

## TRACK V – ISRAEL TODAY & TOMORROW

**DAY ONE** ↘ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018

### DEPARTURE

- Depart the U.S.A.

Overnight: Flight

**DAY TWO** ↘ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

### ARRIVAL

- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator at the airport and depart.
- Enter the city of Tel Aviv, known as the “city that never sleeps,” with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, and great beaches.
- Check into the hotel.
- Welcome dinner for the Adult Learning Track at Liliyot, which offers an attractive menu mixing Mediterranean and Californian cuisine. Liliyot works together with the Elem Association, employing youth with difficulties and donating part of their profits to the association.

Overnight: Tel Aviv

**DAY THREE** ↘ MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

### FOUNDATIONS OF A CITY AND A STATE

## WELCOME TO ISRAEL @ 70!

BEGIN THE TRIP TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY WITH A SPECIAL

### ISRAELI BREAKFAST EVENT

with opening remarks and greetings from your **Rabbis & trip leaders**

- Check out of the hotel.
- Visit the Peres Peace Center on the Jaffa shore and learn about the institute’s approach to peace and co-existence education.
- Israel @ 70: What’s new with the Start-Up Nation? Panel discussion led by Yanki Margalit, Social Entrepreneur and High-Tech Investor. Possible Panel members include:
  - Chemi Peres: Son of Shimon Peres and Managing Partner of Pitango Venture Capital.
  - Wendy Singer: Executive Director of Start -Up Nation Central.
  - Eddy Shalev: Founding partner of Genesis Partners which specialize in high tech investments.

#### Option #1

- Secular Judaism in Contemporary Israel: Special program and learning session at ALMA, a Tel Aviv-based cultural and intellectual center, led by a local scholar, perhaps Ruth Calderon.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Drive to Ra’anana to for a special visit to Beit Issie Shapiro. The mission of Beit Issie Shapiro is to provide cutting-edge services to improve quality of life for people with disabilities, and to effect social change by breaking down the barriers preventing people



with disabilities from full societal integration, assuring them the rights and opportunities for maximum growth and development.

#### Option #2

- Between Tel Aviv Shel Mata and Tel Aviv Shel Maala: Field seminar in Tel Aviv emphasizing the gentle balance and contrasts between the old and the new neighborhoods of Tel Aviv, focusing on economic, social, and religious gaps in the city. The seminar will be led by Rami Hod, Director of the Social Economic Academy, which works toward closing the economic gap to further Israel's social progress.
- Strangers in a Strange Land: Explore the reality of the foreign worker in Tel Aviv as you walk through the streets of South Tel Aviv with Sigal Rozen, founder & public policy coordinator for the Hotline for Migrant Workers.

All:

- Drive to the hotel and check in.
- Dinner at the hotel.
- Cultural tour of the hotel, exposing its unique art and history, led by the hotel manager.

Overnight: Elma, Zichron Ya'acov

## **DAY FOUR: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018** **THE MOSAIC OF ISRAEL @ 70**

- Breakfast at the hotel.

#### Option #1

- Dialogue at the hotel with Hillel Halkin, an American-born Israeli translator, biographer, literary critic, and novelist, who has lived in Israel since 1970.
- Drive to Haifa.

- Meet with Assaf Ron, Director General of Beit HaGefen, an Arab-Jewish center in Haifa and a pioneer in the field of intercultural dialogue.
- Walking tour through the Wadi Nisnas neighborhood – a Christian-Arab neighborhood famous for its falafel joints and traditional pastry shops, including meetings with the communities and residents of the neighborhood with an emphasis on the messages of understanding, tolerance, pluralism and mutual respect.
- Lunch on your own.
- Visit the Yemin Orde Youth Village, one of Israel's most innovative educational institutions, specializing in integrating new immigrant youth into Israeli society. Dialogue with faculty and students.

