



Friends of the Israel Defense Forces
Their job is to look after Israel. Ours is to look after them.

FIDF Real Estate Mission to Israel *November 4 – 10, 2017*

Saturday, November 4

- Depart the United States

Sunday, November 5

- Arrival at **Ben Gurion International Airport**
- **VIP** Meet and Greet service and transfer to Tel Aviv
- Transfer to the Royal Beach hotel
- 19:00 Opening Dinner at **West Side**, the Royal Beach hotel's gourmet restaurant, by **Chef Amir Halfon**. Dinner guest will be the **Mayor of Tel Aviv Ron Huldai**

Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday, November 6

- 8:30 Depart the hotel and travel to **Sde Dov** Airport
- 10:00 Board helicopters to fly to **Safed**
- 11:00 Visit the **Ziv Hospital** where hundreds of injured Syrian civilians have been treated throughout the Syrian Civil War
- 12:30 Continue to the **Golan Heights**
- 13:30 Lunch and wine tasting at the **Odem Mountain Winery**.
- 15:00 **Jeep ride** to the **Mount Bental or Kuneitra outlook** into **Syria** for a security briefing giving insight into the history of the region and its current status, guided by the Intelligence Officer of **Israel's Northern Command** and with **Colonel (Res.) Koby Merom**, a past commander of Israeli troops in Lebanon. Potential meeting with **Yom Kippur War** hero **Brigadier-General Avigdor Kahalani**.
- 17:00 Fly back to Tel Aviv
- 18:00 Land in Sde Dov
- 20:00 Dinner at "**Dinings**" Japanese restaurant at the Norman hotel with a guest speaker (TBA)



Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday, November 7

- 8:30 Depart the hotel and travel north
- 10:00 Visit the **Atlit Naval Base**, a classified Israeli Navy base on the northern Mediterranean coast of Israel. The base is home to the **Shayetet 13**, Israel's naval commando unit.

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- 10:00 Visit the **Haifa Naval Base** which constitutes the main naval base of the **Israel Defense Forces**. This naval base has submarines, missile boats and other vessels. Review by **senior naval officer**.
- 12:30 Lunch at the Israeli Yemenite restaurant **Baronita** in **Zichron Yaakov** or at the **Aresto** restaurant in **Caesarea**
- 15:00 Visit the **elite Israeli Intelligence Corps Military Unit 8200** responsible for collecting signal intelligence (SIGINT) and code decryption in **Gilot**.
- 16:45 **Israeli Innovation panel discussion** featuring the developer of **Waze**, **Mobileye**, **Wix**, **Given Imaging** and others. All these companies have either been acquired by large international companies or have completed an IPO.
- 20:00 Dinner at the **Mossad** with **Yossi Cohen**, the head of the **Mossad** or Deputy Mossad Director



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Wednesday, November 8

- 8:30 Depart the hotel and travel to Sde Dov Airport
- 10:00 Board helicopters to fly over the **Judean Desert** and **Masada**.
- 11:30 Visit the outlook into **Gaza** and the entrance to one of the **major terror tunnels** that was exposed
- 14:00 Visit the **Nevatim** or **Hatzerim Air Force Base** featuring the **F35 plane**, the **F35 Simulator** and the **Iron Dome**, including **lunch** with the soldiers
- 17:00 Return to Tel Aviv and Land in Sde Dov
- 20:00 Dinner at the acclaimed **Chef Meir Adoni's** restaurant, **Blue Sky**, at the Carlton hotel with **Brig. Gen. (Res.) Dr. Daniel Gold**, Developer of the Iron Dome or with **Ron Prozor** who served as Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and as Israel's Ambassador to the United Kingdom.



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Thursday, November 9

- 8:30 Depart the hotel and travel to the **Kiryat** (The Campus), in central Tel Aviv, containing the major Israel Defense Forces base since its founding in 1948
- 9:30 Meet with Deputy Chief of Staff of the **Israel Defense Forces** and/or with the head of **Aman** the **Directorate of Military Intelligence** and/or **Zohar Paltin**, former head of intelligence in the Mossad.
- 12:00 Lunch at the Kirya
- 13:30 Continue to **Jerusalem**, visit the Special Police Unit (**Yamam**), an Israeli counter-terrorism unit, one of four special units of the **Israeli Border Police**. The Yamam is capable of both hostage rescue operations and offensive takeover raids against targets in civilian areas.
- 17:30 Visit the **Knesset**, home of the legislative branch of the Israeli government OR the **Defense Ministry** to meet with **Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman**
- 20:00 Dinner at **Jacko's Street** restaurant in the heart of the vibrant **Machaneh Yehudah Market** with American-Israeli philosopher, **Dr. Micah Goodman**, a leading young voice in Israel and North America on Zionism, Judaism and Bible. Dr. Goodman is the author of four Israeli bestsellers; his most recent, Catch 67, deals with the conflicts within the Israeli society of our times.
Or Meet with **Dr. Ruth Calderon**, former Member of Knesset and Deputy Speaker of the Knesset for the Yesh Atid party. Dr. Calderon is one of Israel's leading figures spearheading efforts to revive Hebrew Culture and a pluralistic Israeli-Jewish identity.
Or Meet the Israeli political scientist, Professor **Shlomo Avineri**, in a conversation connecting his book about the vision of Theodor Herzl and his concept of Israel's vision in our times.
- 22:00 Optional guided tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels**, where hidden layers of the Wall revealed an underground which tells the story of ancient Jerusalem and generations of longing for this holiest of places.
- 23:30 Return to Tel Aviv.

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Friday, November 10

- 8:00 Depart Tel Aviv to Ben Gurion Airport for flight United UA85

* These speakers and meetings are pending confirmation

