

ISRAEL

JUNE 8-18, 2025



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

LED BY RABBI DAVID LYON

Day 1 ~ Sunday, June 8, 2025**USA/Enroute**

Depart the United States flying overnight to **Israel**.

Day 2 ~ Monday, June 9, 2025**Tel Aviv**

Welcome to Israel! Arrive Ben Gurion Airport. Individual transfers to **Tel Aviv**, Israel's most cosmopolitan city located on the Mediterranean Sea. Day at leisure.

Overnight: David Kempinski Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day 3 ~ Tuesday, June 10, 2025**Tel Aviv/Galilee**

Group welcome breakfast. Begin the day with a **unique journey through Tel Aviv**, delving into its striking architecture and fascinating history. Gain fresh insights into the city's past and present through an engaging experience led by a knowledgeable local specialist. See the **White City's** most prominent **Bauhaus buildings**, built during the 1930's and the 1940's. See inside the city's **street art and graffiti scene**, which serves as a unique expression of the city's geographical location, cultural peculiarities, political movements, and the challenges faced since October 7th. Tel Aviv's street art tells a story, a multitude of stories, written on the city's walls and it often takes an expert to decipher. Explore the public plaza-turned-headquarters for the #BringThemHomeNow movement, born in the aftermath of Black Saturday. A public initiative, **Hostages Square** stands as a testament to the strength and solidarity of the people of Israel and should not be missed. Continue to **ANU – Museum of the Jewish People**, which represents all parts of the Jewish people and highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of communities in different periods of history through state-of-the-art exhibits. End the day with a drive north, to the serene **Mitzpe Hayamim Resort**, nestled in the picturesque **Galilean mountains**, offering breathtaking views and a tranquil retreat. Dinner at hotel.

Overnight: Mitzpe Hayamim, Rosh Pina (B,L,D)

Day 4 ~ Wednesday, June 11, 2025**Galilee**

Morning departure for **Safed**, center of **Jewish mysticism** with **historic synagogues** and **modern artists' quarter**. Roll up your sleeves and get hands-on in preparing a **BBQ lunch**, as you host **IDF soldiers** serving on the border. Meet **Ilan Shulman**, a **military intelligence analyst**, who specializes in the Middle East conflict and the global war on terrorists. **Jump into jeeps** for a **Northern Strategic tour** led by Ilan on to the **Golan Heights**, seeing the former Syrian fortifications and learning the key role this area is to Israel's safety. Dinner at hotel.

Overnight: Mitzpe Hayamim, Rosh Pina (B,L,D)

Day 5 ~ Thursday, June 12, 2025**Galilee/ Jerusalem**

This morning, join the volunteer efforts to **rebuild a northern community evacuated during the war**, contributing to its restoration and renewal. Engage with local residents, hear their insights, and share in their hope for the future. Visit a **textile factory** in the **Druze Village of Yanuch**, and meet two sisters of recently fallen Druze soldiers. Enjoy **traditional Druze home hospitality and lunch** with a **local family** in Yanuch. Learn firsthand about the Druze community, their deep bond with, and commitment to, the State of Israel. Continue the journey up to Jerusalem, with a **special "She'hechyanu"** upon arrival. Group dinner with **Lone Soliders**.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B,L,D)

Day 6 ~ Friday, June 13, 2025**Jerusalem**

Begin the day exploring **Ir David**, the **City of David** and the new excavations unfolding, including **VIP access to the newly excavated Pilgrims Road** (not yet available to the public) and the **Pool of Siloam**. Enter the walled old city through **Dung Gate** for a visit to the **Davidson Center** and **Southern Wall Archeological Garden**. Proceed to **Ezrat Israel** and spend time praying at the **Kotel, Western Wall**. Welcome **Shabbat** with **Kehilat Yozma** in the town of Modi'in, experiencing the warmth and spirit of community.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B,D)

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Day 7 ~ Saturday, June 14, 2025**Jerusalem**

Morning speaker before embarking on a captivating **Shabbat Walking Tour of Jerusalem's Old City**, led by Lyana. Wander through the enchanting narrow alleys and scenic rooftops, discovering hidden gems and rich history along the way. The tour concludes with an exclusive visit to the newly opened **Tower of David Museum**, where you'll delve into Jerusalem's fascinating past through immersive exhibits and stunning views. **Shabbat concludes with Havdalah** together on the hotel's terrace. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B,L)

Day 8 ~ Sunday, June 15, 2025**Masada/Dead Sea/Jerusalem**

Today begins with a meaningful visit to the **headquarters of ZAKA**, Israel's volunteer-based rescue and recovery organization. Gain unique insights into their vital humanitarian work, including emergency response, disaster victim identification, and ensuring dignity for the deceased. Engage with ZAKA representatives to hear inspiring stories of their dedication, resilience, and commitment to saving lives and supporting communities in times of crisis. Spend the rest of the day sightseeing in the **Israeli desert**. Drive to the shores of the **Dead Sea**, the lowest place on earth almost 1300 feet below sea level, for a **lunch & swim**. Continue to **Masada, ascending on the east side, by cable car**, to marvel at King Herod's desert fortress-palace and last stronghold of the Jewish zealots against the Roman domination in 73 CE. Return to Jerusalem for an evening at leisure. Optional evening tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels**.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B,L)

