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- **Unique Candle Lighting Ceremony**
- **Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebration Dinner Party**

TUESDAY

DAY 1: DEPARTURE DAY

Heading to Israel!

WEDNESDAY

DAY 2 : ARRIVAL DAY ISRAEL

All passengers who have booked airfare with us are met at the airport and transferred to the bustling cosmopolitan city of **Tel-Aviv**. Check in to our deluxe hotel on the beautiful beach promenade.

PM Welcome dinner. After dinner enjoy a stroll along the beachfront.

OVERNIGHT Tel-Aviv

THURSDAY

DAY 3: TEL-AVIV

Kids: wear sneakers & clothes OK to get dirty

AM Breakfast. We begin our tour at the **Independence exhibition** where on May 14, 1948, Israel became an independent nation. Then we travel to Rechovot to tour the **Ayalon Institute**, a secret factory camouflaged on a kibbutz making millions of bullets for the Hagana and underground. This was done right under the noses of the British authorities. Then Kids only will drive to the Lachish region to experience a “**hands on dig**” at an actual archaeological site, “Tel Marisha” - the birthplace of King Herod, while adults continue to **Sarona**, one of the newest and most happening places in Tel Aviv. After they will continue to **Old Jaffa** to walk along the ancient streets, viewing archaeological excavations and charming galleries.

PM Dine on your own tonight.

OVERNIGHT Tel-Aviv

FRIDAY

DAY 4: TEL-AVIV, CAESAREA, HAIFA

AM Breakfast. Start today at the **Carmel Market** or Shuk and the open-air craft fair, **Nachalat Binyamin Market**. Continue north via Netanya to Caesarea. We visit the Crusaders' Battlement, the Roman Theater - where concerts and cultural events take place all summer long, plus the ancient **Aqueduct** still standing for 2000 years. Next, an emotional visit to **Atlit**—a former detention compound for Jewish immigrants who arrived in Israel illegally during the British Mandate period. Drive by the Bahai Temple before we arrive at our luxurious hotel atop Mt. Carmel.

PM Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by our Friday night traditional dinner

OVERNIGHT Haifa

SATURDAY

DAY 5: HAIFA AT LEISURE

AM Sabbath at leisure. Enjoy a delightful stroll in the beautiful city of Haifa or visit a local Synagogue. The lovely pool area is yours to enjoy.

OPTIONAL Tour the incredible **Tel Megiddo**—the excavations that inspired James Michener's book *The Source*. Next, drive to a **Druze Village** where we learn about their culture and customs in their environment. Browse and shop in their bustling bazaar—a fun way to end an exciting tour before returning to our hotel around **2:30pm**.

PM Dinner and show!

OVERNIGHT Haifa

SUNDAY

DAY 6: HAIFA, SAFED, UPPER GALILEE

Women: modest dress, legs & shoulders covered

AM Breakfast. Our first stop today, the ancient port city of **Akko** to visit the prison where members of the Hagana and Irgun were held captive during Israel's fight for independence. Here Leon Uris's famous novel *Exodus* was filmed. Then on to the beautiful new Jewish development town **Karmiel**, in the Galilee. Proceed to **Safed**, famous art colony and center of mystic Kabbalism. See its Synagogues and picturesque cobblestone streets and art galleries before arriving at our Kibbutz, located in the lush hills of the Upper Galilee.

PM Dinner. Kibbutz talk at **8:30pm** while the kids enjoy night swimming and playing games on the beautiful grounds of the Kibbutz.

OVERNIGHT Kibbutz

MONDAY

DAY 7: UPPER GALILEE

Don't forget bathing suits & water shoes!

AM Breakfast. We start today with an exciting **Jeep ride** to the Golan Heights and enjoy a magnificent view of the entire Hula Valley. See the Syrian fortifications which threatened Israel for 19 years before the Six Day War. Continue to Katzrin, capital city of the Golan Heights. Adults visit the **Golan Heights Winery**, tasting high quality wines while the kids experience the **activity of the harvest**; grapes if ready for making wine, olives if ready to make oil, and/or flour if ready for making pita. After we head for an exciting **kayaking/rafting trip down the Jordan River**. Enjoy a swim in the magnificent indoor / outdoor pools.

PM Dinner. Tonight families gather for a *Kumsitz* (campfire gathering) and sing along!

OVERNIGHT Kibbutz

TUESDAY

DAY 8: UPPER GALILEE, JERUSALEM

Swimming & camel trekking today

AM Depart for **Beit Shean**, the most exciting antiquity excavation in Israel. It is compared to Pompei of ancient Rome. Continue to **Bet Alpha** for a visit to the ancient Synagogue with its outstanding mosaic floor. On to **Sachne**, an oasis at the foot of Mount Gilboa. Enjoy a **swim in this unique Garden of Eden setting**. Continue to Genesis Land situated in the heart of the Judean desert to experience life as it was in biblical times. It is here that the kids will enjoy **camel trekking** and we will all gather under tent for an **early feast biblical style**. Then we head toward Israel's capital—Jerusalem of Gold. Following in our forefathers' footsteps, we enter Jerusalem and gather for a traditional Shehecheyanu.

