



Celebrating 120 Years

Purim Mission to Israel

March 5 - 14, 2017

(Itinerary Subject to Change)

Sunday March 5 *BRUCHIM HABAIM*

- Check in-at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Jerusalem from 2:00 PM
- Dinner on your own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Monday March 6 *JEWISH LEGAL RIGHTS IN ISRAEL & JERUSALEM*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **“Legal Grounds”**. Join ZOA Israel Office Director **Jeff Daube** for an in depth exploration of Jewish rights throughout the Land of Israel and in Jerusalem
- See the struggle for Israeli sovereignty in and around Jerusalem on Jerusalem’s northern “seamline”.
Visit Givaat Hatachmoshet, Ramot, Nebi Samuel
- Lunch on your own
- Continue to **Mt. of Olives**. *Get a first-hand look at the results of ongoing Arab vandalism and learn about the leadership role that the ZOA is playing in the USA and Israel to bring attention to this issue.*
- Visit and meet residents of **Maaleh HaZeitim**, a Jewish neighborhood on the slopes of Mt. of Olives.
- Visit and meet Jewish residents of the **Shimon HaTzadik** neighborhood *who have re-established a Jewish presence in what had been a Jewish neighborhood until it was destroyed and ethnically cleansed of Jews by the Jordanian Arab Legion in 1948.*
- **Opening Dinner and ceremonial presentation of the new Israeli stamp honoring the ZOA on its 120th anniversary**

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Tuesday March 7 *GUSH ETZION & HEVRON*

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Step back 2,000 years to the days of the **Kingdom of Judea** at Herod’s dramatic desert palace and burial place at Herodion National Park
- Meet Women in Green founder **Nadia Matar** at the Gush Etzion **Oz Vegaon Park** established in memory of Gilad, Ayal & Naftali who were kidnapped and murdered just down the road by Arab terrorists.
- Meet **Efrat Mayor** Oded Ravivi: “Are Settlements an Obstacle to Peace”?
- **Lunch** and wine tasting at the award winning **Gush Etzion Winery**.

- Continue to **Hebron** - Meet community leaders and learn about the challenges facing the residents of the Jewish community of Hebron who have re-established Jewish life in what was a thriving center of Jewish life until the massacre of the Jews by the Arabs 1929,
- Visit the **Avraham Avinu** and **Beit Hadassah** neighborhoods and **Me'arat Hamachpelah**, the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs
- In **Kiryat Arba**, visit the **Ariel family** whose 13 year old daughter **Hallel** *hy"d* was brutally murdered in her bedroom by an Arab terrorist.
- Return to Jerusalem for evening and dinner on your own

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Wednesday March 8 ZOA: BRINGING THE JOY OF PURIM TO ISRAELI SOLDIERS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Join with the ZOA Brooklyn Region in distributing **Mishloach Manot Purim Baskets to IDF soldiers**
- Lunch on your own
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Thursday March 9 SHOMRON - ROOTED IN THE LAND (TAANIT ESTHER)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Get a sense of Jewish roots going back thousands of years at **Tel Shiloh** which served as the home of the *mishkan* (Tabernacle) and spiritual center of the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago
- Head to **Ariel**, the largest Jewish city in Shomron, for lunch on your own
- Tour Ariel and meet local residents. *Gain better understanding of why Jews choose to live here in the "West Bank".*
- Visit the **Ariel Industrial Center**. See co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians in action.
- Program at **Ariel University** which has over 14,000 students.
- Dinner at the **Eshel HaShomron** Hotel with owners **Menachem and Tova Gilboa**. *Hear their remarkable story of Zionist commitment, bravery and survival in the face of terror.*

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Friday March 10 THE ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel
- At the **Menachem Begin Heritage Center** gain insight into the story of Israel's struggle for independence and security through the life story of Menachem Begin
- Join **Ateret Kohanim** for a behind the scenes tour of the Old City of Jerusalem and the struggle to maintain and expand the Jewish presence.
- Lunch and shopping time on your own in the Old City
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- **Shabbat candle lighting at 5:03 PM**
- Join thousands welcoming Shabbat at the **Kotel** with prayer, song & dance (*weather permitting*)
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

Shabbat March 11**SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Enjoy the special atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem by participating in Shabbat services at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues or take time to explore the city on your own
- Session at the hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, *Former Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel
- In the late afternoon, gather for a walking tour to the famous **windmill** and the first neighbourhood built outside the Old City walls by **Sir Moses Montefiore** in the 1860s.
- **Havdallah 6:26 PM**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

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Sunday March 12**BRINGING THE JOY OF PURIM TO ISRAELI SOLDIERS (PURIM OUTSIDE OF JERUSALEM)**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit and distribute **ZOA Mishloach Manot Purim Baskets** to the IDF soldiers at the Machaneh Natan Army Base near Beersheva.
- Lunch on your own
- Join **Regavim** to get beyond the myths and slogans related to land distribution, ownership and use by the Bedouin and others in the **Negev**. *Regavim is an organization whose goal is to ensure responsible, legal & accountable use of Israel's national lands*
- Return to Jerusalem for dinner and **Megillah reading at a Jerusalem synagogue**

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Monday March 13**SEDEROT: ROOTED IN THE LAND (SHUSHAN PURIM IN JERUSALEM)**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Optional morning services and **Megillah** reading
- Mid morning - Head to the embattled city of **Sederot** which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza.
- Help support the beleaguered shops of Sederot by **purchasing lunch on your own in Sederot**
- Meet **local residents** who will show us the city and border areas and share their experiences with us. Learn about how they cope with constant threats from Hamas controlled Gaza.
- Meet American born **Rabbi David Fendel** who heads the Sederot Hesder Yeshiva where students combine advanced Torah study with IDF Army service
- Return to Jerusalem for evening and dinner on your own

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Tuesday March 14**MOVING FORWARD**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out of the hotel
- **Meetings as a ZOA Leadership Delegation with Knesset members and other public figures.**
- Lunch on your own

1. Briefing and tour with **Col (Res) Danny Tirza, the IDF's chief architect** of the security fence/barrier. *Gain insight into the security issues involved with potential Israeli territorial concessions.*
 1. Summary session and **Farewell Dinner** - One group bus drop off at Ben Gurion Airport
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