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**SOLIDARITY
PILGRIMAGE
ITINERARIES**

Arise ye
and
let us go up
to Zion

SOLIDARITY PILGRIMAGE (ALIYA LAREGEL) ITINERARIES

These suggested itineraries are part of the overall programme for the Solidarity Pilgrimage Year proclaimed at Hanukka 1975 by the Jerusalem Conference. They are designed exclusively for groups, and are offered for the guidance of tour organizers planning trips to Israel.

They are special, out-of-the-ordinary itineraries, added to the regular ones, aimed at giving the pilgrim a better knowledge and understanding of the relation between the Land of the Bible and the People of the Book, and of the strong attachment of the people to its land. They will also help the pilgrim witness the revival of the Jewish nation in its rebuilt homeland.

For further information contact your nearest Israel Government Tourist Office.

ONE-DAY ITINERARIES (Can be combined with other tours)

1. Jewish Settlement in the South Departure from Tel Aviv

Morning: Miqwe Yisrael (first Jewish agricultural school in the country, founded in 1870), Rishon Le Zion (visit first synagogue and famous wine cellars), Halperin House at Nes Ziyvona, Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, Yavne (Jewish spiritual centre after destruction of the Second Temple), "Ad Halom" bridge (where the Egyptians were held during the War of Independence), Nizzanim, Ashqelon.

Afternoon: Tour Ashqelon, Yad Mordekhai (see reconstructed War of Independence battlefield and Holocaust Museum), Ashdod port city (future development). Return to Tel Aviv.

2. In the Footsteps of the Bible Departure from Tel Aviv

Morning: Apheq Pass (visit Antipatris fortress and Yaqon springs), Lod, Gezer, Nahshon, Valley of Ayalon — Emmaus — Bet Horon Ascent (battlefields of Joshua and Juda Maccabeus), Givon (visit village and great pool), Jerusalem.

Afternoon: Jerusalem, Valley of Jehosephat and view over the City of David, Mt. Zion, En Kerem, the Valley of Elah (Terebinth Valley, scene of David's duel with Goliath), Beth Shemesh, where the Philistines captured the Ark (tour the development town). Return to Tel Aviv.

3. Following the Holy Ark and In the Footsteps of the Maccabees Departure from Tel Aviv

Morning: Apheq Pass (visit Antipatris fortress and site of Israelite battle against the Philistines), Modi'in (home of the Maccabees and birthplace of their revolt), Emmaus — Bet Horon (sites of the Maccabees' battles), Ramallah, Bet El (where Jacob dreamed), Shilo (resting-place of the Ark).

Afternoon: Shekhem/Nablus (visit Samaritan community), Shomeron/Sebastia (capital of ancient Kingdom of Israel), Netanya, Tel Aviv
OR:

Nabi Samwil (traditional tomb of the prophet Samuel), Har'el Brigade Memorial, Kibbutz Ma'ale HaHamisha, Kiryat Ye'arim (last resting-place of the Ark before Jerusalem), Kastel, Zova, Kisalon (see "Scroll of Fire" Memorial in Martyrs' Forest), via Samson Junction to Tel Aviv.

4. Joshua and the Children of Israel

Departure from Jerusalem

Morning: Via Ma'ale Adummim to Jericho, world's oldest city (visit the Tel and ancient synagogue), Nahal Gilgal (agricultural settlement at the place where the Children of Israel first stopped after crossing the River Jordan into the Promised Land), memorial to the Jordan Valley fighters, via Nahal Fara'a to biblical Shekhem/Nablus (view of Mt. Gerizim "Mt. of the Blessing", and Mt. Ebal, "Mt. of the Curse" where Joshua built an altar, visit traditional tomb of Joseph, Samaritan Quarter), Shilo, Bet El, Ramallah, Mizpa, Giv'on (the great pool), Nabi Samwil, Jerusalem.

5. The Zealots and the Wars against Rome

Departure from Jerusalem

Morning: Wadi Qelt (old Roman road, with view of monastery built into the mountain-side), Jericho (visit ruins of Herod's Palace), Qumran (home of Essene community, where Dead Sea Scrolls were found), En Gedi and view of the canyons where Bar Kokhba's Zealots sheltered, Mezada/Masada (Ascend by cable car and descend on foot by the Snake Path).

Afternoon: Arad, via Hebron and Bethlehem to Jerusalem.

6. The Battle for the Road to Jerusalem and the Judean Hills

Departure from Jerusalem

Morning: Drive through Sha'ar HaGay (Bab el Wad), visit Convoy Memorial at Shores, Bet Shemesh, Valley of Elah, Netiv HaLamed He (Path of the 36 men who attempted to relieve Gush Ezyon during the War of Independence and lost their lives), Battle Hill, Gush Ezyon (visit local museum at Kfar Ezyon).

Afternoon: Via Bethlehem to Herodion (Herod's Mountain, Tour archaeological site), Rachel's Tomb, Jerusalem.

7. Jewish Settlement in Upper Galilee

Departure from Haifa

Morning: Kfar Yassif (near ancient Jewish cemetery), Valley of Zevulun, via Ahihud Junction and Kabri to Yehi'am (see memorial to members of convoy who fell in attempt to break siege during the War of Independence), Ma'alot (tour development town), Peqi'in (see ancient cemetery and synagogue), Zefat/Safed.

Afternoon: Zefat (tour the city of Mysticism). Return to Haifa.

8. Religious Minorities in the Galilee

Departure from Haifa

Morning: Issfiya and Daliyat el Karmil (Druze villages on Mt. Carmel), descent to Jezre'el Valley past Yoqne'am, Bet She'arim (visit catacombs), Akko/Acre (Crusader town).

Afternoon: Tour old city of Akko, (time permitting) visit the Bahai Shrine in the neighbourhood. Return to Haifa.

9. Industrial Development in the Negev and Settlement in Northern Sinai

Departure from Be'er Sheva and Arad, arrival at Tel Aviv

Morning: Arad, the Dead Sea Works (potash, bromine), ascent to Mamshit/Qurnub (remains of ancient Nabatean and Byzantine city), Dimona (textiles), Be'er Sheva.

Afternoon: Eshkol district, Yamit, Moshav Sadot, Tel Aviv.

9. To the Sinai Mountains. (4 days)

By plane, desert car and camel. Depart by plane for the Mt. Sinai airfield, and fly back from Ophira.

1st day: Flight to Mt. Sinai airfield, visit St. Catherine's Monastery, ascend Mt. Moses by camel. Overnight at St. Catherine's Monastery.

2nd day: Drive through Wadi Rotig to Mt. Katherina, and ascend mountain, drive to Wadi Rahba to meet Bedouin camel caravan, and ride towards Wadi Issia. Overnight at Id Tarpa or Mait Zalqa (well, spring).

3rd day: Riding in Wadi Issia (date palms, gardens, canyon section, Bedouin). Meet cars at end of Wadi. Overnight.

4th day: Travel to Ras Muhammad, southernmost tip of Sinai Peninsula (bathing, skin diving observing corals), Neqiei Mevokhim, Ophira, Northbound flight.

