



Project Inspire: Kenya & Uganda
July 1-July 11, 2019

Tuesday, July 2, 2019
Arrival

9:50pm Arrive at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA).
Driver: James Njenga

Check in to Sarova Panafric Hotel.
Along Valley Road, Nairobi, Kenya.

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

7:00am Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for the day.

Walk to the **Embassy of Israel in Nairobi, Kenya**. Introduction to the embassy's work & Q&A with **Deputy Ambassador Eyal David** and embassy staff.

10:00am Depart for site visit.

10:30am Visit **Hospital Hill Primary School** in Nairobi. Meet **Lydia Matu**, the school's head teacher who participated in a MASHAV training program in Israel on education for sustainable development. She then established a small farm within the school compound that provides food for the school while serving as a training facility for the students.

12:30pm Lunch.

2:00pm Visit **Albert & Regina Kamatu's farm** in Ruiru. Albert participated in a month-long agricultural course in Israel, run by MASHAV, Israel's international development agency. Albert has



implemented many innovative technologies and learnings on his five-acre farm.

- 4:30pm Return to hotel.
- 5:30pm Group discussion.
- 8:15pm Dinner at **Ambassador Gendler's** residence with guests: **David Silberstein & Channa Commanday**, Jewish community leaders, **Or Mor & Yungjung Seo**, representatives of **IsraAID**, **Moesha Kibibi & Ramadhan Nyachio Nyakundi** from Divas Power Initiative.

Ambassador Gendler holds a BA in Geography and Political Science and a MA in Political Science. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador of Israel to Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Seychelles and Malawi, he served as MASHAV's special envoy for water & food security as well as Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Jerusalem; Mekorot, Israel national water company, Ambassador of the State of Israel to the Republic of Bulgaria, amongst other posts.

Overnight: *Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi*

Thursday, July 4, 2019

- 7:00am Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:00am Depart for the day.
- 9:30am Meet **Ronald Diang'a** and **Zipporah Wahome** from **Kenarava** at Kitengela farm. The farm is a project by the Kenarava Group, a group of internationally trained, dynamic agricultural professionals who are dedicated to feed the nation, empower youth, and eradicate poverty through agribusiness.
- 12:00pm Lunch.



- 2:00pm Visit **Brydges Skills Development Centre** and meet Director, **Faith Wafula**, a MASHAV alumnus. The Brydges Centre is an NGO working with at risk young women providing a safe place to live, education and skills training.
- 5:30pm Return to hotel.
- 6:30pm Group discussion.
- 8:30pm Dinner.
- Overnight: *Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi*

Friday, July 5, 2019

- 7:00am Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:00am Depart for the day.
- 9:00am Tour the **United Nations Office at Nairobi (UNON)**, the UN headquarters in Africa. Meet with **H.E. Ms. Lori Peterson Dando**, Permanent Representative of USA to the United Nations Offices in Nairobi and **Nasser Ega'Musa**, Director of the United Nations Information Center.
- 12:30pm Lunch.
- 1:30pm Return to hotel.
- 2:30pm Pre-Shabbat program with **Gilad Milo**, the former deputy head of mission at the Israeli Embassy in Kenya. Born in Jerusalem, Gilad worked as a journalist and later became a diplomat. Gilad served in Nairobi and Los Angeles before leaving Israel's Foreign Ministry in 2008 and settling in Nairobi permanently. Gilad transitioned into the music industry, and his song, *Unajua*, raced up the radio charts to No.1.
- 5:00pm Shabbat Inspire & candle lighting.



6:00pm Join the **Nairobi Hebrew Congregation (NHC)** for services. The Jewish Community of Kenya was established in 1904 – making it one of the oldest in Africa. Today the Jewish community of Nairobi mainly comprises Israelis and individuals who have relocated for various periods of time to Kenya mostly for business or professional purposes.

Overnight: *Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi*

Saturday, July 6, 2019

7:00am Breakfast at hotel.

8:00am Depart for the day.

9:00am Visit the **Africa Fund for Endangered Wildlife Giraffe Center**. Founded in 1979 by the late Jock Leslie-Melville, a Kenyan citizen of British descent, and his American-born wife, Betty Leslie-Melville. They began the Giraffe Centre after discovering the sad plight of the Rothschild Giraffe. A subspecies of the giraffe found only in the grasslands of East Africa. The Giraffe Centre has also become world-famous as a Nature Education Centre, educating thousands of Kenyan school children every year.

