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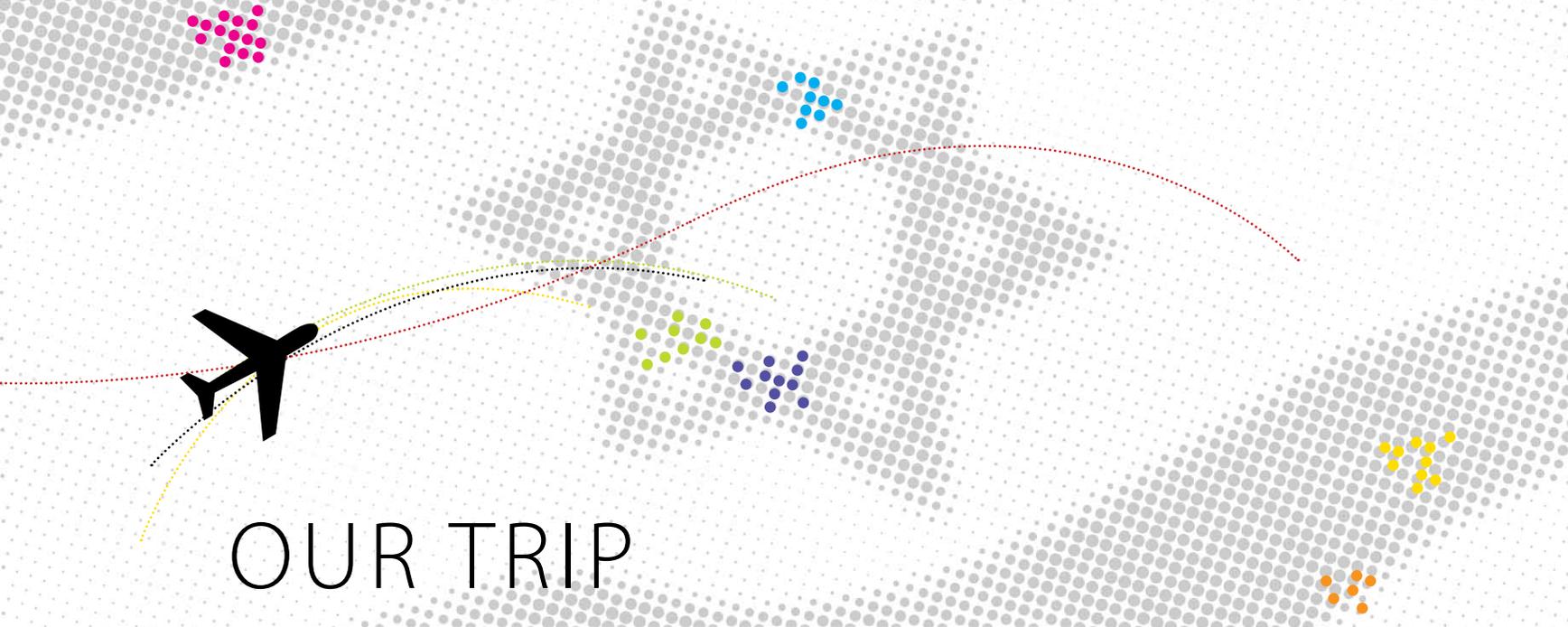


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OUR TRIP

NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 7, 2018

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INCLUDES

- Conversation with scholars of the Hebrew University and the Hartman Institute.
- Dialogue with Marik Stern, Co-Founder of The Jerusalem Movement Coalition, building bridges between the different communities to bring about a more tolerant existence.
- Explore the complexities of East and West Jerusalem using the light rail.
- Dialogue with Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).
- Participate in a seminar with the Givat Haviva seminar center and gain insight into life close to the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Beyond the Fence and Under the Ground: Visit Moshav Netiv Ha'asarah, located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, for an insight into the security complexities of Israel's withdrawal from Gaza while trying to create a thriving home, including a dialogue with a resident.
- Visit the Bedouin town of Lakiya for an insight into contemporary Bedouin lifestyles, including dialogues with residents and visits with artisans.
- Explore the city of Ramallah, including meetings and dialogues with key Palestinian personalities, led by Rami Nazzal, a Palestinian, Jerusalemite reporter who writes for the New York Times, MSNBC and Time Magazine.
- Visit a Jewish settlement located in the heart of the Samarian Mountains, and meet with Miri Maoz Ovadia, a second-generation settler who raise her kids between Rammalah and Rawabi, who is also the spokesperson of the Binyamin regional council.

