



**Har Zion Temple
Israel Adventure**

Led by Rabbi Scott Rosenberg and Norman Einhorn

December 20-31, 2017

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Wednesday, December 20: ON THE WAY!

- Depart from Philadelphia International Airport: British Airways flight 066 departing at 6:40pm

Thursday, December 21: BRUCHIM HABA'IM – WELCOME!!

- Land in London Heathrow at 6:40am
- Connect to BA flight 165 departing at 8:05am
- Land at Ben Gurion Airport at 2:55pm – meet and greet service
- Meet your guide; load the bus and travel to Tel Aviv
- Start the tour where Israel got its official start – at **Independence Hall**; relive David Ben Gurion's declaration of independence despite the world's objection
- Check into your hotel and freshen up
- **Welcome to Israel ceremony**, followed by a welcome dinner in a local restaurant

Overnight: David InterContinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

Friday, December 22: GOING DOWN

- Participate in an **actual archaeological dig** and explore the caves of Beit Guvrin National Park
- See the wonderful work of local artisans and enjoy the street performers at the renowned **Nahalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair** and the adjacent Carmel Market
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** with the Neve Schechter Conservative Synagogue in Neve Tzedek
- Dinner in the hotel

Overnight: David InterContinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

KID'S MENU

- Crawl into man-made caves and find ancient artifacts in an actual archaeological dig!
- Arts and Crafts Fair with street performers!

Saturday, December 23: SHABBAT SHALOM

- Explore services at a local synagogue
- Kiddush and discussion with Rabbi Rosenberg
- Delve into the works of one of Tel Aviv's prodigal artists at the **Reuven Rubin Museum**
- Lunch on own
- Walking tour of trendy **Neve Tzedek** – Tel Aviv's first neighborhood
- Group **Havdallah**
- Dinner on your own and nightlife in Tel Aviv

Overnight: David InterContinental Hotel, Tel Aviv

KID'S MENU

- Shabbat on the Sea
- Beautiful art work from one of Tel Aviv's best artists
- Fun and games on the beach and in the hotel

Sunday, December 24: NORTHERN EXPOSURE

- Head north along the Mediterranean Coast to Herod's ancient port city of **Caesarea**; see the incredible ruins of what was once the capital of Israel during the Roman and Byzantine Periods
- Packed lunch
- Visit the **Lohamei Hagetaot (Ghetto Fighters) Holocaust Museum** and focus on the Jewish resistance during the Holocaust
- Ride **ATVs** in the Western Galilee for spectacular views
- Check into your hotel, followed by dinner
- Moonlight walk along the **Jordan River**

Overnight: Pastoral, Kibbutz Kfar Blum – Boutique Rooms

KID'S MENU

- Meet a really cool artist and find out the meaning of your name
- Incredible candles at the Tzfat candle factory
- Hang out with Israeli soldiers and check out their equipment

Monday, December 25: MYSTICS AND MOUNTAINS

- In **Tzfat**, explore the alleyways and synagogues of mystics and trace the development of Kabbalah in the 16th Century
- Meet with a **Kabbalistic Artist** in his studio and see how he synthesizes Jewish mysticism and art
- **Meet soldiers in action**; exchange gifts and understand what it is like to put the burden of Israel's security on the shoulders of teenagers
- Dinner in the hotel

Overnight: Pastoral, Kibbutz Kfar Blum – Boutique Rooms

Tuesday, December 26: GOLAN 360°

- Ascend the **Golan Heights** to **Tel Faher** to learn about the conquest of the Golan in 1967 and to gain a better understand of the political considerations regarding the Golan today
- Overlook from **Mt. Bental** into Syria, to understand the Yom Kippur War (1973) and the contemporary situation in Syria
- Chocolate lovers: get your hands dirty at a chocolate making workshop at the **DeKarina Chocolate Factory**
Wine lovers: taste some of Israel's finest wines at the **Pelter Winery**
- At the **Gamla Nature Reserve**, learn about the 2,000 years of Jewish history on the Golan as well as about the Vulture reclamation project on the site
- Travel to Jerusalem and check into the hotel
- Dinner on your own in town

KID'S MENU

- Run through the army trenches and bunkers which help defend Israel
- Get your hands dirty at a chocolate making workshop!
- Meet Israel's vultures

Overnight: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Wednesday, December 27: THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!