OR

- Visit a school in Haifa, accompanied by Eilon Tirosh, an investor and a serial entrepreneur. Eilon Founded Yuvalim, a public benefit company, engaged in preventing drop out and cultivating excellence at junior high schools in out-lying communities. Yuvalim operates in 7 centers around the country with 1200 students.
- Guided by a local resident, visit the famous Ein Hod artist colony south of Haifa, and explore some of the many galleries throughout the village.

#### Option #2

- An Old-New Perspective of Minorities in Shefaram: Enter the city of Shefaram, located between the bottom of the Carmel Ridge and the entrance to the Galilee. Once a Jewish center during the Talmudic period, this ancient-modern Arab town later became one of the Crusades posts, and was eventually taken over by the Muslim Ottoman Empire. On this tour accompanied by a local Arab guide, experience various meetings with the locals, including:

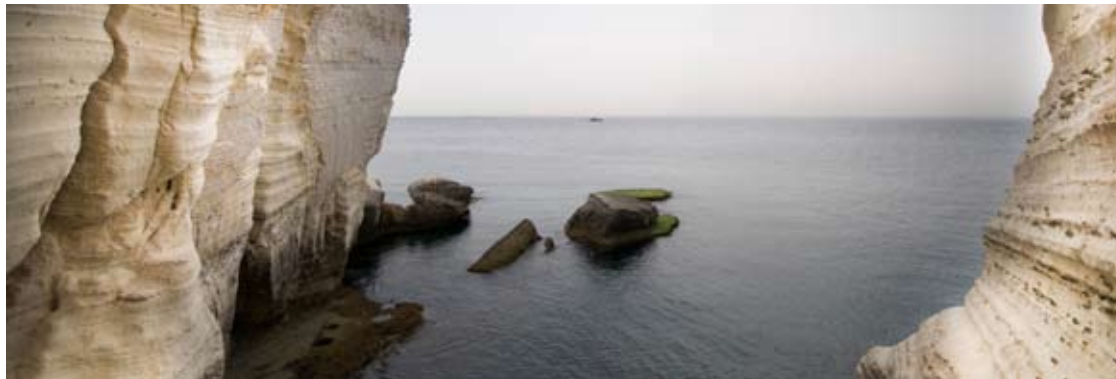


- A visit to a Mosque and a dialogue with the Muezzin (the Muslim clergy) about Islam and the life of a Muslim Arab in Israel.
- A visit to the Roman Catholic Church with its beautiful art, where you will hear the unique story of the Eastern Christians living in Israel.
- Visit the Old Synagogue of Shefaram abandoned in the 1900's, and engage in a conversation about the minorities in the land throughout the ages.
- Lunch on your own en route.
- Drive to the Conservative (Masorti) Kibbutz Hannaton.
- Religious Pluralism and Freedom of Religion in Israel: Tour Kibbutz Hannaton, the only kibbutz in Israel where you will find families from all the spectrums of Judaism. Meet with residents to take a closer look at life in a modern kibbutz and the challenges of Jewish pluralism.
- Visit Kibbutz Ga'aton to meet with the dancers of The Kibbutz Contemporary Dance Company (KCDC) from Israel and around the world. Hear about the cultural renaissance that is taking place in the Galilee, participate in a dance seminar, take a brief tour of the kibbutz and view one of their rehearsals for insight into the "working world" of a dancer.

#### All

- Drive back to Zichron Yaacov.
- Meet with Adam Montefiore, Israel's leading wine specialist and columnist in the Jerusalem Post, for a special overview about the development of the Israeli wine industry, followed by dinner and wine tasting.
- Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Elma, Zichron Ya'acov



