

**Interfaith Mission to Israel**  
**Led by Rabbi Scott Glass and Dr. Marcia Zax**  
**February 19, 2017—February 28, 2017**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

*Departure*

- Departure from the United States.

**Overnight:: Flight**

**Monday, February 20, 2017**

*Arrival Welcome to Israel*

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport with assistance by our representative and light refreshments upon arrival.
- Head north towards the Galilee.
- Welcome Ceremony on the beach at **Caesaria**.
- Drive to Tiberias and check in to the hotel.
- Festive welcome dinner at the hotel, followed by an introduction and orientation.

**Overnight:: Tiberias**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

*Nature, Theology, Security*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided visit through **Capernaum**, where Jesus taught during the days of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, including the ancient synagogue and church, with time for personal worship.
- Continue to **Tabaha**, traditional site of the multiplication of loaves and fish and conclude the visit around the Sea of Galilee with an overlook on to the Sea from atop the **Mount of Beatitudes**, where the Sermon on the Mount took place.
- Drive to the Upper Galilee.
- Walk through the **Tel Dan** reserve, along one of the tributaries of the Jordan River, concluding at the Biblical site of Tel Dan, exploring a combination of geopolitics, nature and archaeology.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Ascend the Golan Heights and visit the Druse village of **Bukata** and meet with students and teachers at the local school for a dialogue on their relationship to Israel and Syria.
- Continue to **Mount Bental** to gain a better understanding of the events of Israel's wars in 1967 and 1973 and the current realities facing Israel in the wake of the Syrian Civil War.
- Return to the hotel, followed by dinner and a group processing session.
- Dinner at the hotel.

- *Living Together in a Fractured Land*, with **Rabbi Mark Rosenstien** of the Galilee Center for Values Educaiton and **Elias Jabbour**, an Arab Christian, founder of the House of Hope Peace Center in Shefar'Am or **Deacon Jiries Mansur**, deacon in the Greek Catholic Church from Rama.

**Overnight:: Tiberias**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

*Religious and Political Narratives*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive through the Lower Galilee to the ancient town of **Zippori**, known as the town of tolerance, where the Jewish religious lawbook, the Mishna was codified and where Jews, Christians and Muslims generally lived in peace.
- *A Mosque and a Church*—Guided visit through **Nazareth**, including visits to the **Church of the Annunciation** and **Jacob's Well**, followed by a dialogue with Muslim and Christian leaders involved in resolving the dispute between the Christian and Muslim communities over the construction of a mosque in front of the Church of the Annunciation.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Art and Identity, drive along Wadi Ara to the city of **Umm el Fahem** and visit the Um el Fahem Art Gallery, hosted by Israeli Arab artist and founder **Said Abu Shakra**.
- Drive along the Trans-Israel Highway, the **Seam Zone Barrier** between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, stopping at the Israeli community of Matan, located on the Western side of Barrier for an overview of the Palestinian community of Hable, on the Eastern side and a dialogue with residents.
- Drive to Jerusalem.
- Welcome to Jerusalem Ceremony at the **Tayelet** ( Haas Promendade) overlooking the Old City, the City of David, Arab villages, the Peace Forest, and the mountains of Jordan.
- Check in to Jerusalem hotel.
- Free time and dinner on your own – *Ben Yehuda Street, Emek Rephaim, or the Tachanah (Old Train Station)*

**Overnight:: Jerusalem**

**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

*A Multilayered Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *Welcome to an Interfaith Jerusalem* with **Rabbi Tamar Elad Applebaum**, founder of the Zion Congregation, at the Inbal Hotel.
- Ascend to the **Mount of Olives** for an introduction to the city while overlooking the Temple Mount – Harem A Sharif.
- Enter the Old City through the **Jaffa Gate** of the Old City and walk along the marketplace **Rooftops**, exploring the multi-ethnic weave of the city, with a birds eye view of the walled city.
- Continue to the Jewish Quarter Walk through the Old City to today's **Jewish Quarter** for a guided visit through the Upper City of 2000 years ago.

- Lunch on your own in the Jewish Quarter.
- Visit the Etzion Settlement Block south of Jerusalem and meet the Israelis and Palestinians of **Shorashim ~ Judhur (Roots)**, a grassroots project which brings together Palestinians and Jewish settlers in a realistic and unique coexistence dialogue/living project, with **Ali Abu Awad, and Shaul Yudelman**.
- Free time to explore Jerusalem on your own or in organized groups.