- Begin our exploration of the Jewish “love affair” with Jerusalem from the **Haas Promenade** with its magnificent views and powerful Biblical, historical and contemporary narratives
- Continue to the **City of David**, site of biblical Jerusalem; see the probable foundations of King David's palace; Bible in hand, understand how Jerusalem became the venue for the development of classic Jewish values and our national identity; with your flashlights and water shoes, exit via the **water tunnel dug by King Hezekiah** 2,700 years ago in order to save the city from the Assyrians (dry option available on this wintery day)

OR

Ascend to the **Temple Mount**; tour the holiest site in the world for Jews and the holiest in Israel to for Muslims

- Lunch and shopping time in the Jewish Quarter and the Roman/Byzantine Cardo
- Say a prayer at the **Western Wall**
- See just how incredible King Herod's Temple project must have been at the **Western Wall Tunnels**
- In the evening, meet with a **political analyst** for an update on the issues facing Israel today

Overnight: *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

Thursday, December 28: **THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM!**

- Celebrate the **bnai mitzvah** of the community at the Robinson's Arch Section of the Western Wall
- At **Yad L'Kashish - Lifeline for the Elderly** – visit the workshops and meet the artists in this project which enables some of Jerusalem's senior citizens to contribute to society; then participate in everyone's favorite mitzvah – shopping in their gift shop!
- Join the scores of Jerusalemites preparing for Shabbat and grab lunch at the **Machane Yehuda Shuk** (market)
- **Ride camels** to Abraham's (the forefather) tent; enjoy his renowned hospitality, including a **hafla dinner!**

Overnight: *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

Friday, December 29: **WHAT PRICE FREEDOM?**

- **First timers:** Early departure; take the cable car up to **Masada** – the desert fortress – and hear one of the most dramatic stories in Jewish history; then float in the **Dead Sea**
- **Israel Veterans:** **Jeep tour** along the Burma Road and hear the exciting story of how this bumpy trail saved Jerusalem from Jordanian siege during the

KID'S MENU

- Incredible views and stories of Jerusalem
- Special 3-D movie on King David and Jerusalem
- Walk through the 1,800 foot water tunnel dug out thousands of years ago – bring your bathing suit!!
- Scavenger hunt in the city

KID'S MENU MITZVAH DAY!

- Bnai mitzvah service at the Wall!
- Participate in the great mitzvah of...shopping!
- Pack food for the needy
- Taste the best rugelach EVER!!
- Meet Abraham (the one from the Bible) and ride his camels

KID'S MENU

- Masada and Dead Sea Float!
- OR
- Jeeping in the Judean Hills
 - The Western Wall on Shabbat – like no other service you have ever experienced

War of Independence; then understand how Jerusalem was unified during the Six Day War at **Ammunition Hill**

- Return to the hotel and get ready for Shabbat
- In the evening, have a community **Shabbat service at the Robinson's Arch Section of the Western Wall**; then join the thousands of Israelis and Jews from around the world at the Kotel as they bring in Shabbat
- Shabbat dinner in the hotel

Overnight: *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

Saturday, December 30: SHABBAT SHALOM

- Optional Shabbat services in a local synagogue
- Study session with Rabbi Rosenberg
- Take a walking tour of **Nachlaot** – one of the first neighborhoods outside of the Old City
- Lunch on own
- Walk through the **Armenian and/or Christian Quarters** of the Old City, including the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**
- Group Havdallah
- Review the history of Jerusalem at the **Tower of David Nighttime Spectacular** as it is projected on the walls of this ancient citadel
- Farewell Dinner

Overnight: *Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem*

KID'S MENU

- Enjoy the hotel's indoor pool
- Explore the other Quarters of Jerusalem's Old City
- Shabbat board games in the hotel
- Awesome sound and light show!

Sunday, December 31: L'HITRAOT – SEE YOU SOON!

- Transfer to the airport for your flight home
- British Airways flight 162 departing Ben Gurion Airport at 7:50am
- Land in London Heathrow at 11:10am; transfer to flight 067 departing at 12:45pm
- Land in Philadelphia at 4:05pm
- Start planning your next trip to Israel!

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator and a Keshet Youth Counselor.
- There will be parallel educational programming for adults and youth throughout the trip to allow for age-appropriate learning.
- All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
- This itinerary is proprietary to Keshet and is intended for the promotion of and to inform those considering joining this Keshet trip. It is not to be transmitted to any other party without prior authorization from Keshet.



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Land & Air Package Price Per Person: \$6,145

- In double occupancy hotel accommodations; based on a minimum of 15 paying participants
- If there will be fewer than 15 paying participants, the price per person will increase

Additional Fees Billed and Paid Separately (not included in package price above)

- **Standard Tips & Gratuities \$160 per person** For guide, bus driver, hotel bell staff and waiters for included meals.

