



**Keshet:** The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel  
מרכז קשת לתיירות חינוכית בע"מ

## **Nachum Segal Israel Tour:** ***Ancient & Modern*** *July 27 – August 5, 2015*

### **Monday, July 27 2015**      **Departure from U.S.**

- Flights to Israel.

### **Tuesday, July 28 2015**      **Baruchim Haba'im: Welcome!**

- Arrive in Israel
- Transfer to Jerusalem
- Cocktails with our host, Nachum Segal.
- Dinner at hotel, starting immediately after cocktail hour.

**Overnight: Inbal hotel, Jerusalem**

### **Wednesday, July 29 2015**      **Begin where it all began!**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Raise a toast and say "L'Chaim" to Jerusalem from the **Rooftop of the Aish HaTorah World Center** overlook of **Har Habayit**.
- Explore the **City of David's** latest discoveries in a special tour with an on-site archaeologist.
- Meet with residents of the Jewish neighborhood of **Ir David** to learn what motivated them to build homes in this disputed neighborhood.
- Continue in the footsteps of the Jewish pilgrims from the Second Temple Period through the newly opened underground passage that connects the City of David to the **Southern Wall Excavations** and the **Davidson Center**.
- Lunch on your own in the **Jewish Quarter**
- Continue to the **Moslem Quarter** to meet members of the **Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva**. Visit the **Young Israel of the Moslem Quarter** and meet with its rabbi, **Nahman Kahane**. Visit the home of former **Prime Minister Ariel Sharon**.
- Meet with the commander of the **Border Police** unit in the Moselm Quarter to learn about the security situation there and in the adjacent **Har Habayit**.
- Meet with archaeologist **Dr. Gabi Barkai** to learn about secrets that have been hidden from the human eye for 2,000 years. Learn about his role in uncovering priceless relics from **Har Habayit**. We'll roll up our sleeves and sift, helping to hopefully uncover more finds that could be part of the story of the redemption of Jerusalem!
- Dinner on your own in Jerusalem

**Overnight: Inbal hotel, Jerusalem**

**Thursday, July 30 2015****Begin where it all began!**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel to Jerusalem
- Volunteer at **Ohr Meir & Bracha Terror Victims Support Center** making packages of food for families in need
- Meet **Photo-journalist David Rubinger** whom former Israeli President Shimon Peres called the "photographer of the nation in the making" to see his portfolio of photographs of the history of the State of Israel, from its birth. Rubinger, who was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize in 1997, will recount the stories behind his world-famous pictures and convey what was in his mind and in his heart.
- Lunch on own
- Take an in-depth tour of the **Security Fence** with its architect, **Col (Res) Danny Tirza**. The fence has been credited with preventing terrorist attacks and saving the lives of thousands of Israelis, but also criticized by governments around the world and rerouted by Israel's Supreme Court; Tirza will recount his negotiations with the Palestinians, explain the rationale behind the fence's construction and analyze its effectiveness.
- Visit To the Home of **President Reuven "Ruby" Rivlin** in Jerusalem (pending availability)
- Dinner at a local restaurant followed by participating in traditional **challah bread baking** in Nachlaot

**Overnight: Inbal hotel, Jerusalem**

**Friday, July 31 2015****Jerusalem rebuilt**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walking tour of "**The Municipal Line**" following the border that divided Jerusalem between Israel and Jordan from the **War of Independence** to the **Six Day War**, led by former **Paratrooper Rav Yoel Ben Nun**. Discuss the strange status of the divided city of 1948 – 1967 and the status of Jerusalem today.
- Continue the tour at **Ammunition Hill**, site of one the **Six Day War's** hardest battles and meet veteran **Yeki Chetz** who will walk us through a reconstruction of the bloody battle that took place here.
- Experience the hustle and bustle of the vibrant **Machaneh Yehudah** open-air fruit and vegetable market as Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat.
- Lunch on your own in the market
- Freshen Up at the hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- End the day's tour at a Kabbalat Shabbat service at the Kotel, reliving the excitement of the soldiers who liberated the Old City and returned to the Kotel after many years of longing.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel with Nachum Segal and his family

**Overnight: Inbal hotel, Jerusalem**

**Shabbat, August 1 2015****Shabbat in Jerusalem**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Time to join one of the many synagogues near the hotel for Shabbat morning services.
- Lunch at the hotel followed by free time for rest and relaxation.
- Shabbat walking tour of Jerusalem neighborhoods.
- Seuda Shlishit at Hotel with Guest speaker **Rabbi Benny Lau, Hillel Mali** or other. *Jeremiah: Prophet of Destruction and Redemption*

