BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION ISRAEL FAMILY MISSION

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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 - WELCOME TO ISRAEL!!! TRAVEL TO JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Monday, August 16 2027

- **Welcome to Israel**!! Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by our representatives, guide and transportation
- Discover the **Neot Kedumim Biblical Landscape** & take part in group bonding activities including sheep-herding, tree-planting & more
- Transfer to Jerusalem
- **Welcome to Jerusalem**! Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade**- שהחיינו!
- Check into Hotel- settle in and relax
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 2 - OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Tuesday, August 17 2027

- Full Israel breakfast at hotel
- Departure from hotel - don't forget water shoes and flashlights
- Introduction to the Old City of Jerusalem at the impressive **Jaffa Gate**
- Walk along the **Ramparts of the Old City Walls** from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate
- Participate in a family fun and interactive **scavenger hunt** in the **Jewish Quarter** with maps & mission packs in-hand
- Lunch in Jewish Quarter on own
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Walk in the footsteps of Prophets & Kings in the **City of David** & feel the Bible come to life. 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)
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 3 - JUDEAN DESERT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Wednesday, August 18 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Don't forget towels, bathing suit, water, hats and sun screen
- Ascend the formidable **desert fortress of Masada** where the Zealots contested the might of the Roman Empire
- Lunch on own en route
- Explore the beautiful **desert oasis of Ein Gedi** where David fled from King Saul and cool off under a waterfall
- Experience the sensation of **floating in the Dead Sea** – the lowest place on Earth - at **Kalya Beach**
- Transport yourselves to the Days of the Bible as you visit Abraham's Tent in **Genesis Land** - includes camel rides, pita-baking, traditional desert hospitality & dinner

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 4 - NEW JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Thursday, August 19 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- **Shacharit at Robinson's Arch - Azarat Yisrael**!
- Volunteer at **Pantry Packers** packaging food for the needy
- **Adults**: Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial **Children**: **Option 1**- Visit **monuments around Yad Vashem**, Children's memorial and Janosz Korcak memorial.
- Lunch on own
- Pay tribute to the IDF heroes who are interred at the **Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery** OR **Herzl Museum** (kids)
- Late afternoon fun and games at **Gan Sakker Park**
- Dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG- JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Friday, August 20 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at the hotel
- Departure - Wear closed- toe shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting dirty
- Re-enact the most famous battle in history when David killed the giant Goliath in the **Valley of Elah**
- Participate in a real-life archaeological excavation as you **Dig for a Day** in Bet Guvrin. This is followed by a spelunking adventure as you explore the underground caves & subterranean passageways.
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market**- Lunch on own
- Return to Jerusalem to prepare for Shabbat.
- **Musical Kabbalat Shabbat optional at the 1st Station**- Arvit at Yemin Moshe
- Shabbat dinner at hotel - private room (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 6 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION) — Saturday, August 21 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Morning at leisure on own in Jerusalem. **Options include**:
- Join morning services at **one of Jerusalem many synagogues** OR Morning at leisure to relax by the hotel pool
- **Mid trip Summary and Limmud with Rabbi Robyn**
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel (included)
- Speaker (TBD) someone connected with Beth Tzedec
- **Theatrical tour of Yemin Moshe** with Ariel Keren
- **Seuda Shlishit** - Picnic at Gan Hapaamon (Liberty Bell Park)
- **Musical Havdalla** overlooking the Old City
- Experience the vibe on **Ben Yehuda Street**

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 7 - TRAVEL NORTH- KINNERET! (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Sunday, August 22 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Travel North via **Jordan Valley**
- Find out how Israeli bio-tech & know how are helping to feed millions of people around the globe at **Bio-Bee** in **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu**
- Lunch at Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu (included)
- Have a blast at the **Aqua Kef** floating water park on the Kineret's Ganim Beach
- Check into Hotel
- Dinner at hotel (included)

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 8 - UPPER GALILEE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Monday, August 23 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Explore the gorgeous **Banias Reserve** & gushing waterfall where history, nature & hydro-politics come together
- Box lunch included
- Enjoy an off-road **ATV ride** on the slopes of the Golan Heights and relive the drama of the battle during the Six Day War
- Raft down the gentle waters of the **Jordan River** from Kfar Blum
- **Boat Ride** on the shimmering waters of the **Kinneret** with music
- Dinner in Tiberias on own

Overnight: Ramot Resort - North

DAY 9 - GOLAN HEIGHTS- TO TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Tuesday, August 24 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Check out and depart
- Lookout over the border with Syria from atop the former Israeli forward post of **Mt. Bental** & gain a deeper understanding of the complex & changing realities on the ground
- **Option #1**: Participate in a fun **chocolate-making workshop** at De Karina in Ein Zivan
  Option #2: **Wine tasting** at the Bahat Winery on the Golan
- Lunch on own en route
- Discover the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more...
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Check into hotel - settle in and relax. **Meet with some of our former Shin Shinim** at the lobby of the hotel
- Dinner in Tel aviv on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 10 - GAZA ENVELOPE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) — Wednesday, August 25 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Depart from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- Introduction to the events of October 7th as we overlook Gaza from **Mitzpe Kobi** in the **City of Sderot**
- Stop at the **Sderot Police Station** where the battle between with Police and the Hamas terrorist. Visit the **memorial** for the victims that were killed on that day
  OPTION for Volunteer project in Sderot
- Lunch on own Sderot
- Visit the site of the **Nova Music Festival** in the Re'im Forest and pay respect to the memory of those who were killed by the Hamas terrorists
- Find out how blue-&-white agro-tech is helping feed millions of people around the globe at the hands-on **Salad Trail** Experience
- Return to Tel Aviv for dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 11 - TEL AVIV- DEPARTURE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Thursday, August 26 2027

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Visit the **Underground Bullet Factory** at Machon Ayalon where the Haganah secretly manufactured ammunition under the noses of the British prior to Independence.
- Experience the vibe at the bustling open-air **Carmel Market** with its lively vendors & colorful displays of fresh produce. Lunch on own
- Summary of the trip as we explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**
- **Final dinner at a Tel Aviv restaurant** - UNO Restaurants
- Travel to **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to Canada
- **NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM**!!

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