10. To Southern Sinai: In the Footsteps of the Children of Israel in the Wilderness (6 days)

Departure from Eilat

1st day: As in Itinerary No. 7, 1st day.

2nd day: Early morning ascent of Mt. Moses (by camel), tour St. Catherine's Monastery, Newe Firan (largest oasis in Sinai, with thousands of date palms, Bedouin settlement, ancient ruins). Overnight.

3rd day: Wadi Mugateb (early inscriptions and rock drawings), Wadi Maghara (ancient Egyptian turquoise mine), Nageb Budra, Wadi Ba'aba (impressive narrow canyon, with stream and winding road), Bir Nasib, Umm Bugma road (a beautiful route to the abandoned manganese mines). Overnight at Bir Nasib.

4th day: Sarabit-el-Khadim (Pharaonic temple and ancient Egyptian memorial tablets), ancient turquoise mine, Sands Valley, "Tuvya Forest" (minerals crystallized into tree trunks), Wadi Barq, Bir Igna. Overnight.

5th day: Wadi Labwa, Hajar Abu Lagha (rock inscriptions, pilgrims' trail to the Sinai Monastery), Wadi el-Sheikh, Wadi Rotig, summit of Mt. Katherina, Wadi Rotig. Overnight.

6th day: Wadi Nasib (wells and springs, orchards, canyon sections, Bedouin), Dahab (oasis on coast of Gulf of Eilat, possibly Di Zahav of the Children of Israel), Eilat.

THE KIBBUTZ

1. A Day in the Kibbutz

A one-day tour of a kibbutz can be arranged for those who wish to have a close look at Israel's unique phenomenon of communal living in a collective agricultural settlement.

Applications, giving alternative dates and parts of the country, should be addressed at least six weeks in advance to: Tourism Services and Events Division, Ministry of Tourism, 24 King George Street, Jerusalem, Israel.

2. Kibbutz Seminar Tour

A seminar tour combining sightseeing with an introduction to the economic, educational, social, industrial, psychological and other aspects of kibbutz life can be arranged for a period of seven days to three weeks, in kibbutz inns (Guest Houses).

For further details contact "Kibbutz Inns", 100, Allenby St., Tel-Aviv, Israel.

10. The Negev: Ancient Settlement and Future Outlook

Departure from Be'er Sheva

Morning: Via Kibbutz Revivim to Shivta (visit remains of the Nabatean and Byzantine city), view of Avdat (another Nabatean and Byzantine city).

Afternoon: Sede Boqer (visit Ben Gurion Museum and Field School), Yeruham, Dimona, Arad Integrated Chemical Industries, Arad, Be'er Sheva.

11. Sacred Cities in Northern Israel

Departure from Haifa

Morning: Bet She'arim (visit catacombs), via Nazareth to Tiberias (drive through city, visit ancient Hammat synagogue with mosaic floor and see tomb of Rabbi Meir Ba'al Hanes).

Afternoon: To Zefat (visit ancient synagogues and artists' colony). Return to Haifa.

AROUND TIBERIAS AND ZEFAT

1. Development of Galilee

Departure from Tiberias or Zefat

a) Morning: Tiberias, Horns of Hittin (visit Jethro's tomb), Golani Junction, Eilabun (National Water Carrier), visit Zalmon Reservoir, Maghar, Rama, Meron (visit ancient synagogue and tomb of Rabbi Shim'on Bar Yohay), Zefat.

Afternoon: Tour Zefat. Return to Tiberias.

b) If departing from Zefat, reverse morning itinerary, and continue as follows:

Afternoon: Tiberias (visit Hammat synagogue), Deganya (tour the kibbutz), Jordan River, Kibbutz En Gev, Bete'ha Valley, Kefar Nahum (visit ancient synagogue). Return to Zefat.

2. Scenic Views and Nature Reserves

Departure from Tiberias or Zefat

Morning: Rosh Pinna, Qiryat Shemona (tour town), Tel Hay (visit Trumpeldor's tomb), Metulla.

Afternoon: Tel Dan (visit Nature Reserve), Banyas (see springs and waterfall). Return to point of departure.

3. Along the Demarcation Lines with Jordan and Syria

Departure from Tiberias or Zefat

Morning: To Deganya (tour kibbutz), Kokhav Hayarden (visit Crusader fortress of Belvoir), via En Harod to Bet She'an (see ancient mosaic floors and Roman theatre), visit model of Stockade and Tower settlement, Kibbutz En Gev.

Afternoon: To the Golan Heights. Return to departure point through Benot Ya'aqov bridge.

THREE-DAY GENERAL ITINERARIES

1st day

Morning: Jerusalem, Mizpa, Shilo, Levona Ascent, Shekhem/Nablus (visit tomb of Joseph), Dothan Valley, Megiddo (tour archaeological site), Afula.

Afternoon: Kefar Tavor, Yavne'el Valley, Kinnrot Observatory, Tiberias (visit Hammat synagogue), (time permitting) visit Deganya (first kibbutz).

Overnight in Tiberias

CENTRAL SINAI:
JEBEL TIH-TO'IM DESERT

6. Following Moses and the Children of Israel in the To'im Desert (3 days)

Combined with flight to Refidim, or bus transfer to Parker Junction and Magharandal. May also be added to the Southern Sinai tour below.

1st day: Flight to Refidim (or bus to Parker Junction), Ein Fukkiyya (spring, pools, ancient site), Ein Shalala (spring, waterfall following floods, canyon), Bir Maiha (well, Bedouin centre). Overnight.

2nd day: Ein Yarqa (waterfalls), Ein Abu Natiqna (canyon, spring), Ein Hajaya (small desert oasis, date palms, Bedouin). Overnight.

3rd day: Wadi Abu Ja'ada (pools, canyon), Gulf of Suez coastal road. Continue to Southern Sinai, OR return to Refidim via Wadi Sudar (visiting Kala'at Jundi, stronghold from the period of Salah-e-Din). Flight from Refidim.

SOUTHERN SINAI

7. In the Footsteps of Moses to Mt. Sinai. (3-4 days).

Departure from Elat, return by plane from Ophira

1st day: Elat, Navi'ot, Ein Furtaga (largest spring in Sinai, stream several kilometres long, date palms, gardens, Bedouin), Wadi Ghazala, view of Ein Hudra (picturesque oasis, three springs, possibly Hazerot of the Children of Israel), Wadi Hajaj (rock inscriptions of early pilgrims to Mt. Sinai), Nuwamis (ancient house-shaped tombs), Wadi Sa'al, St. Catherine's Monastery. Overnight.

2nd day: Early morning ascent of Mt. Moses (possibly by camel), visit St. Catherine's Monastery, drive through Wadi Nasib (oases, orchards, Bedouin), Di Zahav (Dahab). Overnight.