PM Early Dinner in the **Judean Desert** before arriving at our hotel.

OVERNIGHT Jerusalem.

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Tel Marisha



Camel Riding



Bar & Bat Mitzvah Ceremony

WEDNESDAY

DAY 9: JERUSALEM—OLD & NEW CITY SITES

Women: modest dress, legs & shoulders covered

AM Breakfast. Begin the day with a visit to the **Western Wall**—the holiest site of Judaism. Next, we enter the newly excavated **Tunnel** that runs along the Western Wall. Continue walking through the restored Jewish Quarter of the Old City, viewing the Hurva Synagogue and the Cardo. Next, an emotional visit to Israel's National Memorial to the Holocaust—**Yad Vashem**, including the New Museum to remember the magnitude of the Holocaust on European Jewry. Visit the Children's Pavilion, the Avenue of the "Righteous Gentiles", and the Ohel Yiskor, the main Memorial Hall.

***Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrants will have get-together with the Rabbi right when we get back to the hotel**

PM Dinner and some free time on your own.

8:30pm The Spectacular Sound and v Show at the Tower of David Museum! (Meet at Jaffa Gate 8:15 pm or in the lobby at 8:00 pm.)

OVERNIGHT Jerusalem

THURSDAY

DAY 10: BAR/BAT MITZVAH DAY & THE DEAD SEA

Don't forget bathing suits & water shoes!

AM 6:30am Depart Jerusalem for **Masada** where our **Bar and Bat Mitzvah** ceremony will take place. Ascend by cable car to the top of this impressive last Stronghold of the Zealots in their struggle against the Romans. After our emotional ceremony, tour the fortress - see Herod's Palace, the Synagogue and Bath Houses. Descend by cable car. Then on to an exciting and rejuvenating floating experience at the **Dead Sea** known for its therapeutic health qualities. Return to Jerusalem.

PM Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration Dinner Party.

Dress up night. Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrants participate in a memorable and meaningful candle lighting ceremony.

OVERNIGHT Jerusalem

FRIDAY

DAY 11: JERUSALEM AT LEISURE

AM Breakfast. Day at leisure. Sleep, relax, shop, enjoy! Consider lunch or a walk through the busy **Machane Yehuda Market** before it closes for Shabbat today!

5:30pm This evening, an emotional visit to the "**Western Wall**" to witness the ushering in of the Sabbath—an experience you'll never forget!

PM Friday night traditional Shabbat dinner.

OVERNIGHT Jerusalem

SATURDAY

DAY 12: JERUSALEM ON SHABBAT

AM Breakfast. Sabbath. Join us for services at the **Great Synagogue** if you like. Then enjoy the fantastic Israel Museum to view the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Shrine of the Book, and the renovated model of the city of Jerusalem from the 2nd Temple Period.

PM Dinner on your own. Enjoy!

OVERNIGHT Jerusalem

SUNDAY

DAY 13: JERUSALEM, EIN GEDI, EILAT

Don't forget swimsuits and water shoes today!

AM Breakfast. Drive along the shores of the Dead Sea and into the desert to visit the oasis of the **Ein Gedi Falls**. Swim in fresh cold water. Then on to exciting **Eilat**.

PM Dinner. After walk along the promenade and feel the excitement of this Middle-Eastern paradise!

OVERNIGHT Eilat

MONDAY

DAY 14: EILAT OR PETRA OPTIONAL DAY TOUR (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

AM Breakfast. Family fun day beginning with **snorkeling in the Red Sea**, an experience the whole family will enjoy. The remainder of the day is **FREE** for you to enjoy our fabulous private beachfront hotel and magnificent pool area.

PETRA TOUR 7:00am departure from our hotel for Petra, Jordan, one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world. Please bring **\$50.00** cash for incidentals.

PM Dinner. Hotel entertainment.

OVERNIGHT Eilat

TUESDAY

DAY 15: EILAT, BEN GURION AIRPORT LAST TOURING DAY

AM Breakfast. We will be driving northward to the great crater of **Mitzpe Ramon**, the "Machtesh", where we view a unique geological phenomenon comprised of ancient rock strata that dates back 200 million years. Then we visit **David Ben Gurion's** gravesite overlooking the wilderness of Zin.

Continue to the **Israeli Air Force Museum** to see a huge collection of military airplanes and helicopters used by the IDF (subject to conditions). Then to a suburb of Tel Aviv for our farewell dinner.

PM Dinner followed by late evening transfer to the airport. We leave the great land of Israel for our return to the U.S.A. with unforgettable sights and memories of this extraordinary, incredible country.

Shalom!

WEDNESDAY

DAY 16: TEL AVIV — U.S.A.



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