



2023 Leadership Mission to Israel

Celebrating Israel at 75

Led by ZOA National President Morton A. Klein

June 11 – 18, 2023

Schedule Below is Tentative and is Subject to Change

Sunday June 11 Bruchim HaBaim – Welcome to Israel

- Check in-at at the David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem from 3:00 PM
- **Opening dinner** at the hotel with **Israeli leaders**

Monday June 12 Meet Israel Leaders

- Security/Political Briefing at the hotel
- **Head to the Knesset** for meetings and briefings with **Cabinet Ministers and Members of Knesset**
- Lunch at the Knesset
- Afternoon and Evening Schedules to be determined

Tuesday June 13 Gush Etzion & Hebron Securing Jerusalem's Southern Flank

- Briefing and demonstration at **Caliber 3 Counter Terror & Security** Training Academy
- Meet Women in Green co-founder **Nadia Matar** at the **Oz Vegaon** Nature Reserve *established in response to the murder of Jewish teens Eyal, Gil-ad and Naftali by Arab terrorists.*
- Lunch with Jeremy Gimpel and Ari Abramowitz at **Arugot Farm** at the edge of the Judean Wilderness
- Head to **Ma'arat Hamachpelah**, the Tomb of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in **Hebron**
- Meet **Noam Arnon**, spokesperson of the **Hebron Jewish community** and learn about the challenges facing the residents of the Jewish community of Hebron.
- Return to Jerusalem for a **Chef's Dinner** with **Tastings of Israeli Wines**

Wednesday June 14 The Ongoing Struggle for Jerusalem

- Jerusalem security briefing tour with **Habithonistim Chairman IDF Brig. General (res) Amir Avivi** *for an in depth look at Israel's security challenges in the Jerusalem area and how the IDF meets these challenges.*
- Rendezvous with ZOA Campus Mission also in Israel
- Join **Regavim** in the Ma'aleh Adumim area for a behind the scenes look at illegal Arab encroachment and building in the Jerusalem area and in "Area C". *Understand how these illegal activities – supported by the European Union and the US Government – are designed to weaken Israeli sovereignty and territorial contiguity in Jerusalem.*
- Meeting and program with **Yaakov Hagoel** Chairman of the Executive of the **World Zionist Organization** and other Israeli Zionist leaders.
- Dinner and evening to be determined.

Thursday June 15 Binyamin & Shomron

- Visit ancient **Shiloh** which served as the home of the **Mishkan** (Tabernacle) and spiritual and political center of the People of Israel over 3,000 years ago
- Lunch at **Psagot Winery** with leaders of Jewish communities in Shomron

- Meet local leaders of the Jewish communities in Binyamin and Shomron including **Yossi Dagan**, Head of the **Shomron Regional Council** and **Daniella Weiss & Lital Marmerosh Slonim** of the Nachalah Settlement Movement.
- Head to Tel Aviv for **security briefing with Israel Ministry of Defense MAFAT Division and AWZ Ventures**
- Dinner in Tel Aviv with **Tastings of Israeli Wines**.

Friday June 16 *Deep Jewish Roots in Jerusalem*

- Security/Political Briefing at the hotel.
- At the **City of David**, we will have a **VIP Tour** and get a behind the scenes look at some of the latest finds reflecting Jewish sovereignty in Jerusalem over the centuries going back 3,000 years. *Learn about the role that the archeology and the presence of Jewish families living here today play in strengthening Jewish claims to Jerusalem as the undivided capital of Israel.*
- Join **Yatar** Elite Police Auxiliary Volunteer Counter Terror Unit for a security tour and overview in the Jerusalem Corridor.
- Free time.
- **Shabbat Candle Lighting: 7:16 PM.**
- Optional: Head to the **Kotel** to greet Shabbat with song, dance, and prayer.
- Walk back to the hotel for a late **Shabbat dinner** with **Guest Speaker**

Shabbat June 17 - 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

- 12:00 Noon - Session at the David Citadel Hotel with **Khaled Abu Toameh**, *Arab Affairs Correspondent for the Jerusalem Post*
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel with **IDF Lone Soldiers**
- 6:30 PM –**Group Session**
- 7:30 – Seudah Shlishit Dinner
- Havdallah 8:29 PM.

Sunday June 18 Shalom U'Lehitraot

- 7:15 AM – departure for optional early morning visit to the **Temple Mount**
- Checkout by 11 AM

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- **Accommodations at the David Citadel Hotel are from Sunday night June 11 – Sunday morning June 18. Breakfast at the hotel each morning is included**
 - **Listed activities and speakers are subject to change.**
 - **Program will be staffed by ZOA and Keshet Israel Tour Educator, a Keshet Hostess, and a security escort on some of the days**