3rd day: Dahab, Wadi Qani-e-Rein, Qani-el-Atshan, Ophira road, Wadi Qabila, Gulf of Elat coast, Shurat Minqata (mangrove trees growing off-shore), Nabq, Ras Nasrani, Ophira, Sharm-el-Sheikh. Fly to the north, OR overnight.

4th day: Tour Ophira, Travel to Neiqei Mevokhim (labyrinthine sandstone ravines), Ras Muhammad (tour southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, bathe in the Red Sea, skin dive and observe corals), Marsa Brega (secluded sandy bays). Return to Ophira and northbound flight.

8. On Eagles' Wings to Mt. Katherina (4 days)
Depart by air to Ophira, and return by air from Mt. Sinai

1st day: Fly to Ophira. Tour as for 4th day of Itinerary No. 7 above. Overnight at Ophira.

2nd day: Et-Tur, Wadi Hibran (new dirt road built on an ancient road to the Monastery, stream, date palms, Bedouin, ancient sites, Nuwamis), Wadi Salf, Newe Firan (largest oasis in Sinai, with thousands of date palms, large Bedouin settlement, ancient ruins). Overnight.

3rd day: Wadi el-Sheikh, Tarfet-el-Kidrein, St. Catherine's Monastery (visit), ascend Mt. Moses on camel back. Overnight at St. Catherine's Monastery.

4th day: Via Wadi Rotig to Mt. Katherina and ascend the highest mountain in Sinai. Return to Mt. Sinai airfield for northbound flight.

2nd day

Morning: From Tiberias to Kefar Nahum/Caper-naum (visit ancient synagogue), Bete'ha Valley, Gamla Ascent (view over Gamla, "the Northern Mezada"), drive north to Kala'at Namrud (visit Crusader fortress), Banyas.

Afternoon: Tel Fahr (visit abandoned Syrian military position), Zefat (tour city).

Overnight in Zefat

3rd day

Morning: From Zefat to Meron (visit ancient syna-gogue and tomb of Rabbi Shim'on Bar Yohay), Gush Halav, Peqi'in (tour village and visit syna-gogue), Yehi'am, Nahariyya.

Afternoon: Rosh Haniqra (cable car to the grotto), Haifa.

YOUTH ITINERARIES

1. The Judean Desert: Seeking Solitude Through the Ages (1-2 days)

Departure from Jerusalem

1st day: Adummim Ascent, Wadi Qelt (descend on foot to Greek Orthodox Monastery), along ancient Roman road to Jericho (visit ruins of Herod's palace), Qumran (home of the Essene community and Dead Sea Scrolls), En Feshha Nature Reserve (bathing), kibbutz En Gedi. Overnight.

(In case of one-day tour - short visit to En Gedi, and return to Jerusalem).

2nd day: Morning: Visit En Gedi, and 4-hour hike along Nahal Arugot Nature Reserve (water-falls, pools and interesting flora and fauna), OR: Walk to see remains of ancient agriculture, to the En Gedi spring, and to Nahal David Nature Reserve. (Approx. 4 hours).

Afternoon: See En Gedi antiquities (Roman baths, synagogue). Return to Jerusalem.

(It is possible to continue from En Gedi south-wards, to the Negev, Eilat and Sinai).

2. Judea and the Dead Sea (2 days)

Departure from Jerusalem

1st day: Gush Ezyon (visit local museum at Kefar Ezyon), Hebron (Tombs of the Patri-archs), Arad (desert town in the Judean Hills), Zohar Fortress (45-minute walk to Shefekh Zohar), Sedom, Nahal Perazim (45-minute walk to the Flour Cave), via Sedom to Mezada. Over-night. (bathing at En Boqeq may be included).

2nd day: Morning: Sunrise ascent of Mezada via the Snake Path. Tour Mezada and descend to the Youth Hostel.

Afternoon: Short visit to Kibbutz En Gedi, springs of Nahal David Nature Reserve. Re-turn to Jerusalem.

3. Western Galilee

Departure from Haifa

To Yehi'am (memorial to members of convoy who fell during the War of Independence), Mi'ilya (Crusader fort), Montfort (visit Cru-sader fortress - 3 hours walk), Peqi'in (visit ancient synagogue, the spring, and Rabbi Shim'on Bar Yohay's cave), Meron (visit an-cient synagogue and tomb of Rabbi Shim'on Bar Yohay). Return to Haifa via Rama-Akko road, or overnight in Zefat.

4. Upper Galilee and the Jordan Sources

From Zefat to Tel Hay (visit tomb of Trum-peldor), Metulla (1½-hour walk along Nahal Ayun to the Tanur waterfall), Tel Dan Nature Reserve, Banyas sources and waterfall. Over-night in Galilee, or return to Haifa.

5. Around Jerusalem (Mostly on foot)

Walk along the Old City walls from Damascus Gate to Herod's Gate and Lions' Gate, walk down to the Valley of Jehosephat (visit Absalom Memorial, tombs of Bene Hezir and Zacharia), the Siloam (Shiloah) tunnel, ascent to City of David, and through the Dung Gate to the Old City. Visit reconstructed Jewish Quarter, and through Zion Gate to Mt. Zion.

SELECTED DESERT ITINERARIES

Note: These tours are undertaken in 4-wheel drive vehicles. Most nights are spent in the open.

THE JUDEAN DESERT

1. In the Footsteps of the Hasmoneans, the Zealots and the Essenes (For Youth)

Jerusalem, Abu Dis (desert boundary and its affinity to Jerusalem), Monastery of Mar Saba (the desert as a refuge for individuals and religious sects throughout history), Hyrkanos (Hasmonean and Herodian fortresses, Zealots' revolt), cliff-top observation over Qumran and the Dead Sea, descent on foot to Qumran (visit the archaeological site, home of the Essene sect, Dead Sea Scrolls).

2. As Above (For Adults)

No walking, transportation throughout, including Qumran.

3. The Fortresses of the Jewish Revolt against Rome — Mezada and caves of Bar Kokhba's fighters (2 days)

Departure from Jerusalem

1st day: From Jerusalem via Hebron to the Umm-Darag Police Station (view of the desert), water cisterns of Zorbiyyat, top of Essenes' Ascent (view of the Dead Sea and oasis of En Gedi), Nahal Hever (view of Me'arat Ha'Igrot (Letter Cave), Zefira Pool (view of Nahal Ze'elim), Overnight at foot of Mezada (west), OR: descend Mezada by cable car and overnight at the Youth Hostel (east).

2nd day: Tour Mezada, drive to Ya'ir Ascent (descent, and view over the southern portion of the Dead Sea), Nahal Perazim, Sedom Cave (Biblical story of Sodom and Gomorrah).

4. Christian Asceticism — Past and Present

Departure from Jerusalem

Wadi Qelt (visit Monastery of St. George), Jericho, Ein Feshha Nature Reserve, Mizpe Shalem, Beit Sahur (Shepherds' Field), Monastery of Mar Saba, return to Jerusalem.