Day 9 ~ Monday, June 16, 2025**Jerusalem**

Share in a meaningful private escorted visit to **Yad Vashem**, Israel's official Holocaust museum, dedicated to the memory of the victims and honoring the survivors. Continue to the **Knesset**, Israel's parliament, for an insightful visit hosted by **MK Rabbi Gilad Kariv**. While at the Knesset, take a moment to admire the **Menorah**, which beautifully depicts Israel's rich history through the ages. End the day with a visit to the **National Library**, the newest state-of-the-art institution. Recognized with numerous awards, the National Library boasts unparalleled collections of ancient maps, rare books, original music recordings, ephemera, advertisements spanning various periods in Israeli history, and an extensive press archive.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B)

Day 10 ~ Tuesday, June 17, 2025**Jerusalem**

This morning, visit **Netiv Ha'asara**, a resilient community located on the border with Gaza, where you'll **meet local residents and hear their powerful firsthand accounts of October 7**. Gain deep insight into their experiences, strength, and unwavering resilience in the face of unimaginable adversity. From an overlook, **take in a unique view of Gaza**, offering a profound understanding of the recent events and their impact on the region. Next, continue to the town of **Sderot** and stop at the site of the Nova Music Festival, followed by a visit to **Kibbutz Re'im**. Explore the bomb shelter where Aner Shapira fought bravely and where Hersh Goldberg Polin was kidnapped. Visit **Tekuma**, where you'll see the haunting remains of the burnt cars from October 7, and conclude your journey at the **lookout dedicated to the female surveillance soldiers** who were tragically kidnapped into Gaza. The day culminates with a **heartfelt dinner with the courageous reserve soldiers of Brothers for Life** at their facility. Listen to their inspiring stories of dedication and sacrifice as we honor their bravery, dedication and sacrifice.

Overnight: David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem (B,L,D)

Day 11 ~ Wednesday, June 18, 2025**Jerusalem/USA**

Depart Israel for the United States.

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FROSCH INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

LAND ONLY TOUR PRICE PER PERSON: \$9,450 (double occupancy)

Prices quoted are based on a specific number of participants traveling together in the land rates in effect at the time of printing. They are subject to change.

Single Supplement: \$2,850 *(subject to availability)*

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

DEPOSIT \$2500.00 per person (\$250.00 of which is non refundable; additional cancellation fees will apply, see details under "cancellation penalties") submit with registration form to reserve space. Single rooms are limited.

FINAL PAYMENT due Tuesday, April 22, 2025

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- ➔ 9 nights' accommodation at hotels listed, with private facilities.
- ➔ Meal plan as outlined on itinerary; 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners/special venues
- ➔ Full sightseeing program as outlined on the itinerary by private motorcoach with driver, and English speaking guides
- ➔ All entrance fees to sites visited
- ➔ Special venues and programming per itinerary
- ➔ Porterage at hotels upon check in
- ➔ Gratuities to drivers and local guides

◆ **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** are provided on the basis of two persons sharing a room with private bath, in the hotels selected for the tour. A limited number of single rooms are available. FROSCH, Congregation Beth Israel and its subagents reserve the right to substitute hotels of the same category when necessary for the proper handling of the tour.

◆ **MEALS** included are 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners/special venues, as per itinerary.

◆ **PERSONAL TIPS** to your guides and drivers.

◆ **TOURING IN ISRAEL** is provided by modern air-conditioned/heated motorcoaches, and includes the full sightseeing program outlined in the itinerary. All entrance fees to the places listed in the itinerary are included.

<p><u>Frosch International Travel reserves the right, and if warranted, will pass on to participant, any price increase due to government airline tax increase and/or increase in fuel charges should they come into effect at any time prior to departure.</u></p>
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WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

♦ **PERSONAL ITEMS** such as laundry, telephone calls, and beverages other than coffee or tea served with the meals.

♦ **PASSPORTS** must be carried by each tour member and must be valid 6 months beyond tour date. **Copies of the information pages of the passports must be submitted to FROSCH with final payment.**

♦ **INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION** from Houston. For assistance with international air arrangements, please reach out to the Frosch Israel Travel Desk at 713-568-4296 or israeltraveldeskt@frosch.com

CANCELLATION PENALTIES

♦ **CANCELLATION OF LAND ARRANGEMENTS**

Land arrangements: Cancellation of land arrangements incur the following penalties:

04MAR25-21APR25: \$500.00 per person

22APR25 – Departure: Non-refundable

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED & IS AVAILABLE THROUGH FROSCH.

Contact Nancy Barr at (713) 590-8152 or israeltraveldeskt@frosch.com for further assistance.

RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY

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FROSCH, Congregation Beth Israel and its sub-agents reserve the right to withdraw services and make changes and alterations in the itinerary or trip component at any time and for any reason as may be necessary in their judgment for the proper handling of the tour with or without notice and/or to substitute airlines, hotels of a similar category and FROSCH shall not be liable for any such changes.

If due to weather conditions, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, it would be necessary to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept perspective participant or participant as a member of this trip at any time. In any such event FROSCH's sole obligation is to refund any unused accommodation or other unused trip component. Participant certifies not to have any mental, physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers.

As being informed by the above information, you are advised to purchase the trip cancellation and interruption insurance offered by FROSCH and there will be no misunderstanding before, during or after your trip.

TOUR MEMBERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to FROSCH at the time the reservation is made. FROSCH will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible if unable to do so. FROSCH, Congregation Beth Israel and its sub-agents are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member for walking, dining, getting on and off motorcoaches and other transportation vehicles, or other personal needs. Travelers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.