



SINAI TEMPLE

Trip to Israel with Rabbi David Wolpe

November 10-19, 2022

Suggested Itinerary (July 14, 2022)

Friday, November 11, 2022

- Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport.
- Arrival Assistance and Transfer to Jerusalem.
- Shehechianu
- Check in to the Hotel.
- Kabbalat Shabbat as a community group at the hotel (or at the Moreshet Yisrael synagogue – possible that there will not be services there that night and might be able to use the space for Tfilot. Short walk from the hotel.)
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel or depending on the size of the group, at the Wine Temple in the German Colony (up to 36 people) or at Blaustein (if over 50 people) or at the Rabbi Getz Balcony (indoors) overlooking the Kotel. *Will update on other possibilities if they become available.*

Overnight: Mamilla Hotel, Jerusalem

Shabbat, November 12, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel, with optional tfilot. – Synagogue choices to be provided
- Shabbat walking tour options – choose one or can offer more with additional guides
 - **Agnon in Jerusalem** – Walk through the streets of Central Jerusalem, using the writings of Shmuel Yosef Agnon, Israel's first Nobel Laureate as a guide, exploring the Jerusalem of over 100 years ago, its differences and similarities to today
 - **The New Israel Museum** – Visit the newly renovated Israel Museum, its model of Jerusalem during the days of the Second Temple and the Dead Sea Scrolls, followed by an opportunity to visit the Jewish Life and Living, Archaeology, Israeli Art and Design exhibits and much more.
- Remainder of afternoon, free.
- Havdallah on the Terrace.
- Meet in the hotel lobby for departure to the Zemach restaurant
Dinner in the Machane Yehudah Area at **Zemach**-the strictly vegetarian new restaurant of the Machanyudah Chain

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Sunday, November 13, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided visit through some of the newest and as yet unopened excavations in the Old City with archaeologist **Dr. Barak Monikendam**.
- *Hashgacha Pratit Cooking Workshop* with **Nisimi Naim Naor**, exploring Kashrut from a social, educational and philosophical (and fun) way, with lunch
- *Curated visit to the Israel Museum, including a possibility of a guided visit through the Dead Sea Scrolls with Dr. Adolpho Roitman, curator of the Shrine of the Book.*
- Visit to **National Library Archives** with photographer Frederic Brenner and Library Director, Oren Weinberg (Frederic Brenner speaks about his magnum opus Diasporas – he is a world renowned photographer and extremely engaging) *The National Library will hopefully be in its new home which is a magnificent building between the Hebrew University and the Knesset. There are numerous programs that can be done there as well as a special visit to their rare book and manuscript archives*
- Free time
- Meet in the lobby to depart for dinner at Eucalyptus
- Dinner at the Eucalyptus restaurant in Jerusalem

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Additional options on this day:

- *Conversation between **President Herzog** and Rabbi Wolpe*
- *Visit to the Rockefeller Museum hosted by one of the senior staff of the Antiquities Authority*
- *Guided walk through the synagogues of Nachlaot*
- *Jerusalem Exploration- guided experience while riding the Jerusalem Light Rail through Jerusalem's neighborhoods, beginning in Pisgat Zeev, through Jewish and Arab neighborhoods, concluding either at the Machane Yehudah Market or Mount Herzl*
- *Yad Vashem – Holocaust Museum*

Monday, November 14, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel & checkout.
 - Understanding World Perception of Israel, with journalist, **Matti Friedman**.
 - **Geopolitical Tour** along Jerusalem's southern border, looking at some of the complexities of the boundary between Israel and the Palestinian Authority while driving along the Jerusalem envelope Seam Zone Barrier.
 - Special VIP visit to the **Lachish Training Base** in the Judean Lowlands, for a glimpse into preparedness training for anti-terror activity, including lunch with soldiers and officers.
 - Drive into the Judean lowlands for **Wine Tasting** at one of the many Judean Hills/Lowlands wineries. Possibilities include:
 - **The Eilah Winery**
 - **The Sternbach Winery**
 - **The Flam Winery**
 - **The Kastel Winery**
- *Please Note: Actual framing and scheduling for this day will depend on availability and coordination with the IDF or Border Police*