THE NEGEV

5. The Wanderings of the Children of Israel in the Wilderness (2 days, with possibility of a day's extension)

1st day: Be'er Sheva, Quseima, Qadesh Barne'a (desert centre of the Twelve Tribes), Ein Qadis spring, Ein Qadis fortress (dating back to the Kings of Judah), to the foot of Mt. Horsha. Overnight.

2nd day: Mt. Horsha, Mt. Harif (ancient tombs, and view of the Negev Mountain and Sinai), Nahal Luz (centuries-old terebinth trees), Arod Pass (view of the Ramon Crater), Nahal Neqarot, Mizpe Ramon.

3rd day (optional): Mizpe Ramon, top of Mahmal Ascent (view of the Ramon Crater), the oil pipeline road, Ein Zik, Zin Ascent (or En Avdat), Sede Boqer, Be'er Sheva.



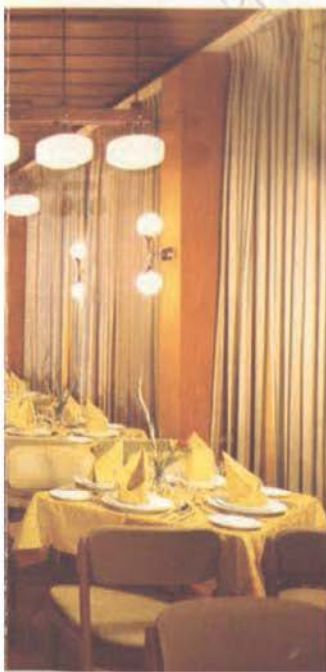
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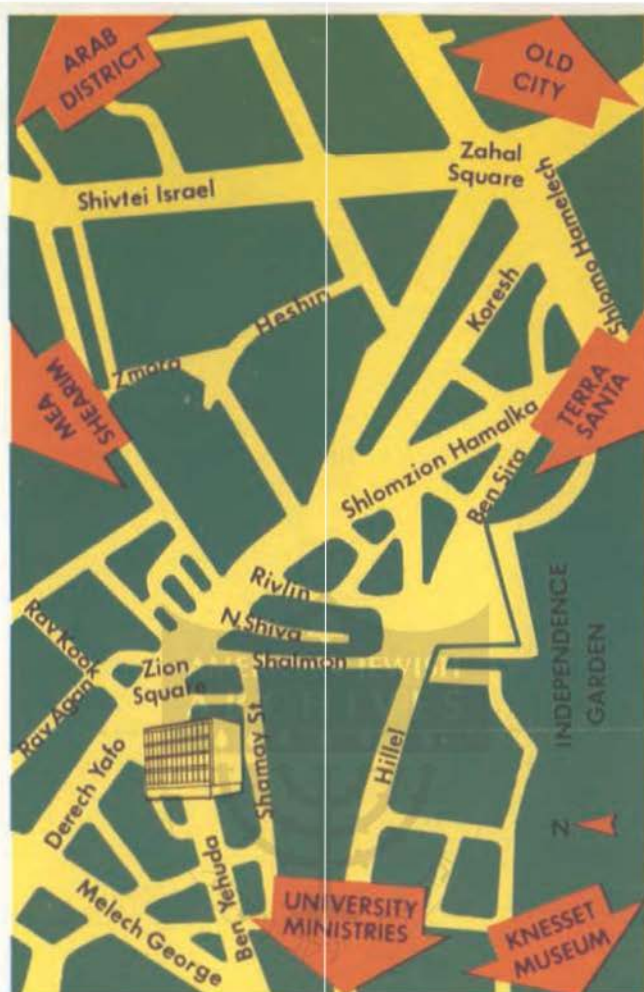
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Our hotel is an ideal starting point, right in the middle of the city. From here you can easily reach impressive historical sights, such as the Western Wall, Absalom's tomb, King Solomon's baths, not to mention the exotic alley-ways of the city, the ultra-religious quarters and the artist colonies of Ein-Kerem and Yemin-Moshe; and, of course, the Israel Museum, Hebrew University and Mount Scopus.

This multi-colored pulsating town will be the source of many emotions and experiences, as well as endless original gifts for your friends and relatives.





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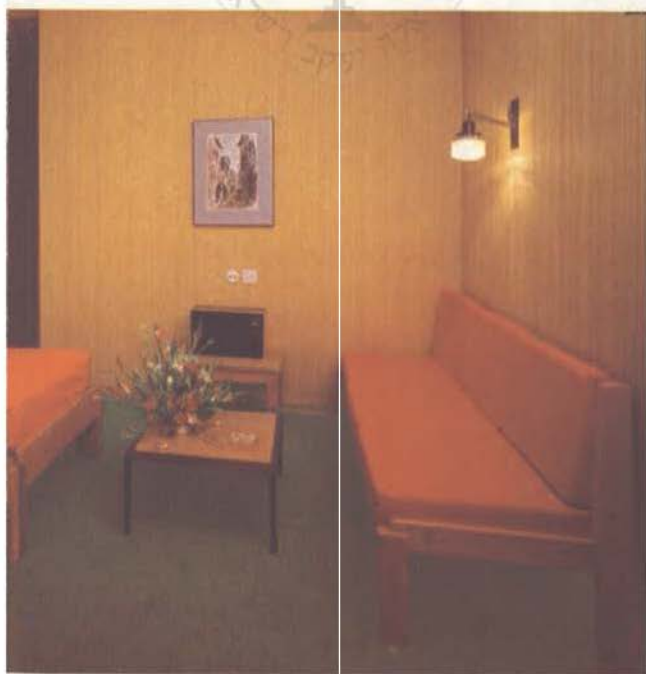
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"And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them:

"Get you up here into the Negev and go up into the mountains; and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; and what the land is that they dwell in, whether in camps or in strongholds; and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood therein or not. And be ye of good courage and bring of the fruit of the land."

Numbers 13:17-20



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Dear Colleague:

The Israel Commission is offering a unique educational experience - a specially designed seminar in Israel, as described in the attached itinerary. The architecture of the seminar is immediately clear - studying the history and geography of Biblical Israel simultaneously with the problems of contemporary Israel.

During the experimental first year of this program we will handle no more than 21 groups - one every two weeks, according to the attached timetable. A group will consist of one bus-load (38 persons). When these dates are all spoken for, on a first-come first-serve basis, we shall close the calendar. The reason for this apparent rigidity is to enable us to maximize the possibilities for success by concentrating on small and specific numbers. This first year is crucial.

Read the itinerary, see if it interests you; study the dates, take an option on one. We will hold your option open for thirty days. This will give you a chance to get home, talk over the project with your president, men's club, young couples club, adult education groups, or anyone else. If you decide, on second thought, to change your mind, please write and release the date so that we can offer it to someone else. If you decide definitely to go ahead, then we will want to begin to receive actual names of participants by 30 April 1974.

There will be many things to discuss - such as suggested study-course in advance; procedures of the seminar; schedule of payments; use of local travel agent; etc., etc. All this can come as soon as you have made up your mind, and definitely decide to recruit a group.

Many of you have led groups before, or participated in them. We think we can safely promise you and your congregants a unique experience.