*Speakers are subject to change.

הקרוסלה העברית הראשונה



DAY ONE ↘ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018
DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A. Airfare is not included, participants should book their own tickets.

Overnight: Flight

DAY TWO ↘ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018
ARRIVAL

- Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities. The time of the group transfer will be confirmed for the flight with the largest amount of participants, individuals transfers can be booked by calling our customer care team.
- Welcome to Jerusalem: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new
- Check into the hotel.
- 7:00 p.m. Meet in the hotel's lobby.
- Welcome dinner at a local restaurant, including an orientation with the tour educator and the Rabbi.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY THREE ↘ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018
THE CAPITAL OF A NATION

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics: Dialogue with Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- Israeli Politics: A Guide for the Perplexed:
- Take a VIP tour of the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) and meet with a Knesset member to discuss current political issues with Gil Hoffman, chief political correspondent, and analyst for the Jerusalem Post.
- Building a Democratic Society in a Modern State: Special study program at the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem with Micha Goodman OR Gill Troy
- Dinner on own, perhaps on vibrant Emek Refaim Street, in Jerusalem's German Colony.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FOUR ↘ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018
STRUGGLES IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- The Jerusalem Mosaic - Creating a Multicultural City: Dialogue with Marik Stern, Co-Founder of The Jerusalem Movement Coalition, building bridges between the different communities to bring about a more tolerant existence.
- 1 City, 2 States, 3 Religions, 4 Quarters: Take a ride on the Jerusalem light rail, starting in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood, through the Arab villages of Shuafat and Beit Hanina, then through the Ultra-Orthodox area of Ramot Eshkol and ending by



the Old City. Gain a first-hand and authentic look at the mosaic and diversity of Jerusalem's population. Discuss the differences between East and West Jerusalem and the ongoing struggles between the different communities.

- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the Machaneh Yehuda open-air market; lunch on own.
- The City of Lights. Take an evening tour through the Jerusalem neighborhoods to witness the festive Chanukah candle lights burning from inside the homes and the mystical atmosphere of the Festival of Lights.
- Ready, Set, Dough! just before Chanukah Stop by a local gourmet bakery and explore the sufgania (jelly doughnut) revolution, from classic jelly to gourmet fruit and liquor fillings

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY FIVE ↘ **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018** **RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Challenges and Triumphs of Religious Pluralism and Social Justice in Israel: Dialogue with Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).
- Lunch on own en route
- Meet with Rabbi David Rosen, AJC's International Director of Interreligious Affairs.
- Visit the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and other Christian sites.

- Depart Jerusalem for Kibbutz Gezer to participate in Kabbalat Shabbat services at Congregation Birkat Shalom with Rabbi Miri Gold.
- Communal Shabbat dinner with local congregants.

Overnight: Jerusalem

DAY SIX ↘ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018** **SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- From the Diaspora to Jerusalem- Take a walking tour through the colorful neighborhood of Nachlaot. Visit the various synagogues, walk through the narrow alleys and learn more about the different ethnic communities who make up the neighborhood's mosaic.
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Enter the city of Tel Aviv, known as the "city that never sleeps," with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Dinner on your own in the renovated Old Port of Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Tel Aviv



“Sabra, the Hebrew name for prickly pear cactus fruit, fruit of the nopale cactus, native to Mexico, now endemic in the Middle East.”

From Wikipedia



DAY SEVEN ↘ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018 NORTHERN EXPOSURE

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Drive north along the coastal plain.
- Participate in a seminar with the Givat Haviva seminar center and gain insight into life close to the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Continue to Zichron Ya'acov, one of the first communities established by the early Zionist pioneers, including a walk along the colorful Pedestrian Mall, with lunch on own.
- Visit the Leo Baeck School in Haifa, the Israeli Reform Movement's flagship school, which provides innovative educational opportunities and community center services and is home to the Ohel Avraham congregation.
- Return To Tel Aviv
- Dinner on your own in the renovated Old Port of Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Tel Aviv.