## DAY FIVE ↘ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018 ALONG ISRAEL'S BORDERS

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Israel in the Mid-East Arena: Dialogue with Col. (Ret.) Miri Eisin, former Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Media.
- Check out of the hotel and drive north to Rosh Hanikra, at the northern tip of Israel's Mediterranean coastline. Take a cable-car down to the beautiful sea grottoes, carved out of soft chalk cliffs by eons of wave action.
- Drive along the Lebanese Border for powerful overviews and further insight into the strategic realities facing Israel in that region, specifically in the aftermath of the 2006 Second Lebanon War.
- Visit an army base for a dialogue with officers and soldiers.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Drive along the Trans-Israel Highway for a close-up view of the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Stop at the Alfei Menashe overlook to meet a representative of the town leadership and a security expert in the region. Gain a deeper understanding of the security situation and politics involved in the border lands between the Palestinian Authority and Israel.
- Welcome to Jerusalem - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- Check into the hotel.



## PAS EVENT CELEBRATING ISRAEL @ 70!

Celebrate **Israel's 70th birthday** with a "Jerusalem of Gold" ambience, at the beautiful **Olmaya Hall**, with spectacular views of the Old City lit up in the background, and greetings by the **Mayor of Jerusalem**. Enjoy the best of Israeli cocktails and cuisine, music performances and festivities for all ages.

Overnight: Jerusalem

### DAY SIX ↘ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018 THE WEST BANK – MULTIPLE NARRATIVES

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Hebron: A Tale of Two Cities Depart via bullet-proof bus to head deeper into the Judean Hills, arriving in Area H2, the Israeli controlled part of Hebron, the largest city in the West Bank.
- A Jewish Perspective: Take an inside look at one of the most pivotal components of the discussion of Jewish settlement, including the Tomb of the Patriarchs (Machpelah), Tel Rumeida and Beit Hadassah, guided by Director of Tourism, Rabbi Simcha Hochbaum. Meet a few local residents to get an overview about Jewish life in Hebron and their relationship with their Palestinian neighbors; engage in a dialogue regarding the future of the city.
- A Palestinian Perspective: Cross the border into the Palestinian side of Hebron and meet your Palestinian guide. Visit with a Palestinian family in their home, then climb to the roof for an overview of the city. Learn about the difficult conditions of Palestinian residents and shop owners living in close proximity to the nearby settlements.

- Lunch and dialogue with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin founding Chief Rabbi of Efrat.
- Creating A Joint Future For Palestinians And Israelis: Meet with Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, Ali Abu Awwad, Shaul Judelman who all live in the Bethlehem / Gush Etzion Area and founded the Roots Coexistence Project. The Roots project draws Israelis and Palestinians who, despite living next to each other, are separated by walls of fear – not just fear of each other, but even of the price of peace. Without building trust, the suspicions between these two communities will suffocate the political peace agreements.
- Meet with representatives of Machsom Watch (Checkpoint Watch) who will share the complexities and challenges of traffic in and out of the Palestinian Authority.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Israel before and after 1967 - A Grassroots View of Israeli Society: Dialogue with journalist-scholar Yossi Klein Halevi, senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure.

Overnight: Jerusalem

### DAY SEVEN ↘ FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018 CITY, STATE, AND RELIGION

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Jewish Pluralism and Religious Life in Israel: Panel discussion regarding the achievements and challenges of the different Jewish sectors and denominations, led by Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove. Suggested panellists:
  - Rabbi Noa Sattath, from the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC).
  - Rabbi Benny Lau, from the Ramban Synagogue.



- Rabbi Tamar Elad Applebaum, from Kehillat Zion.
- Uri Keidar, CEO of Yisrael Hofshit.

#### Option #1

- **PAS DOES TIKKUN OLAM:** Visit the Hand in Hand School in Jerusalem. Hand in Hand in a bilingual school with Israeli Jewish and Israeli Palestinian students combining peace education and top academic standards. Its mission is to build partnership, coexistence and equality between the Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel.

#### Option #2

- **PAS DOES TIKKUN OLAM:** Visit Hadassah Hospital, a model for tolerance and coexistence, where Arab and Jewish staff work side by side, including a dialogue with staff and delivering gifts to some of the patients before Shabbat.