Sincerely yours,

Richard G. Hirsch
Richard G. Hirsch

INTRODUCTION

There are many ways to see Israel. The visitor may be offered a look at Israel, the land of warm sunshine, or the land of fascinating archaeology, or the land of vibrant kibbutzim, or the land of heart-warming immigration, or the land of new factories. He may even be offered a look at the Israel of social problems, poverty and slums, undereducation and underemployment. And he will certainly see the Israel of uncertain borders, constant alerts and military cemeteries.

All the Israels are valid - for these are all aspects of the nation in growth and in struggle. But these are flashes and facets and views.

The best way for the visitor to look at Israel is to see it whole, integrated - at one and the same time an ancient land where the Jewish people was formed and the Jewish faith evolved; and a modern land where the same people is reviving its national life and culture. To appreciate Israel the visitor must be enabled to telescope time and space - history and geography - so that he can find the valley where David fought Goliath and reconstruct that ancient scene in his mind, while with his modern eye, he looks at the Telstar communications satellite station now standing in that very valley. He must travel the same road Abraham took through Schechem, Beth El and Shiloh, as told in the book of Genesis; while realising at the same moment that he is travelling through the West Bank of so-called "Administered Territory".

The best way to see Israel is for someone to show it to you in an integrated manner - so that everywhere you go, you will learn both the Biblical and the modern significance of each particular place.

That is exactly what this unique tour will do. Since it is confined to 14 days, some of which must be left free for friends, shopping, rest, the entire range of Jewish history cannot be covered. We will start with Abraham in the year 2000 BCE and only be able to go as far as the Destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

We will actually visit Mount Sinai in the bleak desert, where Moses confronted God; and follow Joshua to his conquest of Jericho; and trace Samson in his struggle with the Philistines; and witness Saul's death on Mount Gilboa; and see David dancing before the ark from Kiryat Yearim to Jerusalem; and marvel at Solomon's fortress of Hazor; and see Yochanan Ben Zakkai's school at Yavne.

All the places where these seminal events occurred are to be found, and around them are things of today. The purpose of this tour will be to achieve the magic feeling of losing track of time and space, so that the whole of Israel blends into an unbroken stream in your mind, with past and present forming a unity. Over one shoulder you will see the village where Jeremiah lived, and over the other shoulder you will see the village where new Russian immigrants live. And you will know and feel that the Jewish people is eternal, from that time to this, in its own land.

This special tour is being organised by the Reform Movement, hence it is natural that we will look at the forms of religion in Israel. You will gain an insight into problems you never dreamed of - such as, the danger of an Israeli form of assimilation. Does that sound strange?

There will be no packing and unpacking - the bane of every traveller's life. You will stay in one hotel in Jerusalem all thirteen nights. But don't worry - you will see everything. Our planning is just a bit more organised and you will have the best of it both ways.

There will be some reading for you to do before you embark, and some more after you disembark back home. You know it is to your advantage so you will do it.

The Jewish people and the Jewish faith were born in the Jewish land. That is the central theme behind this tour: to sense our roots and origins, and to realise that today, even as in the Messianic vision, Israel, the land, the people and the faith are one.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

"SPY OUT THE LAND."

ISRAEL COMMISSION SEMINARS

DAY

MONDAY

Early evening departure from United States

TUESDAY

Arrive approximately noon

Proceed to hotel in Jerusalem; unpack; rest; early supper

7:30 p.m.

Briefing on entire itinerary, using large map; explaining purpose of this trip; distributing loose leaf book for accumulation of daily material and maps.

9:00 p.m.

Very brief (30 min.) period for socializing.

WEDNESDAY

A B R A H A M

ancient: Schechem, Hebron (including Sebastia, Beth El, Shiloh) Oak of Moreh - Oak of Mamre

modern: West Bank problem

Schedule:

8:00 a.m.

Briefing breakfast with large map - explaining entire West Bank area

9:30 a.m.

Depart for Schechem (including Sebastia, Beth El, Shiloh)

1:00 p.m.

Lunch at hotel

2:30 p.m.

Depart for Hebron (Machpelah, Oak of Mamre, Samu)

8:00 p.m.

Dinner: discussion on West Bank problem, in all aspects.

THURSDAY

M O S E S

ancient: Mount Sinai - Santa Caterina (Fly)

modern: Sinai Peninsula - Eilat - Blockade at Sharm-e-Sheikh

Schedule:

8:00 a.m.

Briefing breakfast with large map - explaining entire Sinai; giving military history of modern wars; plus Biblical history showing alternate Mosaic routes.

9:30 a.m.

Fly from Jerusalem to Santa Caterina; land and survey the area; fly over Sharm; land at Eilat; return to Jerusalem.

8:30 p.m.

Dinner: no discussion or speaker.

FRIDAY

J O S H U A

ancient: Arad and Jericho

modern: Settlement of desert - Negev and Jordan (see new settlements along Ein Fescha Road)

Schedule:

7:00 a.m.

Briefing breakfast with large map - showing how tribes wandered through the desert, came to Kadesh Barnea, sent spies northward, tried to penetrate, were stopped at Arad. Then they shifted eastward, crossed the Jordan, turned north to Mt. Nebo, recrossed the Jordan westward, penetrating at Jericho.

8:30 a.m. Travel through Lachish, Beersheba (pay respect at temporary military cemetery)
 12:00 p.m. Lunch in Arad
 1:00 p.m. Return via Ein Feschka Road; survey Jericho area
 5:30 p.m. Sabbath eve services - Har El synagogue
 8:00 p.m. Dinner: speaker on subject of war and peace in Israel's past and present

SATURDAYSchedule:

10:00 a.m. Sabbath morning services - Hebrew Union College; Kiddush with students
 12:00 noon Walk to Western Wall
 1:00 p.m. Lunch at hotel
 2:30 p.m. Tour of Jerusalem - Anatot, Nebi Samwil, French Hill, Mount Scopus, Mount of Olives, Gilo, Ophel, Knesset, Kirya, Museum.
 8:00 p.m. Dinner: Rabbi Ezra Spicehandler - "The Training of Reform Rabbis in Israel"
 Rabbi Richard Hirsch - "Present Status of Reform Movement in Israel"
 Rabbi Herbert Friedman - "Future Plans"

SUNDAY

S A M S O N

ancient: Eshtaol; Timna; Ashkelon
 modern: New towns, Ashkelon, Ashdod

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with map - explaining Philistine cities - coastal plain
 9:30 a.m. Leave for Bab-El-Wad, Burma Road in President's Forest, Eshtaol to Ashdod
 ;2:00 noon Visit Absorption Center for Immigrants
 1:30 p.m. Lunch in Ashdod
 2:30 p.m. Continue to Ashkelon, visit antiquities.
 8:00 p.m. Dinner: lecture (using large outline charts and maps) on first thousand years of Jewish history, from Abraham 2000 BCE to Saul 1000 BCE

MONDAY

S A U L

ancient: Gilgal; Gilboa; Endor; Beth Shean
 modern: Jordan River Valley with Nachal and military outposts.
 Typical development town.

