



# Purim Mission to Israel

February 25 - March 6, 2018

*(Subject to Change)*

## Sunday February 25 **BRUCHIM HABAIM**

- Check in-at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Jerusalem from 3:00 PM
- Dinner on your own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

## Monday February 26 **JEWISH LEGAL RIGHTS IN ISRAEL & JERUSALEM AREA**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **"Legal Grounds"**. Session at the hotel with ZOA Israel Office Director **Jeff Daube**: an in depth exploration of Jewish rights throughout the Land of Israel and in Jerusalem
- Join Keshet's Educational Director **Daniel Ehrlich** at the **Haas Promenade** for magnificent views of Jerusalem and to deepen understanding of the Jewish presence in and claim to Jerusalem, starting with the stories of *Akedat Yitzhak* & David's establishment of the city as capital of Israel.
- Lunch on your own
- Head out with **Regavim** to get beyond the myths and slogans related to land distribution, ownership and use by Bedouin tribes and other Arab groups in the Jerusalem and Maaleh Adumim areas. **We will visit the E-1 area of Maaleh Adumim whose development has been blocked by international pressure and we will visit a Bedouin encampment and meet local Bedouin residents.**  
*Regavim is an organization whose goal is to ensure responsible, legal & accountable use of Israel's national lands*
- Return to the hotel to prepare for our opening dinner
- Opening Dinner with guest speaker

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, *Jerusalem*

## Tuesday February 27 **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**
- Meet soldiers at a **Mishmar HaGvul** (Border Patrol) **Base**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

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**Wednesday February 28**

***SEDEROT: ROOTED IN THE LAND (TAANIT ESTHER)***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Meet the people at **Milbat**, *an innovative Israeli non for profit dedicated to increasing the level of independence, improving the quality of life, and facilitating integration into the community for disabled children, adults, and elderly via technology.*
- Continue to the embattled city of **Sederot** which has endured years of bombardment by Palestinian rockets from Gaza.
- Help support the beleaguered shops of Sederot - lunch and shopping time on your own
- Meet Sederot **Mayor Alon Davidi** and learn about the challenges facing the city.
- Join the **Yatar Elite Police Volunteer Counter Terror Unit** to tour the city and border areas and learn how residents cope with constant threats from Hamas controlled Gaza.
- Return to Jerusalem for evening and dinner on your own

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**Thursday March 1**

***THE ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR JERUSALEM (PURIM OUTSIDE OF JERUSALEM )***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- 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
- Join ZOA Israel Office Director **Jeff Daube** for a firsthand look at the struggle for Israeli sovereignty in and around Jerusalem on Jerusalem's northern "seamline" including visits to **Givaat Hatachmoshet** (Ammunition Hill) and **Nebi Samuel**
- Continue to **Mt. of Olives**. *Learn about the leadership role ZOA plays in the USA and Israel to bring attention to the issue of grave desecration and how they brought about a significant decrease in Arab vandalism and violence.*
- Meet residents of **Maaleh HaZeitim** who are building a flourishing Jewish community on Mt. of Olives in the face of unrelenting Arab hostility.
- Optional **Megillah reading** on your own at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues
- Dinner at the hotel - *served from 6:30 – 9:00 PM*

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**Friday March 2**

***PURIM IN JERUSALEM – PURIM SAMEACH***

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Happy Purim!** Optional **Megillah** reading on your own at one of Jerusalem's many synagogues.
- **Meet and distribute Mishloach Manot to IDF "Lone Soldiers"**
- Festive Purim Lunch
- Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat (**Shabbat candle lighting at 4:57 PM**)
- Optional **Kabbalat Shabbat Services** on your own
- Shabbat dinner at the hotel

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## Shabbat March 3

## SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM – PARSHAT KI TISAH

- 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
- Early evening walking tour to the nearby famous **windmill** and the first neighbourhood built outside the Old City walls by **Sir Moses Montefiore** in the 1860s.
- **Havdallah 6:20 PM**
- Evening and dinner on your own in Jerusalem

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## Sunday March 4

## SHOMRON - ROOTED IN THE LAND

- 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
- Visit a center for youth with special needs serving the communities of the Shomron
- Packed Lunch
- Head to the **Three Seas Outlook** at **Itamar** from where (*on a clear day*) you can see the **Mediterranean, Kinneret and Dead Seas** and 4,000 years of history from the days of Abraham till today.
- Learn about **organic farming** in the Shomron at **Givot Olam** near Itamar
- Dinner and wine tasting at the **Turah Winery in Rechalim**

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## Monday March 5

## GUSH ETZION & HEVRON

- Breakfast at the hotel
- At the ancient synagogue at **Susiya**, step back 1,500 years to the Talmudic era. *Learn about the history of this Jewish community and about the struggles that modern Susiya is facing*
- Head to **Hebron** - 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 **Me'arat Hamachpelah**, the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs
- Lunch
- Meet the organizers of **Lev HaOlam**, *which supports local Jewish business owners in Judea and Samaria who are suffering because of the BDS movement in Israel.*
- Visit and stand in solidarity with the **Ariel family** whose 13 year old daughter **Hallel** *hy"d* was brutally murdered in her bedroom by an Arab terrorist.
- 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.
- Return to Jerusalem for evening and dinner on your own

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- Breakfast at the hotel
  - Pack bus and check out of the hotel
  - **Head to the Knesset for meetings with Knesset members**
  - Lunch on your own
  - 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.*
  - Summary session and **Farewell Dinner**
  - **One group bus drop off at Ben Gurion Airport and at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Jerusalem**
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- Listed activities and speakers are subject to availability and confirmation.
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