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Refugee Health Fact Finding Study Trip

March 11th-18th, 2018

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Saturday, March 10 Depart USA

Group Transportation from New York

Sunday March 11 Arrival and Initial Orientation

- Arrive in Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport
- Transfer to Tel Aviv and check into Hotel
- Welcome Dinner in our Hotel
- Optional Evening walking tour of Old City of Jaffa, for centuries the port of entry for immigrants and refugees coming to the Holy land

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Monday March 12 Where Africa Meets Israel

- Meeting at Health Clinic in South Tel Aviv. This Volunteer Run Clinic in the Tel Aviv Central Bus station provides free care to refugees and asylum seekers. Meet and hear from physicians who are working there to learn about the struggles and unique health issues challenges they encounter.
- Meeting with Physicians for Human Rights. The Israel branch of this international organization works on the frontlines of refugee health issues. Visit the clinic they run, meet with the Clinic Director and patients.
- Lunch on your own in the Levinsky area where many of the African refugees live and work.
- Meet in Holon with Physicians who run "Save a Child's Heart", an inspiring organization providing lifesaving treatment for children with cardiac problems from around the world.
- Dinner in Jaffa's Blackout restaurant, where you will experience the challenge of being blind while enjoying a delicious dinner. Your blind waiter will show you to your seat.

Overnight: Renaissance Hotel, Tel Aviv

Tuesday March 13 Healers and Healing in The Galilee

- Visit the Technion University, Israel's world renowned academic institution for science and engineering, and hear refugee success stories. Meet Faculty of Medicine members including Prof Hossem Hayik, an expert in the field of nanotechnology, Nano sensors, non-invasive disease diagnosis who has developed a method to identify cancer cells via olfactory signals.
- Travel to Misgav to meet with **Trendlines** executives. Trendlines is the premier incubator for medical devices in Israel. Learn about some of the exciting new developments that are coming out of the creative minds of Israel's start-up ecosystem
- Visit to the Iconic Christian Sites on the Shores of the Sea of Galilee.,
 - Capernaum, site of Jesus ministry to his disciples and traditional site of Peter's home where Jesus healed his followers
 - Tabgha and Mount Beatitudes where Jesus gave comfort and substance to thousands

Overnight: Ramot hotel, Galilee

Wednesday March 14 Refugee Successes, Medical Technology and Transitions

- Meeting in Zefat at Ziv Hospital where wounded Syrians are being treated by Israeli medical teams. Physicians will share with us the stories of dealing with this unusual situation, both from a clinical and human perspective. PLEASE BRING SMALL GIFTS TO GIVE TO THE WOUNDED.
- A walk through the alleyways of the Zefat, long a spiritual center for Judaism and today a center of Kabbalah. We will hear from artist Avraham Loewenthal, a Detroit native, who will share his journey with us and discuss how Kabbalah can be used for spiritual healing.
- Lunch and wine tasting at the Adir Winery
- Travel to Beit Shean Crossing and cross into Jordan
- Travel to Amman and check into our hotel.
- VIP dinner arranged by the Chaldean Bishop in Amman. Meet and hear about the struggles and health issues of Chaldeans seeking safe haven.

Overnight Landmark Hotel, Amman

Thursday March 15 Life in Limbo: Health Issues While in Transit

- Drive to the northern district of Jordan along the Syrian border.
- Meet Syrian refugees in Irbid and Mafrak in northern Jordan together with Jordanian human rights activists.
- Visit the outskirts of the Zaatari Refugee Camp along the Jordanian/Syrian border.
- Box lunch
- Return to Israel via Beit Shean crossing and travel via Jordan Valley to Jerusalem
- Traditional Welcome and overview from Mt. Scopus with special greetings from the Hebrew University before checking into our Hotel
- Dinner talk: from **Eli Beer**, the founder of **Hatzalah**, the emergency response organization, who has created a network that literally saves lives daily in Israel and now around the world.