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with large maps of Jordan and Beth Shean Valleys
 9:30 a.m. Travel northward; stop at one Nachal outpost; at memorial near Pezael; Gilboa; thorough study of Beth Shean, archaeology plus today's problems.
 8:00 p.m. Dinner: no speaker.

TUESDAY

D A V I D

ancient: Valley of Elah; Gibeon; Kiryat Yearim
 modern: Telstar Satellite; El Jib; Abu Ghosh; Jerusalem and its environs

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with map of Ophel showing original Davidic city.

9:30 a.m. Leave for Elah, back through Abu Ghosh, then to El Jib
 1:00 p.m. Lunch at hotel
 2:30 p.m. Visit to Municipality to see master plan of Jerusalem
 4:30 p.m. Panel at hotel, with Israeli students (high school or university)
 7:30 p.m. Dinner
 9:00 p.m. Visit to Mevasseret Zion to meet with immigrants

WEDNESDAY

S O L O M O N

ancient: Hazor
 modern: Golan Heights

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast briefing with map on entire north.
 9:30 a.m. Fly to Rosh Pina; visit Hazor; visit Golan Heights; fly back
 7:30 p.m. Dinner: panel of political leaders and/or kibbutz leaders on the need for Reform Judaism in Israel.

THURSDAY

Y O C H A N A N B E N Z A K K A I

ancient: Yavne
 modern: Poverty problems; Sephardi-Ashkenazi

Schedule:

7:00 a.m. Breakfast, no briefing map required
 8:00 a.m. Leave for Yavne, via Yehud and Or Yehuda
 1:30 p.m. Lunch at hotel
 Afternoon free for shopping or friends
 7:30 p.m. Dinner: lecture (using outline chart and maps) on second thousand year period of Jewish history, from Saul 1000 BCE to Destruction of Temple 70 CE

FRIDAY

R E V I E W S E M I N A R

Morning Free for shopping and friends
 12:30 p.m. Lunch at hotel
 1:30 p.m. Seminar of recapitulation and review of major themes; closing speech
 5:30 p.m. Sabbath eve services at Har El synagogue
 8:00 p.m. Dinner at Israeli homes (members of congregation to act as hosts)

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Sabbath morning services at Hebrew Union College, Kiddush
 12:00 Walk to Western Wall
 2:30 p.m. Finish tour of Jerusalem (whatever was not covered on previous Sabbath)
 7:30 p.m. Dinner at hotel
 9:00 p.m. Cultural evening, play, music, film etc.

SUNDAY

One day completely free for shopping
 Optional trip to Haifa, Visit Leo Baeck School
 Optional trip to Tel Aviv

MONDAY

Return to United States

"SPY OUT THE LAND"
Israel Commission Seminars

MINIMUM 35 PARTICIPANTS

SEASON	RATE	NIGHTS IN ISRAEL	TRANSFERS	HOTEL NIGHTS			Touring by BUS	TOURING BY Plane	MEALS PER DAY	ENTRANCE FEES	PORTRAGE	GUIDE DAYS
				* 5	* 4	* 3						
WINTER	\$ 1.069	13	4	13	-	-	8	2	3	Incl	Incl	11
"	\$ 999	"	"	-	13	-	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	\$ 949	"	"	-	-	13	"	"	"	"	"	"
SHOULDER	\$ 1.119	"	"	13	-	-	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	\$ 1.019	"	"	-	13	-	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	\$ 999	"	"	-	-	13	"	"	"	"	"	"
PEAK	\$ 1.219	"	"	13	-	-	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	\$ 1.129	"	"	-	13	-	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	\$ 1.099	"	"	-	-	13	"	"	"	"	"	"

NOTE

1. THE ABOVE RATES ARE NOT FINAL AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES
2. THREE MEALS PER DAY FOR NINE DAYS; TWO MEALS PER DAY FOR FOUR DAYS

TOURS BY OTHER AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

TWO WEEKS ISRAEL - FROM \$ 873 TO \$ 1,236

MINIMUM 35 PARTICIPANTS

SEASON	RATE	N. IN ISR	TRANSFERS	HOTELS NIGHTS			TOURING BY BUS	TOURING BY PLANE	MEALS PER DAY	ENTRANCES FEES	PORTRAGE	GUIDE DAYS
				* 5	* 4	* 3						
WINTER	\$ 969	13	2	10	2	1	8	—	2	—	Incl	9
"	\$ 873	"	"	—	12	1	"	—	"	—	"	"
SHOULDER	\$ 1,112	"	"	10	2	1	"	—	"	—	"	"
"	\$ 1,087	13	2	—	12	1	"	—	"	—	"	"
PEAK	\$ 1,236	"	"	10	2	1	"	—	"	—	"	"
"	\$ 1,162	"	"	—	12	1	"	—	"	—	"	"

NOTE:

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2. NO FLIGHTS INSIDE ISRAEL
3. PARTICIPANTS PAY OWN ENTRANCE FEES

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 1974 - 1975

"SPY OUT THE LAND"

Israel Commission Seminars

1974	Leave JFK	Arrive BG	Leave BG	Arrive JFK	Notes
Group #1	4 Nov.	5 Nov.	18 Nov.	18 Nov.	
Group #2	18 Nov.	19 Nov.	2 Dec.	2 Dec.	
Group #3	2 Dec.	3 Dec.	16 Dec.	16 Dec.	First Chanukka candle eve 8 Dec.
Group #4	16 Dec.	17 Dec.	30 Dec.	30 Dec.	Student Holiday
Group #5	30 Dec.	31 Dec.	13 Jan. 1975	13 Jan.	
<u>1975</u>					
Group #6	13 Jan.	14 Jan.	27 Jan.	27 Jan.	
Group #7	27 Jan.	28 Jan.	10 Feb.	10 Feb.	
Group #8	10 Feb.	11 Feb.	24 Feb.	24 Feb.	
Group #9	24 Feb.	25 Feb.	10 March	10 March	Purim 25 Feb.
Group #10	10 Mar.	11 Mar.	24 Mar.	24 Mar.	
Group #11	24 Mar.	25 Mar.	7 April	7 April	Seder 26 March
Group #12	7 April	8 April	21 April	21 April	Yom Hashoar 8 Apr. Yom Hatzmaut 16 Ap
Group #13	21 April	22 April	5 May	5 May	Lag Bomer 29 Apr.
Group #14	5 May	6 May	19 May	19 May	
Group #15	19 May	20 May	2 June	2 June	
Group #16	2 June	3 June	16 June	16 June	
Group #17	16 June	17 June	30 June	30 June	
Group #18	30 June	1 July	14 July	14 July	
Group #19	14 July	15 July	28 July	28 July	Tisha b'Av 17 July
Group #20	28 July	29 July	11 August	11 August	
Group #21	11 August	12 August	25 August	25 August	

I am interested in reserving Group # _____
for myself and my congregation. (Second choice, # _____)

Please send me further information:

Name.....

