



Kehillah Jewish High School *Israel Encounter Study Tour 2022*

Senior Class May 17 – June 1, 2022

Itinerary

(As of April 18, 2022 - Subject to Change)

<p>Tuesday <i>May 17</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10:45 AM departure from SFO on United Airlines flight #2448 arriving Newark Airport at 7:13 PM ● 10:50 PM departure from Newark on United Airlines flight #90
<p>Wednesday <i>May 18</i></p>	<p><i>Bruchim Haba'aim!- Welcome to Israel!</i></p> <p>4:20 PM Junior Class arrival at Ben Gurion International Airport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ascend to Jerusalem for check-in and dinner at our hotel <p>Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Thursday <i>May 19</i></p> <p><i>Lag Ba'Omer</i></p>	<p><i>This Year in Jerusalem!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Orientation session. <i>Distribution of pre-paid spending money</i> ● At the Haas Promenade, begin our exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem as we remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac (<i>Akedat Yitzhak</i>) & David's establishment of the city as capital of the People of Israel 3,000 years ago ● At the Davidson Southern Temple Mount Archeological Park, step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple. ● Private time at the Kotel ● Voucher lunch and shopping time on your own in the Jewish Quarter. ● Explore the restored Jewish Quarter and examine the life of the city through the ages including the rooftops, the Cardo and the Kotel overlook ● See the Church of The Holy Sepulchre in the Christian Quarter. <i>Learn about over 1700 years of Christian faith and devotion here, the traditional site of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.</i> ● Dinner at the hotel ● Evening Program – Meet the Israelis. <i>Learn about some of the different groups which make up Israeli society</i> <p>Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Friday <i>May 20</i></p>	<p><i>From Out of the Crucible</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Geo-political tour of Jerusalem. <i>Learn more about the Israeli-Arab conflict, especially the struggles over Jerusalem.</i> ● At Yad Vashem learn about and remember the millions of Jews murdered by the Germans and their allies during the Shoah. ● Cash Lunch at the Machaneh Yehudah Open Air Market ● Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat; Shabbat candle lighting 6:52 PM ● Join thousands in welcoming Shabbat in prayer, song and dance at the Kotel. ● Walk back to the hotel for Shabbat Dinner <p>Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Shabbat <i>May 21</i></p>	<p><i>Shabbat in Jerusalem</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Optional Shabbat morning prayers at local synagogues. ● Family Visit Time (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) ● Shabbat lunch at the hotel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Afternoon walking tour followed by dinner at the hotel ● Havdalah (8:14 PM) – Free time at the Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Mall <p>Overnight: Olive Tree Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
Sunday May 22	<p><i>Israel: The Land and the People</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Pack bus and depart hotel ● At the Maaleh Film School we will get a deeper understanding of issues & challenges facing Israeli society through the medium of film ● Visit Ein Rafa, an Israeli Arab town in the Jerusalem Hills. Tour the town and meet local Muslim residents. <i>Learn about the complex issues they face as Arabs citizens of Israel coexisting with the Jewish majority.</i> ● Lunch ● Head south and hike in the Makhtesh Hagadol. <i>Learn about the prominent role that the desert plays in Jewish history and spirituality. Desert meditation exercise</i> ● Continue to Yeruhcham for home hospitality dinner. <i>Meet local residents and hear the stories of the Jewish immigrant families who came to Yerucham from North Africa, Europe and the Middle East and “made the desert bloom”</i> <p>Overnight: Leonardo Inn Dead Sea, Ein Bokek</p>
Monday May 23	<p><i>The Dead Sea</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Hike in the mountains overlooking the Dead Sea ● Lunch ● Afternoon to relax at the hotel swimming pool and float in the Dead Sea ● Processing session ● Dinner <p>Overnight: Leonardo Inn Dead Sea, Ein Bokek</p>
Tuesday May 24	<p><i>What Price Freedom?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pack bus and depart the hotel to Masada. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group I: Early departure from the hotel to climb the Massada Snake Path to get to the top for sunrise. <i>Tour the mountain and examine the troubling issues presented by the Masada story.</i> Descend via the “Roman Ramp” for breakfast at Kfar Hanokdim - Group II: Breakfast at the hotel and then cable car up to Massada. <i>Tour the mountain and examine the troubling issues presented by the Masada story.</i> Descend via the “Roman Ramp” and continue to Kfar Hanokdim ● Learn about Arab Bedouin culture, have lunch and ride camels at the Kfar HaNokdim Bedouin Ranch ● Head north – stop on the way for group activities ● Visit the the Israeli Druze community in the Carmel Mountains, have a home hospitality dinner and learn about the Druze community ● Check in at our Kibbutz Hotel in the Gallil <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee</p>
Wednesday May 25	<p><i>Land of Borders</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the guest house – Laundry Pickup ● Ascend the Golan Heights <i>gain a deeper understanding of the political and security situation</i> ● At Tel Saki at Israel’s border with Syria, meet IDF tank commander Capt. (Res.) Yaakov Selavan and IDF soldiers. Learn about the defense of the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur war and beyond. ● Head to the De Karina handmade chocolate factory at nearby Kibbutz Ein Zivan for a chocolate making workshop and tasting ● Cash Lunch in Katzrin ● Hike in the Golan Heights ● Return to hotel for dinner and laundry return ● Processing session <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee</p>