- Drive to Tel Aviv and check in to the Hotel.
 - Free time for rest and relaxation.
 - Dine around dinner opportunity at one of three of Tel Aviv's best restaurants, each with limited space:
OCD, the **Basta** and **Maisha** – 10-15 participants at each restaurant.
- Overnight: The Jaffe Hotel, Tel Aviv**

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- *Optional early morning walk/run*
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Drive to Jaffa for a guided walk through the **Old City of Jaffa**, exploring its complex story from the days of the Bible through today, with an opportunity to visit to modern day artists' colony.
 - Visit the gallery of **Sigalit Landau**, one of Israel leading artists, whose multidisciplinary artistic works touch on social, historical, political, and ecological issues.
 - Tasting Lunch in the **Tikva Market** (Shchunat Hatikva), which has become one of the most colorful and authentic ways of experiencing Israel's culinary renaissance.
 - Afternoon Options:
 - Guided walk through the Tel Aviv's American **Colony**, a somewhat hidden 150-year-old area of Tel with the famed Immanuel Church and the Maine Friendship House
 - Guided visit to **Gan Hashmal**, the renovated area with over 20 designer boutiques, recognized as one of Israel's main design hubs.
 - Guided **Graffiti Tour** of the **Florentine** neighborhood, with a specific exploration of the very Jewish roots of this now hipster area of Tel Aviv.
 - Free afternoon for personal exploration.
 - Return to the hotel for rest and relaxation.
 - Dinner at **Taizu**, an Asian fusion restaurant, considered to be one of the best in Tel Aviv.
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Wednesday, November 16, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel.
 - *Tel Aviv That Was, Tel Aviv That Is*, a glimpse at the Tel Aviv story through poetry and stories, with scholar **Rachel Korazim**.
 - *The Arts of Tel Aviv*
 - *Street Arts...* Guided walk along Rothschild Blvd with artists and artistic guide **Shirel Horowitz**, focusing on Tel Aviv's Street art and how it has helped shaped the contemporary Israeli art scene.
 - *Culinary Arts...* Special visit to the Asif Culinary Institute in the Start Up Nation Central building for a culinary workshop and lunch
 - *Plastic Arts...* Continue to the **Tel Aviv Museum of Modern Art** for a specially curated visit through the Paul and Herta Amir Wing.
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 - Dinner on your own and Free Time, *restaurants will be recommended, and reservations made upon request*
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Thursday, November 17, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Innovation Every Which Way**
 - Visit Waze headquarters for a glimpse into their past and how they see the future of independent vehicle navigation.
 - Visit the Social Space – Merhav Haevrati, which was once the Pussycat strip club and is now a center of social innovation and creativity
- Return to the hotel for rest and relaxation.
- Cocktails at the home of **Bill Gross**, one of Israel's (and the world's) most significant Judaica collectors, for a conversation with him about his life and collection. (Depending on size of group)
- Dinner in the reconstructed Sarona at the **Claro** restaurant, with an opportunity to visit the famed Tel Aviv Whiskey Bar and Museum following dinner.

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Friday, November 18, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Conclude the day with a concluding program at the INSS (Institute for National Security Studies) with an interdisciplinary panel conversation on physical, social, and economic security.
- Visit the new Anu Museum (former Diaspora Museum) which has been reinvented as the tech rich Museum of the Jewish People.
- Free time to explore Tel Aviv, with the **Nahalat Binyamin** art and crafts fair, the Carmel Market, the many museums of Tel Aviv and more.
- Return to the hotel for rest and relaxation.
- Kabbalat Shabbat – possibly on the beach.
- Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel.

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Shabbat, November 19, 2022

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Optional Shabbat services or free time.
- Shabbat lunch at the hotel.
- Shabbat afternoon walk in the footsteps of the Soliniki Jews who built the Tel Aviv Port.
- Final wrap up conversation.
- Havdallah.
- Festive farewell dinner at **Eyal Shani's Malka Restaurant**.
- Depart for the airport.

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