- *Havdalah* service, overlooking the Old City
- Dinner and evening on own

**Overnight: Inbal hotel, Jerusalem**

### Sunday, August 2 2015 From Shiloh to Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy an exciting **ATV adventure tour** to the Jerusalem and **Judean hills** to learn about Jerusalem during Second Temple period. Along the trail we drive through terraces used for planting and irrigating at the time of the second temple.  
We will also pass through the talmudic city of **Beitar** (an arab village today called Batir).
- At Salmon ridge we'll stop for a **L'Chaim** with Israeli local wine including coffee\tea and cookies before returning to our starting point via Ein Itamar.
- Return to the hotel to freshen up
- Go back in time to biblical Israel "*From **Shiloh to Jerusalem: In Search of Mikdash & Monarchy***" Explore the historical and religious stages of Mishkan worship from Joshua's time through the establishment of the Mikdash under kings David and Shlomo. Learn the stories of Eli, Elkana, and Chana and gain an appreciation of how the Tanach comes to life on site with **Dr. Shani Taragin**.
- Maariv at the synagogue of the community of Shilo today – an accurate replica of the mishkan
- Dinner at the **Psagot Winery visitor's center** with **Motti and Leah Sklar**, leading Israeli radio and television personalities.

**Overnight: Inbal hotel, Jerusalem**

### Monday, August 3 2015 In the footsteps of our forefathers

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel to Herodian in the **Etzion Block** to learn about the historical and archaeological significance of the site, where the tomb of King Herod was recently discovered. VIP entrance to the Royal Throne Room where murals from the time of Herod have been uncovered and which were a part of the outstanding exhibit in the Israel Museum.
- Continue to the **Lone Oak**, symbol of the longing for return to this settlement bloc. Special presentation on the dramatic story of the victorious return to the area by the children of the bloc's original defenders.
- Visit the **Pina Hama** where coffee and cake is served to soldiers by volunteers in memory of murdered Hadasah Hospital surgeon **Shmuel Gilis** and **Tzahi Sasson**.
- Lunch on your own in **Gush Etzion**
- Continue the city of **Hebron**, guided by settlement leaders **Noam Arnon** and **David Wilder**
- Visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs in **Ma'arat Hamachpelah** for mincha.
- Meet with **Sheikh Jabari** the former Mayor of Hebron and a key player in keeping peace there. Learn about the Jewish-Palestinian ties in Hebron and how the sheikh's intervention over the years has prevented violence.
- Continue to Ashkelon
- Dinner with **Adiel and Chana Levi**. This unique Ashkelon couple will give us an intimate glimpse into the challenges and moral dilemmas faces by them and other Ashkelon families during **Operation Protective Edge**.

**Overnight: Leonardo hotel, Ashkelon**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Drive to **Moshav Netiv Ha'asara**, located only a few dozen meters from the Gaza perimeter fence. The moshav took a huge amount of rocket hits from before the ground operation and throughout the Protective Edge Operation. Meet with moshav resident and IDF Gaza combat soldier **Barak Benjamin** to hear about his personal experiences in the war and feelings about living on a moshav where one of the major terror tunnels was exposed.
- Continue to **Sderot** for a tour with **Col. (res.) Bentzi Gruber** for a close encounter of life under constant missile threat.
- Visit to one of the shuls in **Sderot** for mincha, where a Torah dedicated to Nachum Segal's father is found.
- Lunch on your own in Sderot- empower local businesses!
- Drive to the **Tze'elim IDF Base** to learn about *Ethics in the Field: Challenges and Reality* from Colonel Gruber
- Walking tour through IDF's Urban Warfare Training Model at the base, simulating a densely populated town, to allow soldiers to encounter first-hand the challenges of battle in a civilian setting
- Give out gifts to soldiers at the base.
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Free evening and dinner on your own

**Overnight: Carlton hotel, Tel Aviv**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel to Tel Aviv
- Visit the multi-media **Palmach Museum** dedicated to this elite force of the pre-State Hagana. Discuss the moral and strategic dilemmas of the time and the imprint the Palmach made on Israeli society, politics and culture.
- **The Tastes of Israel:** Excursion into the inner worlds of Tel Aviv, beginning at the famed **Levinsky Market** for a tasting of some of the unique Balkan foods and atmosphere and concluding at the famous outdoor **Carmel Fruit and Vegetable Market**
- Lunch on your own at the market
- Meet with **Abraham Silver** who will be guiding us on a mesmerizing tour of Tel Aviv, beginning in "**Hatachana**," the newly-restored train station compound in Southern Tel Aviv, and continuing through **Neve Tzedek**. The native-Brooklynite paratrooper pioneer-kibbutznik will regale us with personal stories and reflections on Tel Aviv's 100-year history.
- Festive farewell dinner and summery discussion
- Departure for Ben Gurion International Airport for flights back to the U.S.

- Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator
- Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Hostess
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