Overnight: Herbert Samuel, Jerusalem

Friday, March 16 Jerusalem: Spiritual Home, Crossroads of Civilizations, Safe Haven

- Visit the **Davidson Center** and the excavations where Jerusalem's history is being uncovered.
- Explore the ancient Cardo of Jerusalem's Jewish quarter including a rooftop view over the four quarters of the Old city
- Lunch on your own in the bustling Machaneh Yehudah market, a multi-cultural souk that bustles with activity as the city begins to prepare for the Sabbath.
- As evening descends, join throngs of worshipers at The Western Wall (The Kotel) one of Judaism's holiest sites, to celebrate the beginning of the Sabbath
- Shabbat of a Lifetime: A festive Sabbath Dinner hosted in the home of a Jerusalem family

Overnight: Herbert Samuel, Jerusalem

Saturday, March 17 Sacred Time, Sacred Space: Convergence of Faiths

- Saturday morning walking tours;
 - Option 1: Walk through some of Jerusalem's picturesque neighborhoods and see different synagogues during the Sabbath morning prayers
 - Option 2: Walking tour of the ancient city of Jerusalem, including a panoramic view of the city from the Mount of Olives; visit the Church of All nations, the Garden of Gethsemene and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, site of the crucifixion and burial. Time permitting, stop at the healing pools of Bethesda.
- An afternoon visit to Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity, the site of Jesus's birth
- In the cool of the evening, sit outdoors at the Tower of David to enjoy an enthralling sound and light show showcasing 3000 years of the history of Jerusalem

Overnight: Herbert Samuel, Jerusalem

Sunday, March 18 Balm of Gilead: Healing The Stranger in The Holy Land

- Visit and tour Hadassah Medical Center, one of the Middle East's premier medical facilities. Meet members of the Faculty of Medicine to learn about health care delivery to different sectors in Israel's multicultural mosaic.
- Tour the Israeli Parliament (Knesset) and meet with Government officials who are dealing with Israel's immigration policy and absorption.
- Meet with administrators at an absorption center, where new immigrants are cared for and supported as they navigate their integration into Israeli life.
- Stop at the **Yvel Jewelry Design Center** and see breathtaking jewelry designs crafted by new immigrants and refugees.
- Final Banquet in Judean Hills before going to Airport. [Those continuing on extension to Petra will return to Jerusalem]

Petra Extension (optional)

Sunday March 18 Travel to Eilat

- Fly from Tel Aviv airport to Eilat
- Check into the hotel
- Dinner at the hotel

Overnight Eilat, Hotel TBD

Monday March 19 **Petra, World Heritage Site**

- Depart **Eilat** and cross the border to **Jordan**
- Visit and explore the renowned red city of **Petra**, carved into the sheer rock face by the Nabataeans, an industrious Arab people who settled here more than 2000 years ago, turning it into an important junction for the silk, spice and other trade routes that linked China, India and southern Arabia with Egypt, Syria, Greece and Rome.
- Cross back into Israel via the city of Eilat, Israel's Red Sea resort and port town
- Free evening in Eilat

Overnight Eilat, Hotel TBD

Tuesday March 20 **Eilat and the Ramon Crator**

- Relax in the sun in Israel's southernmost city, the desert resort of **Eilat** on the shores of the **Red Sea**. Experience the buzzing boardwalk, the beautiful beaches and the spectacular underwater world, all surrounded by red desert mountains.
- Visit **Kibbutz Ketura** who developed the first commercial PhotoVoltaic solar field in Israel and has develop a pioneering agro-bio business based on research carried out at **Ben Gurion University** including lunch at the kibbutz.
- Visit the **Mitzpe Ramon Visitor Center** to learn about the natural processes which led to the creation of the makhtesh and to learn about the plant and animal life there. There is also a museum and memorial for **Ilan Ramon**, Israel's first astronaut who died in 2003 when the Shuttle Columbia disintegrated when re-entering the earth's atmosphere.
- Dinner on route
- Transfer to ben Gurion airport for flight back to the US