<p>Thursday May 26</p>	<p><i>Mountains & Mystics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the guest house ● From the top of the Arbel Cliffs we'll get an overview of the geography of Northern Israel with incredible views of the Kinneret, Upper and Lower Galil and the Golan Height before we hike down to the Kinneret basin. ● Head to Tzfat, city of the Jewish mystics. ● Cash Lunch and shopping time on your own in Tzfat. ● Explore the narrow alleyways and synagogues of Tzfat and examine the role of mysticism in contemporary Jewish life. ● Tzfat Workshop Options: Option #1: Challah Baking Workshop. Option #2: Art & Kabbalah Option # 3: Music & Kabbalah ● Continue to Lido Tiberias on the shores of the Kinneret for a boat ride dance party with the Junior Class followed by dinner <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Lavi Hotel, Galilee</p>
<p>Friday May 27</p>	<p>To Tel Aviv – The First “Hebrew” City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the guest house ● Kibbutz Tour and then pack bus and depart to Tel Aviv for cash lunch/shopping time at the Nahalat Binyamin Crafts Market and the Carmel Shuk ● Check-in at our hotel ● 7:21 PM – Shabbat candle lighting ● Kabbalat Shabbat on the beach promenade overlooking the Mediterranean Sea ● Shabbat Dinner at the hotel <p>Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv</p>
<p>Shabbat May 28</p>	<p><i>Shabbat Shalom in Tel Aviv</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Optional Shabbat morning services at local synagogues ● Session with Issam Sa’ad, who grew up in a refugee camp in Gaza and is now part of a Jewish-Arab dialogue project. <i>Isaam was smuggled out of Gaza when he found himself on the Hamas hit list.</i> ● Family Visit Time (12:00 PM – 5:00 PM) ● Shabbat lunch at the hotel and free time. ● Group Program ● Dinner at the hotel ● Havdalah 8:21 PM <p>Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv</p>
<p>Sunday May 29</p> <p><i>Yom Yerushalayim</i></p>	<p><i>Dig The Past</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Get on Bicycles and ride the length of Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean coast. ● Lunch ● At Beit Guvrin/Tel Maresha we'll have an archeological adventure, stepping back over 2,000 years to the days of the Maccabees, digging up the past with our own hands and spelunking through unexcavated tunnels. ● Dinner at the hotel ● Music and Dance Party with the Junior Class <p>Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv</p>
<p>Monday May 30</p>	<p><i>Rooted in the Past, Building for the Future</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Ascend to Jerusalem to the City of David (where Jerusalem began), and step back 3,000 years to the days of King David and the First Temple. ● At the Kotel Tunnels, step back 2,000 years to the days of the Second Temple and gain further insight into the role of the Temples in Jewish history and tradition. ● Private time at the Kotel ● Voucher lunch and shopping time on your own in the Jewish Quarter.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery, honor and remember those who fell defending Israel. <i>We will also visit the tombs and learn the stories of Israeli leaders and heroes including Yitzhak Rabin, Golda Meir and Hannah Szenesh.</i> ● Return to Tel Aviv for dinner at the hotel <p>Overnight: Grand Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv</p>
Tuesday May 31	<p>To Be A Free Nation in Our Own Land <i>להיות עם חופשי בארצנו</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast at the hotel ● Preflight Covid antigen testing as required by US regulations ● Pack bus and depart ● Learn about the struggle for the independence of the State of Israel by “joining” a Palmach unit at the multi-media Palmach Museum dedicated to this elite force of the pre-State Haganah ● Cash Lunch at one of Tel Aviv’s Open Air Markets ● Program at Holon Children’s Museum Dialogue in the Dark designed to create an unbiased encounter between blind and sighted people. ● Free time and last-minute shopping ● Summary session ● Farewell dinner at Maganda Restaurant before heading to Ben Gurion Airport for flight to the USA
Wednesday June 1	12:55 AM departure from Israel on United Airlines flight # 955 arriving SFO 6:00 AM

- The program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator, 1 Keshet Youth Counselor and 1 security guard
- All meals are included in the package price.
- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.



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