



LIKE DREAMERS

JERUSALEM MEGA MISSION

Commemorating 50 years of United Jerusalem

Monday, May 22 – Sunday, May 28

"What unites the Jewish people isn't any holy place in Jerusalem but Jerusalem itself"

Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel is pleased to present a unique experience, celebrating and exploring 50 years of united Jerusalem.

The city of Jerusalem has been the spiritual center for the Jewish people worldwide for millennia. The opportunity of making Yerushalayim shel Mata – earthly Jerusalem - the spiritual and political center of the Jewish people was realized on June 7, 1967. The unification of Jerusalem is both complex and riddled with challenges. Today we are faced with "the unbearable choice between preserving the intactness of the people of Israel and the intactness of the land of Israel." (Yossi Klein Halevi, Like Dreamers)

Like Dreamers will allow us to both celebrate Jerusalem and explore some of the most poignant issues facing the city today and in the future.

Monday, May 22

Baruchim HaBa'im (Welcome!)

- Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- Transfer to Jerusalem and check-in to hotels
- From 2:00 p.m. there will be optional afternoon walking tours of Jerusalem:
 - Who really assassinated **Count Folke Bernadotte**?
 - **A walk through Jerusalem History**: Jerusalem's new **Park Hamesila**
 - **The Jerusalem Municipal Line: 1949 – 1967**: From **Abu Tor** to **Mt. Zion**
- Program begins in Jerusalem at 5:00 p.m. with pickup at hotels
- Welcome by **Mayor Nir Barkat** at his office in the Jerusalem Municipality
- Festive arrival banquet dinner overlooking Jerusalem.

Overnight: Jerusalem

Tuesday, May 23

Heavenly and Earthly Jerusalem

- 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 focus on the stories behind his world-famous pictures leading up to and from the Six Day War.
- **3,000 Years of Jewish history in the City of David**. A VIP tour highlighting the most recent discoveries in Biblical Jerusalem
- **Emek Shaveh**: Archaeology in the Shadow of the Conflict. Meet with Advocate **Daniel Seidman** and residents of the village of Silwan to understand their narrative of the history of the city of Jerusalem. (pending confirmation)
- Free time for lunch in the **Jewish Quarter**

- ***For My House Shall be Called a Temple of Prayer for All Peoples*** (Isaiah 66): Symposium on Jerusalem as a Crossroads of Three Religions in the **Armenian Patriarchate**.
 - Meet representative of the **Armenian Patriarchate**
 - Meet with Imam **Sheikh Samir Assi**
 - Meet with **Rabbi David Rosen**, Director of the AJC's International for Interreligious Understanding
- Dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Participate in **Jerusalem Day Celebrations** (To Be Determined)

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Wednesday, May 24 **50 Years of United Jerusalem**

- ***Like Dreamers***: A candid discussion with journalist, philosopher and author of the New York Times bestseller ***Like Dreamers*** **Yossi Klein Halevy: *Redemptions Flawed Trumpet***(pending confirmation)
- ***Jerusalem of Iron***: Tour new neighborhoods around the city to get an appreciation of the vulnerability of Jerusalem before 1967.
- ***A Wall Divides Us***: Meet with **Danny Tirza**, architect of **Israel's Separation Barrier** to hear what his ideas were about the necessity of this barrier and the security and human rights considerations behinds its planning and construction
- ***Rikudegalim***: Join tens of thousands of Israelis and visitors dancing though the streets of the New City to the Old City and the Kotel in celebration of Jerusalem.
- Dinner on your own in Jerusalem

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Thursday, May 25 **Personalizing Jerusalem**

Explore Jerusalem in a way which speaks to you most by choosing one of four exciting options:

- 1. InnovationNation**: Meet with Venture Capitalists and Dreamers including:
 - **Yossi Abramowitz** (Global Energy solar energy conglomerate) or **Bob Rosenschein**, serial entrepreneur and founder of the NASDAQ-traded Answers.com
 - Travel to **Mobiley**, world leaders in advanced driverless car technologies
 - Meet with executives from **Our Crowd**, Israel's leading crowd funding Venture Capital fund
 - **Made in JLM.org**. Encounter the vision that is energizing Jerusalem innovation, following in a tradition of 3,000 years.
- 2. Art and Society**: Feel the energy of Israeli arts and culture as they struggle to interpret the Jerusalem and Israeli experience. Among the people we'll meet:
 - Author **Eshkol Nevo**, one of the most creative and outstanding voices of Israel today. (His creations include the bestseller ***Homesick***. Mr. Nevo is the grandson of Levy Eshkol, prime minister during the Six Day War).
 - **Andi Arnovitz**, internationally acclaimed printmaker and multi-media artist. Andi's works address issues of feminism and Judaism, exploring motherhood, fear, Jerusalem and more.
 - Enjoy a multi-cultural travelling lunch:
 - First course at **Darna** Moroccan restaurant
 - Main Course at **Canela**, specializing in classic French menu
 - Desert at the **Eucalyptus** restaurant which serves a modern interpretation of biblical cuisine
 - **Film as a Portal into Israeli Society**: Continue to the **Ma'aleh Film School** to view several short films and meet with the director of the film "**Barriers**", portraying the complex reality at Israel's security checkpoints
- 3. Law and Justice in Israel**:
 - Visit the **Supreme Court** and meet **Justice Yitzhak Englard** for an insight into the role of the Israeli courts in Israel's complex security and political reality.
 - Israel's international legal standing: Meet **Israel's former Ambassador to the UK**, His Excellency **Daniel Taub**
 - Israel's Just War Doctrine: Meet with **Professor Asa Kasher**, author of the IDF Moral Code

- Personal status issues in Israel and Women's role in Rabbinical Courts. Meet with **Dr. Rachel Levmore, Rabbinical Court Advocate** and women's rights advocate.

