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#### 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 Rehovot 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 and port

**Tonight there will be a meeting with all the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebrants and their parents before dinner.**

**PM** Dine on your own tonight.

**OVERNIGHT** Tel-Aviv

#### FRIDAY

### DAY 4: TEL-AVIV, CAESAREA, HAIFA

**AM** Breakfast. Begin the day with a walk through the **Carmel Market or Shuk** and the open air craft fair, **Nachalat Benyamin**. Drive north to **Caesarea**. We see 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 Shabbat 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 independence. Here Leon Uris's famous book *Exodus* was filmed. Proceed to **Safed**, famous art colony and center of mystic Kabbalah before arriving at our Kibbutz in the hills of the Upper Galilee.

**PM** Dinner. Talk on Kibbutz life from one of the Kibbutz members and night swimming in the huge heated indoor pool for the kids.

**OVERNIGHT** Kibbutz

#### MONDAY

### DAY 7: UPPER GALILEE

**Don't forget bathing suits & water shoes!**

**AM** Breakfast. We start this morning with an exciting **jeep ride** on the Golan Heights and the 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.

**PM** Dinner. Sports and games in the sports complex on the grounds of the Kibbutz.

**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. Next we head to the Judean hills for **camel rides**. Continue toward Israel's capital—Jerusalem of Gold. Following in our forefathers footsteps, we enter Jerusalem and gather for a traditional Shehecheyanu.

**PM** Dinner

**OVERNIGHT** Jerusalem.

#### 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. Next we visit, **Yad Vashem**, the National Memorial to the Jewish Holocaust

**Tonight the Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrants will have a get-together with the Rabbi.**

**PM** Dinner and some free time on your own.

**8:30pm** The Spectacular Sound and v Show at the Tower of David Museum! (weather permitting)

**OVERNIGHT** Jerusalem

#### THURSDAY

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

**Don't forget bathing suits & water shoes!**

**AM** Early departure for **Masada** where our Bar and Bat Mitzvah Ceremony will take place. Ascend by cable car to the 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 experience at the **Dead Sea Spa** known for its therapeutic health qualities. (weather permitting)

**PM Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration Dinner Party. Semi-formal attire.** Our Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrants participate in a memorable and meaningful candle lighting ceremony. (Dress up night)

**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. You have the comfort of your rooms all day.

**6:00pm** Check out

**PM** Dine on your own for the last night in Jerusalem before heading to the airport for your evening flight home. **Airport Transfer 7:30pm.**

We leave the great land of Israel for our return to the U.S.A. with unforgettable sights and memories etched in our minds of this extraordinary, incredible country. **Shalom!**

#### SUNDAY

### DAY 13: TEL AVIV – U.S.A.



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