Address.....

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Date

GROUPS #1-9 -- WINTER
GROUPS #10-18 -- SHOULDER
GROUPS #19-21 -- PEAK

Atlanta	Janice Rothschild, Larry Frank
Minneapolis	Rabbi Shapiro, Hugh Klein
Worcester	Haskell Gordon, Rabbi Klein
Great Neck	Chet Sennet
Cleveland	Dr. Moskowitz, Myron Silverman
Phoenix	Plotkin
San Fernando Valley	Jacobs
Westfield, NJ	Kooloff, Herb Brody
Westchester County	Jack Stern
St. Louis	Alvan Rubin
Chicago	Haskell Bernat
Columbus	Gordon Zacks
Albany	Don Gould
Richmond	Sol Viner
Houston	Allan Rudy
Dallas]	Mitchell Rodansky
Philadelphia	Saul Freedman
Roanoke	Malcolm Rosenberg
Detroit	Richard Hertz
Miami	Leon Fronish
Port Washington	Henry Brenner
Toronto	
Providence	Howard Levitt



UAHC-WUPJ TOURS

TWO WEEKS ISRAEL - FROM \$ 949 TO \$ 1,219

MINIMUM 35 PARTICIPANTS

SEASON	RATE	N. IN ISR	TRANSFERS	HOTEL NIGHTS			Touring by BUS	TOURING BY Plane	MEALS PER DAY	ENTRANCE FEES	PORTRAGE	GUIDE DAYS	REMARKS
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TENTATIVE TEACHING ITINERARY
FOR UAHC - WUPJ TOURS

DAY

MONDAY Early evening departure from United States

TUESDAY

Arrive approximately noon

7:30 p.m. Proceed to hotel in Jerusalem; unpack; rest; early supper
Briefing on entire itinerary, using large map; explaining purpose of this trip; meeting ES, RH, HAF, plus guide, receiving loose leaf book of daily material and maps.

9:00 p.m. Very brief (30 min.) period for socializing.

WEDNESDAY

A B R A H A M

ancient: Schechem, Hebron (including Sebastia, Beth El, Shiloh)
Oak of Moreh - Oak of Mamre

modern: West Bank problem

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with large map - explaining entire West Bank area
9:30 a.m. Depart for Schechem (including Sebastia, Beth El, Shiloh)
1:00 p.m. Lunch at hotel
2:30 p.m. Depart for Hebron (Machpelah, Oak of Mamre, Sama if time)
8:00 p.m. Dinner, discussion on West Bank problem, in all aspects.

THURSDAY

M O S E S

ancient: Mount Sinai - Santa Caterina

modern: Sinai Peninsula - Sharm blockade

Schedule

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast, with large map - explaining entire Sinai, giving military history of modern wars; plus biblical history i.e. alternate Mosaic routes
9:30 a.m. Fly to Santa Caterina and return. Lunch boxes
8:30 p.m. Dinner, no discussion or speaker.

FRIDAY

J O S H U A

ancient: Arad and Jericho

modern: Settlement of desert - Negev and Jordan (see new settlements along Ein Fescha Road)

Schedule

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with large map - showing how tribes wandered through the desert, came to Kadesh Barnea, sent spies northward, tried to penetrate, were stopped at Arad. Then they shifted eastward, crossed the Jordan, turned north up to Mt. Nebo and recrossed the Jordan westward, penetrating at Jericho.

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 8:00 p.m. Dinner, with speaker on war and peace

SATURDAYSchedule

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 12:00 Visit to Western Wall
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 Rabbi Richard Hirsch - "Present Status of Reform in Israel"
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SUNDAYS A M S O N

ancient: Eshtaol; Timna; Ashkelon
 modern: New towns, Ashkelon, Ashdod

Schedule

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 9:30 a.m. Leave for Bab El Wad, Burma Road in President's Forest, Eshtaol to Ashdod
 12:00 Visit Absorption Center for immigrants
 1:00 p.m. Lunch in Ashdod
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 8:00 p.m. Dinner, with lecture (using large outline charts and maps) of first thousand years of Jewish history, from Abraham 2000 BCE to Saul 1000 BCE

MONDAYS A U L

ancient: Gilgal (near Jericho); Gilboa; Endor; Beth Shean
 modern: Jordan River Valley with Nachal and military outposts. typical development town like 25 others in the country

Schedule"

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with large maps of Jordan and Beth Shean Valleys
 9:30 a.m. Travel northward; stop at one Nachal outpost; at memorial near Pazeel; do Gilboa; lunch boxes; do thorough study of Beth Shean, archaeology plus today's problems.
 8:00 p.m. Dinner, with no speaker of panel.

TUESDAYD A V I D

ancient: Valley of Elah; Gibeon; Kiryat Yearim
 modern: Telstar Satellite; El Jib; Abu Ghosh; Jerusalem and its environs

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Briefing breakfast with map of Ophel showing original Davidic city.
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2:30 p.m. Visit to Municipality to see master plan of Jerusalem
 4:30 p.m. Panel at hotel, with Israeli students (high school or university)
 on Reform Judaism in Israel
 7:30 p.m. Dinner
 9:00 p.m. Visit to Mevasseret Zion to meet immigrants.

WEDNESDAYS O L O M O N

ancient: Hazor
 modern: Golan Heights

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast briefing with map on entire north
 9:30 a.m. Fly to Rosh Pina; visit Hazor; take lunch boxes; visit Golan Heights; fly back
 7:30 p.m. Dinner with panel of political leaders and/or kibbutz leaders on
 the subject of the need for Reform Judaism in Israel

THURSDAYY O C H A N A N B E N Z A K K A I

ancient: Yavne
 modern: Poverty problems; poverty, Sephardi-Ashkenazi

Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Breakfast, no briefing map required
 9:00 a.m. Leave for Yavne, via Yehud and Or Yehuda
 1:30 p.m. Lunch at hotel
 Afternoon free for shopping or friends
 7:30 p.m. Dinner at hotel, with lecture (using outline chart and maps) on second
 thousand year period of Jewish history, From Saul 1000 BCE to Destruction
 of Temple 70 CE

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Morning Free for shopping or friends
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SUNDAY

One day completely free for shopping
 Optional trip to Haifa, visit Leo Baeck School
 Optional trip to Tel Aviv

MONDAY

Return to United States

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 1974 - 1975
"Operation -----"
U A H C - W U P J T O U R S

1974

GROUP #1

Depart JFK - 4 November; arrive BG - 5 November
Depart BG - 18 November; arrive JFK- 18 November

GROUP #2

Depart JFK - 18 November; arrive BG - 19 November
Depart BG - 2 December; arrive JFK- 2 December

GROUP #3

Depart JFK - 2 December; arrive BG - 3 December
Depart BG - 16 December; arrive JFK- 16 December

Chanukah 1st candle eve Dec. 8

GROUP #4'

Depart JFK - 16 December; arrive BG - 17 December
Depart BG - 30 December; arrive JFK- 30 December