4. Israel Medical Breakthroughs:

- Visit **Bio-Jerusalem Incubator**. Jerusalem, not to be out done by Tel Aviv is developing its own hi-tech ventures. Meet the managers of this initiative and some of the companies leading the innovation.
- Visit **Hadassah Hospital's Hadassit Technology Transfer** Company to hear of some of the most exciting R&D efforts being pursued and how the Doctors are working to move their findings out of the lab and into the marketplace.
- **Teaching the Blind to See**. Meet **Professor Amir Amedi** to learn about the use of sonar in simulated site technology.
- **Israel Rescue**: Meet with **Eli Beer, President of United Hatzalah** of Israel. Hear how Eli developed and implemented an inspiring solution to provide effective real-time response to medical emergencies.

- Meet with author and chairman of the core curriculum at Jerusalem's Shalem College **Daniel Gordis, United Jerusalem: Dream or Reality?**
- Dinner on your own in Jerusalem

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Friday, May 26

Out of Jerusalem

- **Beyond the Green Line**: Tour areas south of Jerusalem and meet with settlers and Palestinian Arabs.
 - Travel to the **Mitzpor Ha'elef** lookout to survey the area of **Gush Etzion, Jerusalem** and the **Judean Desert**
 - **Journey Towards the Other**: Meet with **Rabbi Hanan Schlezinger** and **Ali Abu Awwad** to learn about grassroots efforts of dialogue and co-existence. (pending confirmation)
 - Visit the **Pina Hama** in **Gush Etzion** where snacks are served to soldiers
 - Visit the Tomb of the Patriarchs in **Ma'arat Hamachpelah**.
 - Lunch in **Hebron**
 - **The Tent of Abraham: Yitzhak and Yishmael**: Meet with Hebron community leaders **Noam Arnon** and **Sheikh Jabari**. The latter is the former Mayor of Hebron, a key player in keeping peace there. Learn about the Jewish-Palestinian ties in Hebron and how dialogue between settlers and the Sheikh has prevented violence.
- **The Essenes and the Dead Sea**
 - Visit the **Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book** for a meeting with a Curator of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit.
 - Visit the Israel Museum's Temporary Exhibit
 - Visit **Qumran**, home of the **Essenes** for a surprising tour of its remains, exploring the complex relationship between the scrolls and modern Jewish life and their influence on interfaith dialogue in contemporary society.
 - Lunch at Kibbutz Kalia
 - Continue to the **Kalia Beach** on the **Dead Sea**. Here you can swim in the Dead Sea and cover yourself in mud.
- Optional visits to the Kotel or synagogues of individual choice
- **Shabbat of a Lifetime**: Experience Shabbat as you share a meal with a Jerusalem family that will open their home and explain the customs and ceremonies of Shabbat over a traditional Shabbat dinner in the different ethnic communities of Jerusalem.

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Shabbat, May 27

Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Optional services at Jerusalem synagogues
 - Shabbat Lunch in the Hotel
 - Choose from a number of optional Jerusalem Walking Tours
 - **Germany in Palestine:** Tour the German Colony of Jerusalem
 - **Women in Jerusalem:** Tour the city center for a fascinating insight into Jerusalem's history and the roles played by several select women.
 - **The Street of the Prophets:** Visit landmarks that tell the story of Jerusalem in the Nineteenth Century
 - **Rooftops Above Jerusalem:** Tour the four quarters of the Old City from a fascinating new perspective!
 - Seudah Shlishit with Rabbi Bill Berk to discuss perspectives on Jerusalem and Shabbat
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Sunday, May 28

Tel Aviv

- **Tikun Olam:** Start off the day giving back to the country that has given us so much. Participate in a volunteering project at one of the following:
 - Volunteer at the **Jaffa Institute** a non-profit, multi-service social agency that's creating a new reality for thousands of underprivileged Israeli children.
 - Visit the **Save A Child's Heart** project in Holon, a unique institution which provides life-saving heart surgery for children from all over the underdeveloped world, including Africa, Asia, Gaza and the West Bank. Participants will have an opportunity to run an activity for patients in the pre-op/post op home.
 - Help paint the dormitories of the **Jerusalem Hills Therapeutic Center** in **Abu Gosh**, a center which deals with youth at risk.
 - Visit the **Biyalik Rogozin School**, where students from 48 countries, from countries as distant as Darfur and Eritrea to Thailand, learn Hebrew and get a unique chance for an education as portrayed in the award-winning film "**Strangers No More.**" Consider what it means to be a "light unto the nations." Participants will have an opportunity to interact with students.
- **Tel Aviv at 100: From Sand Dunes to Start-Up City.** Walk through the streets of **Old Jaffa** and **Neveh Tzedek** to the **Susan Dallal Center for the Performing Arts**, encountering such historic personalities as **Shmuel Yosef Agnon** and **Rabbi Isaac Hacoheh Kook**.
- Final banquet dinner
- Transfer to Ben Gurion airport for flight back to the U.S.

1. Listed activities and speakers are subject to confirmation.
2. Program will be staffed by a Keshet Israel Tour Educator
3. All breakfasts plus underlined meals are included in the package price.
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