

Central Massachusetts Community Israel Trip



October 2026 - November 2026

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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)

Wednesday, October 28
2026

- **Welcome to Israel!!** Arrive at Ben Gurion where you will be met by your guide at arrivals hall.
- Behind the scenes tour of the state of the art **Marcus National Blood Services Center**- the world's first underground anti-missile blood center
- Transfer to Jerusalem
- Enjoy a spectacular lookout over Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade** and toast a L'Chaim to your arrival in the city.
- Time for reflection at the **Western Wall**
- Check in to the hotel - unpack, rest & relax
- Dinner at the hotel - included

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 2 - OLD CITY JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Thursday, October 29 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure
- Walk in the footsteps of Prophets & Kings in the **City of David** & feel the Bible come to life.
- Lunch and shopping time on own in the Jewish Quarter - not included
- Experience the sites & sounds of the historic **Jewish Quarter** including the Cardo, Broad Wall, Batei Machase & more
- Visit the impressive and grand new premises of the **National Library of Israel** which hosts the world's largest collections of Hebrew and Judaica books and is the repository of many rare and unique manuscripts, books and artifacts
- Pay tribute to the heroes who are buried in the **Mt Herzl Military Cemetery**
- Evening at leisure & dinner on own - not included

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 3 - JERUSALEM (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Friday, October 30 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure
- Pay tribute to the Memory of Six Million at the **Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum** & Children's Memorial
- Experience the vibe at the **Machane Yehudah Outdoor Market** as Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat.
- Lunch on own - not included
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Join thousands of Jews from around the globe in joyous celebration of Shabbat at the **Western Wall**
- Friday night dinner in the hotel (included)

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 4 - SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM (GUIDE, NO TRANSPORTATION)

Saturday, October 31 2026

- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Day at leisure on own in Jerusalem. Options include:
- Join morning services at **one of Jerusalem many synagogues**
- Explore the impressive **Israel Museum** including the Shrine of the Book, Model of Jerusalem, Archeology Wing, Sculpture Garden & Wing of Jewish Life.
- Hunt for a bargain at the bustling **Arab Souk** in the Old City
- Lunch on own or option to have Shabbat lunch in the hotel -not included
- Enjoy walking through the beautiful **Yemin Moshe** neighborhood & **Montefiore's Windmill**
- Explore the **Christian Quarter** including the Via Delarosa & the Church of the Holy Sepulchur
- Meet with **Gil Hoffman - Jerusalem Post Senior Political Correspondent** for an Israel update
- **Musical Havdallah**
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama - Jerusalem

DAY 5 - GAZA ENVELOPE (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Sunday, November 01
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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Checkout
- Depart from hotel to the **Gaza Envelope**
- **Volunteer** in the Gaza envelope working in Agriculture
- 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
- Lunch in Sderot - not included
- 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
- View the burnt-out, bullet-ridden vehicles at the **Tkuma Car Graveyard** that bear silent witness to the horrors of October 7th
- Sponsor a **BBQ dinner together with combat soldiers at their base!!**
- Transfer to Tel Aviv & check in to the hotel

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 6 - TEL AVIV (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Monday, November 02

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Departure
- Explore the vibrancy of Jewish Life & peoplehood at the ultra-modern, interactive **ANU Museum**
- Lunch on own at the Anu Museum - not included
- Trace the **Independence Trail** along the trendy **Rothschild Boulevard** with its buzzing cafes, famous Bauhaus architecture, historic landmarks & Innovation hubs
- Explore the beautiful **Neve Tzedek neighborhood** & encounter the towering personalities who left their mark on the development of the city & the country
- Explore the **Old Port of Jaffa** with its charming alleyways, artists' galleries & stunning views over Tel Aviv
- Dinner at the hotel - included

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel - Tel Aviv

DAY 7 - AFULA (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION)

Tuesday, November 03

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Checkout and departure
- Security briefing at **Gan Ner**
- Visit the **City of Afula-** (sister city) - including the **Mishkan Museum of Art**, the **Emek Medical Center** & meet with local residents.
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Dinner at the hotel - included

Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel - Galilee

DAY 8 - GOLAN HEIGHTS & TZFAT (GUIDE, TRANSPORTATION) Wednesday, November 04

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- Full Israeli breakfast at hotel
- Experience the **Mystical City of Tzfat** including beautiful synagogues, artists' colony, candle factory and ancient cemetery
- Meet with Kabbalistic artisan Sheva Chaya and enjoy a live **glass-blowing demonstration** in her studio
- Shopping time in Tzfat & lunch on own - not included
- Discover the magnificent port city of **Caesarea** including the Roman Theater, Hippodrome, Palace of King Herod & more...
- Farewell dinner at Aresto Restaurant in the port - included
- Depart for **Ben Gurion Airport** for return flight to the US
- NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!!!!

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