#### All

- Take a multi-cultural tasting journey through the hustle and bustle of Jerusalem's Machaneh Yehudah open-air market: Enjoy the sights, smells, tastes and sounds of this vibrant area where Jerusalemites shops.
- Return to the hotel.

## EREV SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

Welcome Shabbat with **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at the **Hirsch Hall**. Gather together with your fellow congregants for a private

## PAS COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

at the hotel, with **Lone Soldiers**. Enjoy a festive meal as you hear from unique young men and women who chose to leave their homes to join the IDF.

**Oneg Shabbat Learning Experience:** Join local scholars for intimate group learning sessions.

Overnight: Jerusalem

## DAY EIGHT ↘ SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018 SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Enjoy breakfast at your leisure at the hotel.
- Shabbat morning Services at local Jerusalem synagogues.

## PAS COMMUNITY KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

in the Blaustein Hall, overlooking the Old City

#### Walking Tour Option #1

- Explore Christian East Jerusalem through visits with Christian personalities and institutions with Hana Bendcowsky, Director of the Jerusalem Center for Jewish Christian Relations.

#### Walking Tour Option #2

- Jerusalem beyond the Old City Walls: Travel back in time as you walk the streets and hear the stories about the development and expansion of the city outside the Old City walls, stopping at milestones such as the King David Hotel, the Yemin Moshe and Mishkenot Shaananim neighborhoods, and famous houses in Talbiye and Rechavia.

## PAS COMMUNITY HAVDALLAH

Overlooking the Old City

- The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics: Dialogue with Prof. Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- Dinner on own.

Overnight: Jerusalem



**DAY NINE** ↘ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018  
**THIS IS THE HOPE**

- Breakfast at the hotel.

## PAS COMMUNITY AT MT. HERZL

Visit **Mt. Herzl**, including Herzl's grave and other leaders of the nation

### Option #1 (With additional guide)

- **1 City, 2 States, 3 Religions, and 4 Quarters:** Take a ride on the Jerusalem Light Rail, starting in the Pisgat Ze'ev neighborhood, through the Arab villages of Shuafat & 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 of Jerusalem's diverse population. Discuss the differences between East and West Jerusalem, and the ongoing struggles between the different communities. Meet with key figures along the way in the Arab and Haredi neighborhoods.

### Option #2

- **In the Haredi Courtyard:** Meet Motti Bar Lev, born and raised in Mea Shearim and formerly Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox). Join Bar Lev for a journey back to his neighbourhood in the Haredi Area of Jerusalem, and learn first-hand about the struggles of the Hozrim BeShe'elah (people who left the orthodox world). The tour will end on the seamline between the religious and secular areas of Jerusalem.
- Meet with staff of the Netzach Yehuda NPO, which supports Haredi soldiers throughout their military service, up to and including their discharge and integration into civilian life, in order

to help them grow through their military service and emerge as employed Haredi Jews.

### All

- Lunch on your own.
- Exclusive briefing with MK Michel Oren, former Ambassador of Israel to the United States, or with MK Benny Begin, the son of former [HYPERLINK "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime\\_Minister\\_of\\_Israel"](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prime_Minister_of_Israel) "Prime Minister of Israel" Prime Minister of Israel [HYPERLINK "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menachem\\_Begin"](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Menachem_Begin) "Menachem Begin" Menachem Begin.
- Visit the modern Begin Museum, devoted to the life and achievements of the late Israeli Prime Minister, Menachem Begin.
- Late check-out from the hotel.

## LE'HITRAOT ISRAEL!

Drive to the Sakoya Hall in Ma'ale Hachamisha for a

## FAREWELL DINNER

with closing remarks and thoughts from the Rabbis and trip leaders.

- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport and check in for the departure flight.

Overnight: Flight

**DAY TEN** ↘ MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018  
**RETURN**

- Departure flight to New York, arriving the same day.