**Overnight:: Jerusalem**

**Friday, February 24, 2017**

*Memories for the Future*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Memory of the Holocaust in Contemporary Israeli Society*, with **Dr. Rachel Korazim**.
- Visit **Yad Vashem**, Israel's National Memorial to the six million victims of the Holocaust, including the Historical Museum, the Avenue of the Righteous and the Children's Museum.
- Concluding interfaith **Memorial Ceremony**.
- Visit **Mount Zion**, the Hill of Three Religions, for a short guided visit and time for personal reflectin.
- Free time to explore Jerusalem and prepare for the Sabbath.)
- Depart the hotel by bus for the **Kotel (Orthodox Western Wall)** as Jerusalemites and guests gather to welcome in the Sabbath. Continue to the **Azarat Yisrael (Egalitarian Western Wall)** explanatory Kabbalat Shabbat (service to welcome the Sabbath).
- Return to the hotel by bus or on foot.
- Festive Sabbath dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight:: Jerusalem**

**Saturday (Shabbat), February 25, 2017**

*A Sabbath in Jerusalem*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Sabbath Morning Services** - visit to synagogues of various traditions around Jerusalem.
- Sabbath Lunch at the hotel.- Main Dining Room
- Depart for guided visit through the **Christian Quarter** of Jerusalem for a walk along the Via Delarosa and a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, including a dialogue with Christian theologians.
- Return to the hotel.
- Late Afternoon Options: 1. **Walking Tour** of nearby Jerusalem neighborhoods; 2. Home Hospitality: visit the home of **Rabbi Bill and Batya Berk** for light refreshments, conversation, and a teaching about the Sabbath.
- Havdallah-- end of the Sabbath ceremony overlooking the Old City.
- Visit the **Jerusalem Night Spectacular** Sound and Light Show at the David Citadel

Museum.

- Free night and dinner on your own.

**Overnight:: Jerusalem**

**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

*Worship and National Challenges*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
  - **Christian Worship Services** in English at St. Georges Cathedral (Episcopalian) or Notre Dame Cathedral (Catholic).
  - Meet **Very Revd. Hosam E. Naoum**, Dean of St. George for a discussion on the challenges of interfaith discussion in Jerusalem.
  - *The Geo-Politics of Jerusalem*, explore the realities on the ground along the boundaries between Jewish and Arab neighborhoods and their influence on international diplomatic dialogue, while en route to Shilo,
  - Visit **Shilo**, for a guided visit through the archaeological site where according to tradition Hana prayed and the Tabernacle stood.
  - *My Israel*, lunch at **Shilo**, followed by a dialogue with settler residents on why living in the Biblical heartland of Israel, is imperative for the continuation of the State of Israel
  - *My Palestine*, Depart for **Rawabi**, the new Palestinian city north of Ramallah for glimpse at this unique project, a synthesis between private enterprise, and public resources, to create one of the anchors of the future Palestinian State, including a meeting and dialogue with developer, **Bashar el Masri**.
  - Continue to Tel Aviv.
  - Check in to Tel Aviv hotel.
- Dinner, followed by *The Jewish Architecture of Peace: Creating Dialogue in the Context of Interfaith Belief*, with **Alick Isaacs**, founder of Siach Shalom – Talking Peace, which creates opportunities for dynamic group dialogue about peace inside Israel between conflicting perspectives within Israeli society.

**Overnight:: Tel Aviv**

**Monday, February 27, 2017**

*Tel Aviv: the First Hebrew City*

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive to Jaffa and stop at the Jaffa overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv-Jaffa, followed by a **Dual Narrative** tour of Jaffa with a Jewish and Christian guide – or visit the **Orchard of Abraham's Children** – Educational and coexistence initiative.
- Drive past the Levinsky Park in South Tel Aviv and visit the **Eliphelet Day Care Center**, a volunteer project for Asylum Seeker children run by Israeli volunteers.

- Guided walk through **Neve Zedek** to **Rothschild Blvd**, exploring the origins of modern Tel Aviv, with lunch on your own.
- Visit **Independence Hall**, site of the signing of Israel's Declaration of Independence, establishing Jewish sovereignty for the first time in 2,000 years.
- Free time for personal exploration.
- *Understanding a Multi Ethnic Israel*, with former government minister **Rabbi Michael Melchior**.
- Wrap up and processing discussion.
- Depart for festive **Farewell Dinner** at a Tel Aviv restaurant..
- Depart for Ben Gurion Airport.

**Overnight: Flight**

**February 28, 2017**

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**Arrive back in the United States**

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**Land Costs per person in a double room**  
**Hotels**

Hotels	2 nights Galilee	4 nights Jerusalem	1 nights & Late Check Out Tel Aviv
	<i>Leonardo Club Tiberias</i>	<i>Dan Panorama</i>	<i>Dan Panorama</i>

**Costs**

	20 participants	30 Participants	Single Supplement
	\$1,840	\$1,655	\$585

• **Land Price Includes:**

- Assistance upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- Transfers from and to Ben Gurion Airport
- Licensed Israeli Government Tour Educator - 8 days
- 8 Days on a Luxury Coach (*Including an armored bus for Shilo*)
- Hotel Accommodations per above
- All Site Admissions and program coordination as per the itinerary
- Speakers included:
  - Rabbi Michael Melchior
  - Rachel Korazim
  - Interfaith Dialogues in North
  - Umm el Fahem Art Gallery
  - Shorashim (Ali Abu Awad)
- Meals
  - Breakfast daily
  - Four Dinners
  - Two Lunches
- Source Materials, Hat, Bag, Map
- Water available during touring

• **Not Included**

- Additional Speakers in itinerary:
  - Alick Isaacs
  - Tamar Elad Appelbaum
- Tips for Guide
- Meals on Own and out of pocket expenses
- Travel and medical insurance