



DRAFT NYL SUMMER MISSION TO ISRAEL ITINERARY (AS OF 3/22/17)

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017

Shalom! Welcome to Israel!

Group transfers will be provided from the airport to the hotel in Jerusalem.

Registration and hospitality desk open at the Isrotel Orient Hotel in Jerusalem

Optional Pre-Mission Tours

- I. Visit to the Israel Museum
- II. Visit to the new "Hebrew Music Museum"

Leadership Cocktail Hour – For participants joining the leadership track on the mission (tentative)

Opening dinner at Zappa

Gather for a welcome party at one of the hottest clubs in Jerusalem. Get to know fellow participants from across North America and enjoy a night of dinner, drinks and dancing.

OVERNIGHT: ISROTEL ORIENT HOTEL, JERUSALEM

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2017

Visit JDC's Accessible Health Zone

Engage in sports activities and interact with the participants of the **Accessible Health Zone Program**, providing the disabled community and people with special needs the tools and support networks they need for a healthier lifestyle.

Enjoy lunch with **The Jewish Agency's Ethnic Cooks program**, empowering Israeli women to take their passion for cooking and turn it into a business. The women welcome groups into their homes for ethnic home cooked meals.

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Visit the **Kotel** (otherwise known as the “Western Wall”) and take part in a spirited Shecheyanu blessing to celebrate being together in Israel.

Dinner on own in Jerusalem at the “First Station,” a 130-year old historic train station which has become one of Jerusalem’s hottest recreational hotspots.

Leadership Dinner – *For participants joining the leadership track on the mission*
Topic: Millennial Trends in Jewish Life & Philanthropy (tentative, topic subject to change)

Evening volunteer experience with **SAHI**, a program designed to empower teenagers ages 13-18 by instilling in them the values of giving to and helping others. Meet SAHI youth volunteers, and pack and deliver food packages to needy families in Jerusalem neighborhoods.

OVERNIGHT: ISROTEL ORIENT HOTEL, JERUSALEM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017

Hotel check-out

Visit Yad Vashem, Israel’s national Holocaust museum and memorial to the Shoah and hear from Holocaust scholar, **Dr. Rachel Korazim** on “Israeli Society and the Holocaust.” **(confirmed)**

We will also listen to survivors’ testimonies, view personal possessions belonging to victims, and examine state-of-the-art displays aimed at preserving the story of each of the six million victims.

Lunch at **Gam V’Gam Yemenite Restaurant** in Rosh Ha'Ayin

Participate in a **volunteer activity** to benefit the needy through **Project Leket**. Pick and gather fruits and vegetables that were not collected during the commercial harvest.

Leadership Meet-Up – *For participants joining the leadership track on the mission*
Topic: - Creative New Program Ideas/Using Technology - (tentative, topic subject to change)

Enjoy a festive **BBQ Dinner party** together with **Lone Soldiers serving in the IDF**, featuring a live music band and folk dancing.

OVERNIGHT: PASTORAL HOTEL, KIBBUTZ KFAR BLUM

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THURSDAY, JULY 6

Hotel check-out

Security briefing with **Avi Melamed**, Middle East Strategic Intelligence Analyst, and Lt. Col (Reserves) Marco Moreno, Executive Director of Amalia, focusing on the strategic dangers threatening Israel and obstacles faced by the State of Israel and the IDF in bringing injured Syrians across the border for medical treatment. **(confirmed)**

Lunch at **Kibbutz Merom Golan**

Take a **Jeep Tour** into the depths of the beautiful and fascinating landscape of the Golan Heights, Israel's most remote northern-most region.

Meet with youth at risk during a visit to World ORT's **Hodayot High School** in the Hodayot Religious Youth Village.

Dinner on own and night at leisure in Tel Aviv

Enjoy Tel Aviv's vibrant nightlife with an optional **Bar Crawl** tour in Tel Aviv led by one of the mission guides.

OVERNIGHT: DAN PANORAMA HOTEL, TEL AVIV

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Leadership Breakfast – *For participants joining the leadership track on the mission*
Topic: Fundraising Strategies – Federated Giving (tentative, topic subject to change)

Choose your own adventure for the morning:

- **Startup Nation Track:** Meet with Israeli entrepreneurs and gain inside access to the innovators of this Start Up Nation.
- **Inside the Newsroom Track:** Get a behind-the-scenes look at Israeli media and tour the studio of a popular news broadcast station.

Taste of the IDF Track: Spend the morning with Aharai, a social educational organization that develops young leadership and promotes social involvement among youths from the projects, development towns, absorption centers, boarding schools and shelters. Join in their motivational and educational programming, and experience a taste of army training!

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- **Culinary & Food Tasting Track:** Take a culinary tasting tour and learn about Tel Aviv's thriving food scene.

Lunch on own in **Nachalat Binyamin**, a popular pedestrian mall lined with outdoor cafes, shops and a bustling arts and crafts fair, **or the Carmel Market**, Tel Aviv's largest marketplace.

Experience a **Kabbalat Shabbat** service in the Tel Aviv Port with **Bayit Yisraeli**, an authentic Israeli Shabbat experience overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Enjoy a **festive Shabbat meal** together at the hotel with food, ritual and song.

OVERNIGHT: DAN PANORAMA HOTEL, TEL AVIV

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Participate in one of these optional activities or spend the day at leisure in honor of **Shabbat**:

- I. Experience Shabbat services at one of Tel Aviv's many synagogues
- II. Excursion to Masada and the Dead Sea (pre-registration required; cost: \$110)
- III. Tel Aviv Walking Tour
- IV. Enjoy the day on the beautiful Tel Aviv beach

As Shabbat comes to a close, come together as a group to take part in a **Havdalah** ceremony. Havdalah means separation; the Havdalah prayers mark the end of Shabbat and distinguish it from the rest of the week. A multi-wicked candle is used to signify the "flames of fire." Fragrant spices are passed around in order to cheer us up with the last whiff of Shabbat as we leave it for our "mundane week" and the wine we use flows over the rim of the cup, symbolizing the "overflowing blessing" we expect in the next week.

Dinner on own in Tel Aviv

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SUNDAY, JULY 9

Visit with Scholastic Assistance participants from the **Ethiopian National Project's SPACE** Program for a journey around the world as you participate in a summer activity that makes learning English fun. In an interactive activity crafted by the participants themselves, meet the kids who benefit from Federations' support, as you gain insight on the stories that make ENP's work so very critical and impactful.

Reflection sessions and lunch

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Leadership Closing Session & Next Steps – For participants joining the leadership track on the mission (tentative)

Special program for **Ben Gurion Society Members**

Hotel check-out

Farewell cocktail reception

Group transfer will be provided to the airport for return flights home.

Le'hitraut!

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