DAY EIGHT ↘ MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018 CHALLENGES IN THE SOUTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Israel's Strategic Position in the Middle East: Dialogue with Yossi Alpher, Middle East Analyst, a former official of the Mossad and the Director of the Jaffe Center for Strategic Studies, at the Tel Aviv University.
- Drive out of Tel Aviv, heading south.
- Beyond the Fence and Under the Ground: Visit Moshav Netiv Ha'asarah, located on Israel's border with the Gaza Strip, for an insight into the security complexities of Israel's withdrawal from

Gaza while trying to create a thriving home, including a dialogue with a resident.

- Lunch on own en route.
- Visit the Bedouin town of Lakiya for an insight into contemporary Bedouin lifestyles, including dialogues with residents and visits with artisans.
- Return to Tel Aviv and rest of the day and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY NINE ↘ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018 BEYOND BORDERS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Prevailing Views on the Palestinian Street: Dialogue with Khaled Abu Toameh, Palestinian Affairs correspondent for the Jerusalem Post.
- Road Signs of Understanding the Middle East: Afternoon visit to Ramallah, including meetings and dialogues with key Palestinian personalities, led by Rami Nazzal, a Palestinian, Jerusalemite reporter who writes for the New York Times, MSNBC and Time Magazine.
- Lunch on own in Ramallah
- Settlements & Settlers: Visit a Jewish settlement located in the heart of the Samarian Mountains, and meet with Miri Maoz Ovadia, a second-generation settler who raise her kids between Rammalah and Rawabi, who is also the spokesperson of the Binyamin regional council.
- Join the reflection circle and share your experiences of the day.
- Return to Tel Aviv for Dinner on own.

Overnight: Tel Aviv



DAY TEN ↘ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018
ISRAEL 2018 - A SNAPSHOT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Israel Today? Dialogue with social scientist Raviv Schwartz.
- Depart hotel and drive to Tel Aviv University.
- Walk through the museum at the Rabin Center, dedicated to the history of society and democracy in Israel. The life of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin serves as a time-thread connecting the faces and events of modern Israeli history.
- Join the reflection circle and share your experiences of the day.
- Dinner on your own in the renovated Old Port of Tel Aviv, with its wonderful restaurants, cafés, and shops, right on the water's edge; OR at the Tachana, Jaffa's Old Railway Station renovated and restored as a great pedestrian complex, with restaurants, shops and open spaces for people-

Overnight: Tel Aviv

DAY ELEVEN ↘ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018
OPENING THE TENT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- The Reform Jewish World: A glimpse at the Reform Movement in Israel with Rabbi Gilad Kariv, Executive Director of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.
- Israel in the Mid-East Arena: Dialogue with (Ret.) Miri Eisin, former advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Media; OR Israel in the Middle of the Middle East: Dialogue with Major (Res) Dan Feferman from the Jewish People Policy Institute.
- Free time to enjoy the city.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- Looking to the Future: a session at the hotel with Rabbi Steve Cohen followed by festive farewell dinner.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport and check in for the departure flight to the U.S.A.

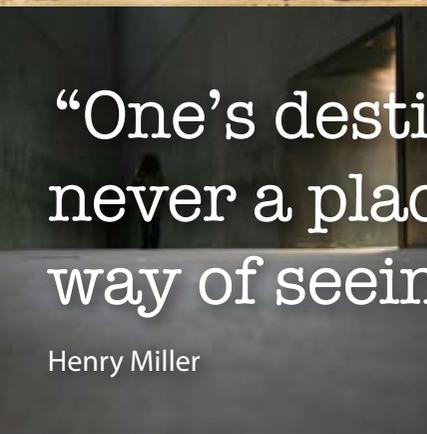
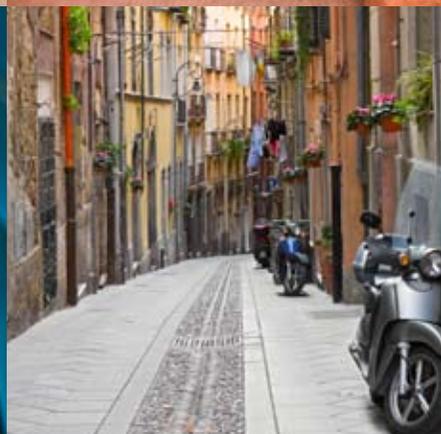
Overnight: Flight

DAY TWELVE ↘ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018
RETURN

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