Options & Discounts

| Option | What is it? | Add/Deduct |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Single Occupancy | One person per hotel room (<i>limited availability</i>) | Add \$1,000 |
| Child as third in room | For one child under 13 years old as a third in a room | Deduct \$500 |
| Adult as third in room | For one participant age 13 and up as a third in a room | Deduct \$130 |
| Land Only | If you would like to arrange the flights on your own, please register for the trip as "land only". Please note: If your flights arrive in or depart from Israel at times other than the group flights, you will be responsible for the cost of your airport transportation in Israel. | Deduct \$1,680 |

Deposit & Payment Schedule

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| May 14, 2017 | Deposit of \$500 per participant (<i>applied to total payment</i>) |
| July 1, 2017 | 50% payment due |
| October 20, 2017 | Payment due in full (<i>including tips</i>) |

Refund Schedule

For cancellation or non-participation for any reason

| Cancellation after | Refund |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| May 14, 2017 | Full refund less \$300 per person |
| July 1, 2017 | Full refund less \$ 1,200 |
| October 1, 2017 | Full refund less \$ 2,400 |
| November 20, 2017 | No Refund |

Payment Options

- **Online** – Pay with MasterCard or Visa online at <https://www.keshetisrael.co.il/forms/keshet-billing>
- **Check** – Mail a check payable to **Educational Encounters International, Inc.(EEII)** to:
Educational Encounters International, Inc.(EEII), 110 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 228, Montvale, NJ 07645
- *Keshet strives to offer fair pricing and therefore does not budget for contingencies resulting from weather or security issues. Itineraries may be altered as a result of these factors. Also, the prices listed reflect rates quoted by hotels and vendors as of February 2017. In the event of devaluation of the US dollar exchange rates, hotels and other vendors may add surcharges; Keshet reserves the right to pass such increases on to trip participants.*

Accommodations

| Hotel | Dates | Hotel | Dates |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv | December 21-24 | Pastoral, Kibbutz Kfar Blum | December 24-26 |
| Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem | December 27-31 | | |

Group Flight Information

Flight schedules are the responsibility of British Airways and are subject to change without notice; Keshet assumes no responsibility for flight schedule changes. Participants who register for the full land and air package have until September 1, 2017 to change to "land only" with no penalty. Cancellation of flight reservations after September 1, 2017 will result in a \$200 "flight cancellation fee" **due to penalties assessed by the air carriers. Flight changes or cancellations requested after October 15, 2017 will incur significant penalties including possibly the entire cost of the ticket. A minimum of 10 passengers is required for the group flight reservations and rate.**

| Departure from USA to Israel | Departure from Israel to USA |
|---|--|
| Wednesday December 20 6:40pm departure from PHL on British Airways flight #066 Thursday December 21 Arrive in London at 6:40am. Connect to BA flight #165 departing 8:05am, arriving at Ben Gurion International Airport, Israel at 2:55pm | Sunday December 31 British Airways flight #162 departing Ben Gurion International Airport at 7:50am, landing in London Heathrow at 11:10am. Connect to BA flight #067 departing at 12:45pm, arriving in PHL at 4:05pm |

While group flight reservations provide favorable payment and refund terms, flexibility regarding requests for deviations from the group flight dates and schedule is limited and subject to additional fees. Additionally, the airlines assign a block of seats to the group and generally do not honor individual requests for specific seats.

Package Price Includes

- Round trip airfare on British Airways as per the itinerary
- "Meet & Greet" service at Ben Gurion International Airport for one group flight
- One group transfer from and to Ben Gurion International Airport for group flight
- All group transportation in Israel on private chartered bus as per the itinerary
- All hotel accommodations – *double occupancy* - as per the itinerary
- All site admissions and programs as per the itinerary
- Israeli breakfast every morning plus 7 additional included meals
- Keshet Israel Tour Educator
- Keshet Youth Counselor
- Customized Sourcebook
- Keshet Hat & T-shirt and insulated water bottle holder
- Keshet Luggage Tags and Map of Israel

Not Included in Package Price

- Meals on your own
- Personal charges at hotels and restaurants
- Tips for youth counselors
- Medical & Trip Insurance
- Laundry service

Trip Insurance

Keshet urges you to purchase cancellation insurance and supplemental medical coverage (which covers preexisting conditions). We recommend the "Cancel For Any Reason" policies which offer the broadest coverage. Please note that most insurance policies require purchase within 14 days of your date of registration for the trip. While you are free to purchase insurance from any company of your choice, Har Zion Temple has made arrangements with Travelex Insurance Services: <http://www.travelexinsurance.com/index.aspx?location=38-011551634&go=bp>

Please note: We cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses which you or any member of your party may incur as a result of failure to secure adequate insurance coverage.

Please contact **Geoff Winston**, Keshet's Programs Director, with any questions about the trip: geoff@keshetisrael.co.il



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