

Bel Air Chabad - Israel Trip

July 2025 - August

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Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is not final and is subject to change based on time, weather, security and other considerations.

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, July 29 2025

- **3:05 pm:** Welcome to Israel!!! Land at **Ben Gurion Airport** on Flight # where you will be met by our **VIP service** representative once you exit the plane & escorted through passport control, baggage claim & customs. Please keep your blue slip from Passport Control throughout the trip.
- Transfer to Jerusalem & enjoy a spectacular lookout over the city from the **Mt. of Olives**
- Check-in to your hotel - unpack, rest & relax
- Dinner at **Luciana Restaurant** on the Mamilla-Alrov Promenade - included
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 2 - JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Wednesday, July 30 2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Departure
- Exclusive **VIP Tour** in the **City of David** highlighting the newest excavations & areas that are not open to the general public
- Wade through **Hezekiah's Water Tunnel** dug some 2700 years ago (prepare to get wet; maximum height of water is around 30 inches; bring flashlight & water-shoes) **OR** Walk through the dry tunnel underneath the Old City Walls, exiting at the magnificent **Southern Excavations & Robinson's Arch**
- Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter - not included
- Enjoy an in-depth tour of the **Security Barrier** with its chief architect **Dr. Dani Tirzah** and understand the many complex security, demographic & humanitarian issues at play
- Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery**
- Enjoy a delicious **culinary tour** & dinner in the colorful **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market** - included

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 3 - CENTRAL REGION (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, July 31 2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Departure
- Rabbi Mentz in conversation with Arab Israeli journalist - **Khaled Abu Toameh**
- Behind the scenes tour of the state of the art **Marcus National Blood Services Center**- the world's first underground anti-missile blood center
- Visit the **Bullet Factory** at Machon Ayalon
- Packed lunch - included
- Meet with **wounded IDF soldiers** at the **Tel Hashomer Hospital** and hear their stories of bravery both in the battlefield and in rehabilitation
- (Hopefully not relevant) Join together with people from across the country at **Kikar HaHatufim** (Hostage Square) in Tel Aviv & meet with family members of someone who was abducted
- Return to Jerusalem
- Evening at leisure & dinner on own - not included

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 4 - GUSH ETZION & HEVRON (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, August 01 2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Departure
- Time for reflection at **Rachel's Tomb** on the outskirts of Bethlehem
- Experience the Biblical City of **Hevron**, including the Cave of Machpela, Avraham Avinu neighborhood, Bet Hadassah & more
- Meet with local residents **Rabbi Danny & Batsheva Cohen** at their home in the Avraham Avinu neighborhood
- Enjoy lunch at the **Gush Etzion Winery** - included
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market** as Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat
- Departure for Jerusalem
- Afternoon at leisure
- Join thousands of Jews from around the globe in joyous celebration of Shabbat at the **Western Wall**
- Enjoy a festive Shabbat Dinner & fabrengen at the hotel - included

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM AT LEISURE (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, August 02 2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Join morning services at the **Tzemach Tzedek Shul**
- Enjoy a festive Shabbat Lunch & fabrengen at the hotel with guest speaker **Gil Hoffman** CEO of Honest Reporting - included
- Rest & relax
- Enjoy walking through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- Join reading of **Megillat Eicha** in Independence Park followed by a walk around the **Old City Walls** with thousands of people

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - JERUSALEM - TISHA B'AV (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, August 03 2025

- (Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel)
- Departure
- Optional morning services and Kinnot (Lamentations) at the **Haas Promenade**
- Tour the **Moslem Quarter** together with **Ateret Cohanim** & look out over the Temple Mount
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Relive the dramatic events leading up to the Destruction of the Second Temple at the **Burnt House** excavation & sound-and-light show.
- Visit the **Temple Institute** where all of the vessels of the Temple have been painstakingly recreated to scale.
- Explore the fascinating **Western Wall Tunnels** that unlock the secrets of Jerusalem's glorious past
- Time for reflection at the Western Wall
- Return to the hotel to rest; fast ends at 8:06 pm
- Break fast and dinner on own - not included

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, August 04 2025

- Full Israeli Breakfast at the hotel
- Depart for the Judean Desert. (Don't forget protection against the sun, comfortable walking shoes, bathing suit, water shoes & towel)
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch & swim at the Isrotel Nevo Hotel - Dead Sea - included
- Experience the incredible sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** - the lowest place on Earth
- Explore the beautiful **desert oasis of Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cool off under a waterfall
- Return to Jerusalem
- **Pitmaster** is the culinary experience of a lifetime! Enjoy a sumptuous meal of dishes that have carefully prepared by your pitmaster in a live show accompanied by music and an electric atmosphere

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

DAY 8 - GAZA BORDER (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, August 05 2025

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Departure
- Visit **Sderot** including a lookout over Gaza, Chabad House, the site of the Police Station, Children's Playground & meet with local residents who will share their experiences from October 7th.
- Lunch at local restaurant - included
- View the burnt-out, bullet-ridden vehicles at the **Tkuma Car Graveyard** that bear silent witness to the horrors of October 7th
- Bear witness at one of the Kibbutzim on the Gaza Border - subject to permission
- Visit the site of the **Nova Music Festival** in the Re'im Forest and pay respect to the memory of those who who killed by the Hamas terrorists
- Host **IDF combat troops** for a BBQ at their base with music & dancing - included
- Return to Jerusalem

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel - Jerusalem

- Checkout & departure from the hotel
- Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport & fly to the USA
- NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!!!

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