Student Holiday Trip

GROUP #5

Depart JFK - 30 December; arrive BG - 31 December
Depart BG - 13 January ; arrive JFK- 13 January 1975

1975

GROUP #6

Depart JFK - 13 January; arrive BG - 14 January
Depart BG - 27 January; arrive JFK- 27 January

GROUP #7

Depart JFK - 27 January; arrive BG - 28 January
Depart BG - 10 February; arrive JFK - 10 February

GROUP #8

Depart JFK - February 10; arrive BG - 11 February
Depart BG - February 24; arrive JFK - February 24

GROUP #9

Depart JFK - 24 February; arrive BG - 25 February
Depart BG - 10 March; arrive JFK - 10 March

Purim 25 February

GROUP #10

Depart JFK - 10 March ; arrive BG - 11 March
Depart BG - 24 March ; arrive JFK- 24 March

GROUP #11

Depart JFK - 24 March; arrive BG - 25 March
Depart BG - 7 April; arrive JFK- 7 April

Passover-Seder, night 26 March

GROUP #12

Depart JFK - 7 April; arrive BG - 8 April
Depart BG - 21 April; arrive JFK- 21 April

Yom Hashoar 8 April
Yom Haatzmaut 16 April

GROUP #13

Depart JFK 21 April; arrive BG - 22 April
Depart BG - 5 May; arrive JFK- 5 May

Lag Bomer April 29

GROUP #14

Depart JFK - 5 May
 Depart BG - 19 May

arrive ~~JFK~~ BG - 6 May
 arrive JFK - 19 May

GROUP #15

Depart JFK 19 May
 Depart BG 2 June

arrive BG - 20 May
 arrive JFK - 2 June

GROUP #16

Depart JFK - 2 June
 Depart BG - 16 June

arrive BG - 3 June
 arrive JFK 16 June

GROUP #17

Depart JFK - 16 June
 Depart BG - 30 June

arrive BG - 17 June
 arrive JFK - 30 June

GROUP #18

Depart JFK June 30
 Depart BG - 14 July

arrive BG - 1 July
 arrive JFK - 14 July

GROUP # 19

Depart JFK - 14 July
 Depart BG - 28 July

arrive BG - 15 July
 arrive JFK- 28 July

Tisha B'av 17 July

GROUP #20

Depart JFK - 28 July
 Depart BG - 11 August

arrive BG - 29 July
 arrive JFK - 11 August

GROUP #21

Depart JFK - 11 August
 Depart BG - 25 August

arrive BG - 12 August
 arrive JFK - 25 August



MEMORANDUM

Date February 13, 1974

From Rabbi Ira S. Youdovin

To Regional Directors

Copy for information of Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, Mr. Albert Vorspan, Rabbi Leonard A. Schoolman, Mr. Theodore Broido, Mr. Abe Segal, Rabbi Daniel Syme
 Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch

Subject Israel Tours

Gentlemen:

Approximately sixty of our congregational leaders recently participated with their Conservative counterparts in one-week, fact-finding missions to Israel. You all received copies of Harry Gutmann's letter so you know the details.

On the basis of this experience, Dick Hirsch and I are convinced that we should be doing more in the area of structuring tours. There seems little point in offering packages already being offered by every other Jewish organization and every travel agent. On the other hand, almost nothing has been done to use Israel as a vehicle for strengthening commitment to the local synagogue, and as a resource for authentic and intensive Jewish education. In effecting this, he will be working in close collaboration with the Department of Education.

At the staff meetings scheduled for early March, we are hoping to receive your recommendations concerning how this program might be best structured. In the meantime, could you give some thought to the following questions:

1. Certain "themes" suggest themselves (archeology, social problems, the various ethnic communities of Israel, etc.). Are there other topics that might serve as the basis for "specialized tours?"
2. Should we also offer a "first timers" tour of a general sight-seeing nature?
3. Should we offer each package once or twice a year, opening them to individuals throughout our congregations? Or should we try to put together packages that rabbis could "buy" for use as congregational trips?
4. Should we seek to structure full-fledged adult education programs around the trip theme, making the stay in Israel part of a larger experience? How extensive should these courses be (time, reading, etc)?

Looking forward to seeing you all in March.

Ira

SCHEREM - (map 26) - Abraham; also Hebron;
also Beersheba

HAZOR considered capital of Palestine by ^{Hyksos}~~Egyptians~~
(map 29) - see Josh. 11.10

ARAD - (map 51) - Israelites tried to penetrate
from south, were stopped at Arad. early 13th BC

SINAI - (map 48) - Moses wandering

DERICHO - (map 52) - Moses - Joshua

Gilgal near Jericho - (map 54) - center;
Saul crowned there (1 Sam. 11.15)

EBLON =
Tel el Hesi
DEBIR =
Tel Beit Mirsim
(map 56)

GIBEON - Joshua

VALLEY of ELAH - David + Goliath (91)

DAVID'S WANDERINGS - 92, 93, 94

SAUL - (96) - Beth Shean

DAVID vs. ISBOSHETH - at Gibeon - 99

Maccabees - 185, 186 - Beth Horon

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GROUP #9

Depart JFK - 24 February; arrive BG - 25 February
 Depart BG - 10 March; arrive JFK - 10 March

Purim 25 February

GROUP #10

Depart JFK - 10 March ; arrive BG - 11 March
 Depart BG - 24 March ; arrive JFK- 24 March

GROUP #11

Depart JFK - 24 March; arrive BG - 25 March
 Depart BG - 7 April; arrive JFK- 7 April

Passover-Seder, night 26 March

GROUP #12

Depart JFK - 7 April; arrive BG - 8 April
 Depart BG - 21 April; arrive JFK- 21 April

Yom Hashoar 8 April
Yom Haatzmaut 16 April

GROUP #13

Depart JFK 21 April; arrive BG - 22 April
 Depart BG - 5 May; arrive JFK- 5 May

Lag Bomer April 29

GROUP #14

Depart JFK - 5 May
 Depart BG - 19 May

arrive JFK BG - 6 May
 arrive JFK - 19 May

GROUP #15

Depart JFK 19 May
 Depart BG 2 June

arrive BG - 20 May
 arrive JFK - 2 June

GROUP #16

Depart JFK - 2 June
 Depart BG - 16 June

arrive BG - 3 June
 arrive JFK 16 June

GROUP #17

Depart JFK - 16 June
 Depart BG - 30 June

arrive BG - 17 June
 arrive JFK - 30 June

GROUP #18

Depart JFK June 30
 Depart BG - 14 July

arrive BG - 1 July
 arrive JFK - 15 July

GROUP # 19

Depart JFK - 15 July
 Depart BG - 28 July

arrive BG - 15 July
 arrive JFK - 28 July

Tisha B'av 17 July

GROUP #20

Depart JFK - 28 July
 Depart BG - 11 August

arrive BG - 29 July
 arrive JFK - 11 August

GROUP #21

Depart JFK - 11 August
 Depart BG - 25 August

arrive BG - 12 August
 arrive JFK - 25 August