11:00am Visit the **David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT), Elephant Orphanage**. At the heart of the DSWT's conservation activities is the Orphans' Project, which has achieved world-wide acclaim through its hugely successful elephant and rhino rescue and rehabilitation program. The Orphans' Project exists to offer hope for the future of Kenya's threatened elephant and rhino populations as they struggle against the threat of poaching for their ivory and horn, and the loss of habitat due to human population pressures and conflict, deforestation and drought.

12:30pm Lunch.

2:00pm Shopping at **Maasai Market**, an open-air market, known for local paintings, drawings, clothes and fabrics with East African prints, jewelry and woodcarvings.



4:00pm Depart for hotel.

6:00pm Havdallah.

7:30pm Dinner.

Overnight: *Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi*

Sunday, July 7, 2019

5:00am Breakfast at hotel and check out.

6:00am Depart for airport.

8:30am Flight to Uganda on KQ 420.

9:50am Arrive Kampala, Uganda.

11:30pm Visit the old airport terminal and site of the 1976 Operation Entebbe hostage rescue mission.

1:45pm Lunch.

2:45pm Boat ride to Busii Island.

3:00pm Visit **Busii Island** and **Osanidde Village**. Osanidde is a word in the Ugandan language that means "You are Worthy." The 35-acre property is home to over 150 children who have access to school and medical services. The project is supported by **Drake Kanaabo**, head of Christians for Israel Uganda.

5:00pm Depart for hotel.

6:30pm Check into Hilton Uganda, Kampala.

8:00pm Dinner with **Chabad of Uganda**.

Overnight: *Hilton Uganda, Kampala*



Monday, July 8, 2019

- 7:00am Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:00am Depart for the day.
- 9:00am Visit **Makerere University** College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and meet with **Issa Agaba**, regional head of Agro Studies.
- 11:30am Meet with **Eli Wimpfheimer** from **CoCuDi**, an international organization based in Israel that promotes a tolerant, just and peace-striving society that recognizes and respects the unique identity and culture of every person.
- 1:00pm Lunch.
- 2:00pm Depart for site visit.
- 2:30pm Visit **AgroMax**, a full-service agribusiness (the business of agricultural production) that supplies innovative and sustainable agricultural solutions to small- and large- scale farmers across Uganda. Meet Israeli businessman **Ron Oved** and visit a farm where students who have been to Israel on agricultural training programs are learning agribusiness.
- 5:00pm Return to hotel.
- 5:45pm Group discussion
- 7:30pm Dinner.
- Overnight: *Hilton Uganda, Kampala.*

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

- 7:30am Breakfast at hotel.



- 8:30am Depart for the day.
- 9:00am Visit Buganda Road market.
- 11:00am Depart for parliamentary meeting.
- 11:30am Meet with **Israeli Parliamentary Caucus**, Ugandan Members of Parliament who support Israel through their government work.
- 1:00pm Lunch.
- 3:30pm Visit US Embassy to Uganda and meet with **Colette Marcellin**, American Deputy Chief of Mission to learn about United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Previously, Ms. Marcellin was the Management Counselor in Kabul. Prior to Afghanistan, she served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Near East and South and Central Asia Bureau's joint executive office where she handled the South and Central Asia portfolio.
- 5:00pm Arrive at hotel.
- 6:00pm Group discussion.
- 7:30pm Dinner.
- Overnight: *Hilton Uganda, Kampala*

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

- 7:30am Breakfast at hotel.
- 8:30am Check out and depart for the day.
- 10:00am Meeting with the **Honourable Gershom Sizomu**, Ugandan rabbi serving the Abayudaya, and university students at **Beit Ha'Am - Marom**. The house serves as a synagogue and community center for Jews living in the city, mainly Ugandan natives from the Abayudaya, a 2,000-3,000 strong community.



- 12:30pm Depart for lunch.
- 1:30pm Lunch at Project Ten Center.
- 2:30pm Meet with **Brit Olam**, an Israeli NGO working on community-based development programs to reduce poverty and vulnerability. Brit Olam, recruits, trains and dispatches volunteers with a work plan that responds to the local community's needs. This cross-cultural exchange of skills, knowledge and cultural diversity benefits the students, volunteers and members of the local community.
- 5:00pm Final group discussion.
- 7:00pm Dinner.
- 8:00pm Depart for airport.

Thursday, July 11, 2019

- 1:15pm Arrive Boston Logan airport.