Jerusalem, followed by opening session with cocktails at hotel.

Israel 101 with political reporter at Eucalyptus Restaurant overlooking the Old City walls and enjoying Eretz Israel and traditional Jerusalem cuisine.

Overnight: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem

Itinerary subject to change







# 2 Day 2: Monday, November 6, 2023

Jerusalem and her hills: Unfolded Jerusalem

Choose your track

Option #1: Geopolitical

Get a better understanding of the complex reality of Jerusalem. Visit sites along the seamline accompanied by Colonel (re) Dani Tirza, the architect of the security barrier between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, meet with high-ranking officials for in-depth briefing on Aliyah rescue operations and visit the site housing the complex network of surveillance cameras in the Old City.





## Option #2: Arts, Culture, Food & Wine Track

Explore the tastes and scenery of Jerusalem that inspired hit TV shows such as *Beauty Queen of Jerusalem*, *Shtisel* and *Fauda*. Walk picturesque neighborhoods in the heart of Jerusalem, and meet with artists from music and visual theater schools. Taste the various kitchens that characterize the city, Jewish and Palestinian-Jerusalemmites, and hear the secrets behind the dishes.

All:

Enjoy a leisurely evening and dinner on your own

Overnight: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem



# 3 Day 3: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

*We, the Air Force pilots in the skies of the camp of horrors, rose from the ashes ....  
We salute their bravery and promise to protect the Jewish nation and its land,  
Israel"*

*Israel Air Force historic flyby over Auschwitz, September 2003*

Visit Yad Vashem, National Memorial for Holocaust Survivors,  
through the eyes of second and third generation.

Ride Segways through the new city of Jerusalem and visit Moona  
(Space, in Arabic) and hear how Moona creates an innovative  
space that brings together different sectors and ages and develops  
technologically-equipped leaders.

Overnight: Waldorf Astoria, Jerusalem













# 4 Day 4: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Halutzim & Partners

Participate in an immersive Fauda Experience. Take a glimpse into the covert world of the elite Israeli Intelligence and Special Forces with a rare opportunity to experience what it might be like to be a part of these prestigious units.

Head north to visit Kibbutz Magal to see Israel's agricultural innovation in action - from simple smallholder greenhouses for Africa to advanced glasshouses specifically designed for cold climates.

Spend the afternoon at our Partnership Together region in Hadera Eiron, getting to know the people and programs Federation supports.

Dinner at hotel

Overnight: Dan Caesarea Resort

Itinerary subject to change



# 5 Day 5: Thursday, November 9, 2023

## Life along the border

Travel along a coastal route to the Western Galilee for a special briefing on the current situation along Israel's northern border.

## Choose your track

### Option #1: Geopolitics Track

Board jeeps and travel along the border, including a visit to a Hezbollah tunnel which was exposed during Operation Northern Shield in December 2018. Enjoy homemade lunch at Shula from (Moshav) Shtula and hear the story of the Kurdish Mana. Visit Palsan in Kibbutz Sasa to hear firsthand how a small Israeli kibbutz on the border of Lebanon, has changed the face of security combat forces in the Middle East.





## Option #2: Arts, Culture, Food and Wine Track

Visit Talking Walls project and meet with the inspiring artists behind the project. Meet with Muhammad Mizal who will share his unique story of coexistence in the Galilee. Enjoy lunch and wine tasting at a Galilee wineries.

### ALL

Indulge in an ice cream dessert as you meet with Alaa Sweita, co-founder of Buza - a joint venture of an Israeli Jew and Israeli Arab.

Participate in a Galilean cooking workshop and dinner at the home of a Druze family

Overnight: Dan Caesarea Resort









# **6** Day 6: **Friday, November 10, 2023**

The First Hebrew City – The First Hebrew State

Head over to Tel Aviv, Israel's capital of business, culture, and startups.

Visit ANU Museum, the largest Jewish Museum in the world that portrays the story of the Jewish people through the generations and up to the present time. Follow the footsteps of the founding families of Neve Tzedek, the first neighborhood outside ancient Jaffa and hear the beyond-the-scenes of modern Jewish pioneering, entrepreneurship, and community leadership.

Pick one of the many restaurants and dining options for lunch on your own

Welcome Shabbat and toast of L'chaim on the Tel Aviv beach, followed by home hospitality Shabbat Dinner with lone soldier guests.

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel, Tel Aviv

Itinerary subject to change



# 7 Day 7: Saturday, November 11, 2023

Shabbat Israelit at the Gaza Envelope: 99% heaven ....

This Shabbat we are invited to visit the home of Chen Kotler Abrahams, a lifelong resident of Kibbutz Kfar Aza on the Gaza border. Take a walking tour enriched with stories of life on the border, including an overlook towards the Gaza Strip. Drive via Sderot and stop by the police station and the “Qassam Museum”. Enjoy Shabbat picnic lunch bringing together Jewish traditional cuisines such as jachnun (a Yeminite Jewish pastry), sabich (Iraqi Jews staffed pita), and kugel.

Return to Tel Aviv

Enjoy a night out in Tel Aviv and dinner at leisure

Overnight: Kempinski Hotel, Tel Aviv

Itinerary subject to change







# 8 Day 8: Sunday, November 12, 2023

Israel @ 75: You're as young as your dreams, not as old as your calendar (Shimon Peres)

Visit at The Shimon Peres Center for Peace and Innovation: walk through the center and discover the story of the innovation nation. Enjoy street Food Israeli lunch – falafel, shawarma and everything in between....And before we say goodbye to the Land of Milk and Honey, we visit Milk and Honey, the first Israeli whisky distillery. Learn how they take advantage of Israel's average of 300 sunny days per year, along with a Mediterranean climate that encourages maturation, allowing the whisky to age rapidly, yet significantly gracefully. Tasting is, of course, included! Farewell Dinner at EwaSafi enjoying authentic home-style Moroccan cuisine.

Depart for the airport OR extend you stay in Israel.







## **A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY.**

This is not the type of experience you can create yourself or even with a travel agent.

Join us on this unique experience that not only shows you beautiful historic sites, but takes you off the beaten path to experience niche aspects of Israeli society – guided by YOUR interests. We will explore all that Israel has to offer.





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