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Family Israel Adventure

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Date	Program	Meals/Overnight/Comments
Wednesday December 23	Departure from Boston American Airlines 4619* at 5:30 pm to JFK. Depart El Al 008 at 11:50 pm	
Thursday December 24	Welcome to Tel Aviv Arrival at Ben Gurion airport 5:05 pm. Check-in and opening program "Routes to Roots" in Old Jaffa. Welcome dinner in Tel Aviv's Yemenite Quarter.	<u>Airport Snack</u> <u>Welcome Dinner at Maganda</u> Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv
Friday December 25	To Be a Free Nation See where David Ben Gurion declared the establishment of the State of Israel at Independence Hall. Taste Tel Aviv's bustling street life at the Nachalat Binyamin Arts and Crafts Fair. Drive north along the Mediterranean Coast to Haifa for check-in and to prepare for Shabbat. Join Progressive Congregation Ohr Hadash for Shabbat services and possibly dinner as well <i>or</i> festive Shabbat dinner in the hotel.	Lunch-on own in Nachalat Binyamin <u>Shabbat dinner in hotel or with Congregation Ohr Hadash</u> Overnight: Dan Panorama, Haifa
Shabbat December 26	Haifa Free in Haifa. Walking tour of Bahai Gardens. Festive Shabbat lunch at hotel. Seuda Shlishit snack picnic and discussion followed by Havdala. Evening	<u>Shabbat Lunch at hotel</u> <u>Late afternoon snack (seudah shlishit)</u> Dinner on own

	program at Beit Hagefen.	Overnight: Dan Panorama, Haifa
Sunday December 27 10 th of Tevet	<p>Crossing the Galilee Board the (dry-docked) Israel Navy Ship “ Af Al Pi at the Clandestine Immigration Museum in Haifa to learn about how the Hagana smuggled Jewish refugees into Israel after the Second World War. Alternative: visit the Leo Baeck School Head to the Talmudic capital of Zippori, one of the largest archaeological sites in Israel and home to some of the most interesting mosaics in the Middle East. (Parallel program for children – Create your own mosaic). Bake pita, donkey rides and enjoy Mishnaic lunch at Kfar Kedem. Continue on to Tsfat (Safed), a city perched on the hills of the Upper Galilee and the crucible of Jewish mysticism. Evening program with kabala-inspired artist Abraham Lowenthal in his studio.</p>	<p><u>Lunch at Kfar Kedem (Ancient Village)</u></p> <p><u>Dinner</u> and overnight: Rimonim Inn, Tsfat</p>
Monday December 28	<p>Land of Borders Drive through the region of Mt. Meron and some of the wildest terrain in Northern Israel. Meet with remarkably young Israeli soldiers who defend the border with Lebanon and learn the military history of Israel’s confrontations with Lebanon and Syria. Hike through the Baniyas or Tel Dan Nature Reserve. Evening dinner and klezmer concert in Tsfat.</p>	<p>Lunch on own in Kiryat Shmona</p> <p><u>Dinner w/ klezmer concert in Safed gallery</u></p> <p>Overnight: Rimonim Inn, Tsfat</p>
Tuesday December 29	<p>Mystics and Mountains Walking tour of Tsfat’s ancient synagogues and art galleries. Time for shopping and to learn how Safed's ancient mystics have shaped our Jewish identity today.</p>	<p>Lunch-on own in Beit Shean</p>

	<p>Learn about the kibbutz movement in a tour of Kibbutz Ashdot Yaakov and drive through the starkly beautiful Jordan Valley en route to the Dead Sea. Twilight hike in the Judean Desert to consider "The Still Small Voice – Why was the Torah given in the desert?"</p>	<p><u>Dinner</u> and overnight in the Isrotel Dead Sea, Ein Bokek</p>
<p>Wednesday December 30</p>	<p>Masada and the Dead Sea Enjoy the spa with its Dead Sea based treatments and Dead Sea waters (heated in the spa or outdoors in the Dead Sea itself) Ascend Masada and explore why the Jewish rebels chose to live here after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans. En route to Jerusalem, meet Ethiopian families who crossed the desert of Sudan to wait for months in refugee camps before being airlifted to Israel by the Mossad. Arrive in Jerusalem and Shehecheyanu ceremony on Mount Scopus and first magical nocturnal visit to the Western Wall Check-in and free evening.</p>	<p><u>Picnic lunch at the Ein Gedi Beach</u></p> <p>Dinner on own in Jerusalem</p> <p>Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Thursday December 31</p>	<p>Jerusalem: From Abraham to King David Begin the day with a spectacular outlook over Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade Shacharit services at Robinsons' Arch (the Masorti Kotel) or at the HUC synagogue in case of rain. Descend to the City of David to see the new 3D movie and exciting new archeological discoveries excavations. Sift for Temple artifacts at the Emek Zurim Archeological Site. Lunch on own in the Jewish Quarter and shopping on the Byzantine Cardo. Tour of the Western Wall Tunnels</p>	<p>Lunch (in the Jewish Quarter) and dinner on own</p> <p>Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Friday January 1</p>	<p>From Out of the Crucible We learn and remember at Yad</p>	<p>Lunch-on own</p>

	<p>Vashem, including the historical museum and Children's Memorial.</p> <p>Explore the Machaneh Yehuda market as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat. Kabbalat Shabbat in Mevaseret Zion followed by festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.</p>	<p><u>Shabbat dinner at hotel</u></p> <p>Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
Shabbat January 2	<p>Shabbat in Jerusalem</p> <p>Shabbat morning tefilot at HUC, followed by Reform Movement speaker, and festive Shabbat lunch. Afternoon walking tour inspired by the Book of Psalms with David Wilfond.</p> <p>Farewell dinner.</p>	<p><u>Lunch at Beit Shmuel or the hotel</u></p> <p><u>Farewell dinner</u></p>
Sunday January 3	<p>Depart El Al 007 at 10:40 am.</p> <p>Arrival in JFK at 3:40 pm. Dep. American Airlines 4616* at 7:55 pm Arr. BOS at 9:00 pm.</p>	

*Domestic departures subject to confirmation

Program will be staffed by senior tour educator and youth counselor(s).

All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.

Listed speakers' participation subject to confirmation.