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HONEYMOON ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES

TRIP TO ISRAEL

May 11 – 21, 2017

Day One: Thursday, May 11, 2017

DEPARTURE

- 1:15 p.m. Depart Los Angeles on EL AL flight #006 .

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, May 12, 2017

ARRIVAL

- 1:45 p.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator, **Ron Singer**, 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, great beaches and fine stores.
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin St., with its hip cafés and funky chic shopping, including lunch on own.
- Check into the hotel.
- **Shabbat candle lighting.**
- **Shabbat services** by the beach.
- **Shabbat dinner** with the other Honeymoon Israel groups.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Three: Saturday, May 13, 2017

SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- **Take a Break in The City That Never Sleeps:** Depart the hotel on foot, beginning with a leisurely Shabbat stroll down the Tel Aviv Promenade.
Feel the Shabbat atmosphere as many Tel Aviv residents take a day's break (*Yom Shabbaton*) from their busy work weeks. Enjoy the beauty of the sea and the urban setting of the city life.
- Take an inside look and hear about the founders of the **Altneu City** through their letters and other sources.
- Check out the Tachana compound for insight into how changes in the urban landscape reflect the surrounding culture.
- **Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti:** Meet up with Niro Taub, a local resident, for an exploration of the urban culture of the city.
- Lunch on own.
- Visit the **Old City of Jaffa** and stroll through the renovated artists' colony and the old port.
- Return to the hotel.
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah* as a group
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure at Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Four: Sunday, May 14, 2017

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Visit **Independence Hall**, where David Ben-Gurion proclaimed the State of Israel on May 14th, 1948.
- Stroll down **Rothschild Boulevard** to view examples of the intriguing **Bauhaus-style** architecture from the 1930s. The local proliferation of the style won Tel Aviv recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage site and the nickname of 'the White City'.
- Lunch on own account.
- Depart Tel Aviv, driving north along the coast.
- Guided visit to **Caesarea**, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities in the Roman Period. Visit the Herodian theater and the excavations along the Mediterranean shore, concluding with a visit to the ruined 900-year-old Crusader town.
- Continue further north towards the **Galilee** and check into the hotel, located on the shores of the Kinneret.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.
- **Israel 101** – *All You Wanted to Ask about Israel*, Israel orientation by tour educator, at the hotel.

Overnight: Ramot, Sea of Galilee

Day Five: Monday, May 15, 2017

SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- View the panoramic views from **Mt. Bental** (overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra) give sharp insights into Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights**, and the enormous challenges it faced in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- Take a **Jeep tour** off-road up the **Golan Heights** in the footsteps of Israeli soldiers and their battles in the Six-Day War. Enjoy the beautiful natural scenery and gain an insight into the strategic complexity of the Golan.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Visit the **Pelter Winery**, a young family boutique winery on the Golan Heights; wine tasting is included, followed by **Honeymoon Israel conversation**.
- Explore **Tsfat**, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
 - Guided visits to the **Ari, Caro or Abuhav Synagogues** with their great stories and mystical messages.
 - Meet with artist, **Avrahm Levental** in his studio, for an interactive window into the world of Kabbalah, and questions of identity and Judaism.
 - Strolling the quaint **Artists' Colony** and shop in the galleries and crafts shops.
- **Dinner event and party** in the fields of **Moshav Yesod Hama'alah** in the heart of the Hula Valley.
- Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Ramot, Sea of Galilee

Day Six: Tuesday, May 16, 2017

MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Visit **Capernaum** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the base of Jesus' Galilean ministry, with its remains of an ancient synagogue.
- Visit **Sindyanna of Galilee**, a unique non-profit organization led by a team of Arab and Jewish women working to create social change from the ground up, including spices workshop.
- Drive to **Jerusalem**.
- **Welcome to Jerusalem** - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- As you enter **Jerusalem**, stop for a panoramic view of the Old and New cities, continuing with an orientation drive around the city, followed by the traditional "**shehechyanu**" blessing.
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem



Day Seven: Wednesday, May 17, 2017

INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Very early breakfast at the hotel.
- Descend to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Climb **Masada** via the Snake Path or by a cable car to visit Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Descend the mountain by cable car or by foot.
- Lunch boxes.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Cocktail reception with other Honeymoon Israel group and Honeymoon Israel International advisory board.
- Dinner on own including an evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem

Day Eight: Thursday, May 18, 2017

THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- *One Mountain, Three Religions: Mt. Zion and the Religious Challenge*: Visit the traditional **burial site of King David**, a 1948-67 Temple Mount observation point, the Dormition Abbey, a mosque and the Room of the Last Supper.
- Walking tour through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City of Jerusalem, for visits to archaeological treasures and other highlights, among them:
 - A walk along the **Rooftops** of the Old City for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live alongside each other.
 - The **Cardo**, the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century.
 - King Hezekiah's First Temple-period "**Broad Wall**".
 - **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
- Visit the **Kotel** (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this holy site.
- lunch on own account.
- Explore the fascinating medieval **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, venerated by many as the site of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
- Depart the Old City.
- Visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The **Avenue of the Righteous**
 - The **Historical Museum**
 - The **Children's Memorial**
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation**.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem



Day Nine: Friday, May 19, 2017

MEMORY & RENEWAL

- Breakfast at hotel.
- *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University, over a private breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- Split into small groups for a chance to explore Jerusalem from different angles (*based on pre-registration*):
 - **Option 1** – One of the most exciting hikes in the Jerusalem hills, **Nahal Katlav** works its way down the mountain from the Bar Giora Ridge to the Sorek Stream, a beautiful and challenging walk through trees, reeds and archaeological ruins.
 - **Option 2** – Engage in a dynamic experience at the **Kol Ha'Ot Art Gallery**. Through the magical power of the arts and the special atmosphere of the location, grapple with Jewish texts in a transformative, interactive program that will leave you with a long-lasting memoir.
 - **Option 3** – Discover art in Jerusalem with artist and art specialist, **Caron Greenblatt**. Visit studios and meet with artists from various backgrounds who have chosen to live and create in Jerusalem.
 - **Option 4** – **Along Hanevi'im Street** – walk along Hanevi'im Street, visiting the homes of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the Hebrew language reviver; the Ethiopian church; Anna Ticho and her husband, the known eye doctor, the Italian hospital and more. These extraordinary buildings and people shed a new light on Jerusalem's first steps as a modern city outside the walls and get a glimpse into Israeli society through a meeting and screening at the **Ma'aleh Film School**.
 - **Option 5** – Visit **Ammunition Hill**, site of a Jordanian Police Academy until 1967, and one of the most crucial battle sites for the unification of Jerusalem in the Six-Day War and walk along the historical seam line between 1948 -1967 ending at the Abu Tor Neighborhood a mixed Jewish Arab neighborhood that was divided between Israel and Jordan until 1967 .
 - **Option 6** - Walk along the **Ramparts** of the Old City, followed by a visit to the Tower of David Museum.
- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Machaneh Yehuda** open-air market, with lunch on own account and free time.
- Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before Shabbat.
- 4:00 p.m. Depart the hotel, returning to the Old City.
- 4:30 p.m. Descend on foot from Zion Gate to the Jerusalem Archaeological Park.
- *Shabbat: A Temple in Time*: Engage in a conversation about the concept of Shabbat and standing still, and the effect it has on our lives.
- **Shabbat Candle Lighting** at Robinson's Arch.
- 5:30 p.m. **Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony** at the Davidson Center.
- Return to the hotel.
- **Festive Shabbat dinner** together with other Honeymoon Israel groups.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem



Day Ten: Saturday, May 20, 2017

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Jewish Family- Thoughts and Reflections on its Identity*: Dialogue with **Avraham Infeld**, a leading Jewish educator, President Emeritus of **Hillel** International and head of the Honeymoon Israel education board.
- **The Hearts Behind the Jerusalem Stone**: A unique way of experiencing a Shabbat atmosphere is by taking a classic Shabbat walk through the streets and neighborhoods of Jerusalem: Among the neighborhoods we will visit are **Talbiye**, **Rechavia** and **Nachlaot**, and then cross the **Gan Sacker Park** into Jerusalem's 'Capitol Hill'.
- Shabbat Kiddush and luncheon near the Israel Museum.
- Visit the renewed **Israel Museum**, with its wide-ranging and eclectic collection, from Archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls, to Jewish Life and Art, European art, contemporary Israeli art and the open-air model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period.
- Return to the hotel on foot.
- Light **farewell dinner** (*seudah shlishit*) at the hotel.
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol*: **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**, followed by a memorable **Havdallah service** overlooking the Old City or at the hotel.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: flight

Day Eleven: Sunday, May 21, 2017

RETURN

- 1:00 a.m. Depart on El Al flight #005 to Los Angeles, arriving the same day.



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HONEYMOON ISRAEL

Montreal

TRIP TO ISRAEL

November 2 – 12, 2017

Day One: Thursday, November 2, 2017

DEPARTURE

- 2:00 p.m. Depart Montreal on Air Canada flight #415
- 5:00 p.m. Depart Toronto on Air Canada flight #084.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, November 3, 2017

ARRIVAL

- 9:15 a.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator, **Yishay Shavit**, at the airport.
- 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 eclectic shops.
- Stroll down **Rothschild Boulevard** to view examples of the intriguing **Bauhaus-style** architecture from the 1930s. The local proliferation of the style won Tel Aviv recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage site and the nickname of ‘the White City’.
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin St., with its hip cafés and funky chic shopping, including lunch on own.
- Check into the hotel.
- **4:25 p.m. Shabbat candle lighting.**
- **4:45 p.m. Shabbat services** by the beach.
- **6:30 p.m. Private Shabbat dinner** at the hotel, with other Honeymoon Israel group.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Three: Saturday, November 4, 2017

SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Avi with the groups: “*the 5 legs of Jewish Life*”.
- 10:45 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- Feel the Shabbat atmosphere as many Tel Aviv residents take a day's break (*Yom Shabbaton*) from their busy work weeks. Enjoy the beauty of the sea and the urban setting of the city life.
- **Celebrating Shabbat Tel Aviv Style:** Depart the hotel as a group and walk southwards towards Jaffa.
- Ascend from the old port of Jaffa through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Return to the hotel by bus, or enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure and return to the hotel on your own.
- 5:00 p.m. **Honeymoon Israel conversation**, at the hotel, followed by **Havdallah** as a group
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure at Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Four: Sunday, November 5, 2017

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- Split into small groups for a chance to explore Jerusalem from different angles (*based on pre-registration*):
 - **Option 1 – Israeli Fashion** - אופנה ישראלית - A special window into the world of Israeli fashion, visiting design houses and designers in Tel Aviv's leading fashion districts.
 - **Option 2** – Visit a bilingual kindergarten run by **Ihab & Ora Balaa**, Jaffa residents, and hear about their personal story.
 - **Option 3 – Ethnic Tasting Tour** through Tel Aviv's famous Levinsky Market, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them.
 - **Option 4 - Challenge, Question, Engage and Enlighten:** Bina, the Secular Yeshiva, which represents the Secular Jewish Renaissance and Yahadut Hevratit (Jewish Social Activism) in Israel.
- Meet up as a group.
- Home Hospitality, cooking workshop with Shawna Goodman.
- Depart Tel Aviv, driving north along the coast.
- Guided visit to **Caesarea**, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities in the Roman Period. Visit the Herodian Theater and the excavations along the Mediterranean shore, concluding with a visit to the ruined 900-year-old Crusader town.
- Continue further north towards the **Galilee** and check into the hotel, located on the shores of the Kinneret.
- Check in to the hotel.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.
- 8:30 p.m. **Honeymoon Israel conversation**, at the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginossar, Sea of Galilee



Day Five: Monday, November 6, 2017

SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- Visit **Mitzpeh Gadot**, an abandoned Syrian outpost and follow in the footsteps of the Israeli combat soldiers who fought here; gain further insight into the challenges faced during the 1967 Six Day War and the power and surprise of its aftermath.
- Take a **Jeep tour** off-road up the **Golan Heights** in the footsteps of Israeli soldiers and their battles in the Six-Day War. Enjoy the beautiful natural scenery and gain an insight into the strategic complexity of the Golan.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- Explore **Tsfat**, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
 - Guided visits to the **Ari, Caro or Abuhav Synagogues** with their great stories and mystical messages.
 - Meet with artist, **Avrahm Levental** in his studio, for an interactive window into the world of Kabbalah, and questions of identity and Judaism.
 - Strolling the quaint **Artists' Colony** and shop in the galleries and crafts shops.
- Return to the hotel with time to freshen up.
- **7:30 p.m. Dinner event and party** in the fields of **Moshav Yesod Hama'alah** in the heart of the Hula Valley.
- Return to the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginossar, Sea of Galilee

Day Six: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- Visit the **Zippori National Park**, known for its extraordinary ancient mosaics and its central role in Jewish life after the destruction of the Temple.
- Special guided tour of **Shfaram**, an Arab village, including meetings with residents, walking through the ancient synagogue, the local church, the mosque and ending with a food workshop.
- Drive to **Jerusalem**.
- **Welcome to Jerusalem** - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colorful ancient city of Jerusalem, and experience the convergence of the old and the new.
- As you enter **Jerusalem**, stop for a panoramic view of the Old and New cities, continuing with an orientation drive around the city, followed by the traditional "**shehechyanu**" blessing.
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem

Day Seven: Wednesday, November 8, 2017

MEMORY & RENEWAL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- Depart the hotel toward the Old city.
- **One Mountain, Three Religions: Mt. Zion and the Religious Challenge**: Visit the traditional **burial site of King David**, a 1948-67 Temple Mount observation point, the Dormition Abbey, a mosque and the Room of the Last Supper.
- Walking tour through the **Jewish Quarter** of the Old City of Jerusalem, for visits to archaeological treasures and other highlights, among them:
 - A walk along the **Rooftops** of the Old City for a behind-the-scenes look at the various communities in Jerusalem and how they live alongside each other.
 - The **Cardo**, the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century.
 - King Hezekiah's First Temple-period "**Broad Wall**".
 - **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
- Visit the **Kotel** (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this holy site.
- Lunch on own account.
- Explore the fascinating medieval **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, venerated by many as the site of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Optional Evening Tours (advanced registration required):

- Taste some local beers as you wander through the Machaneh Yehuda Market at night.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem



Day Eight: Thursday, November 9, 2017

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- Hike to the **Sataf spring** outside of Jerusalem, where ancient methods of terrace farming are being revived.
- Return to Jerusalem.
- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Machaneh Yehuda** open-air market, with lunch on own.
- Visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The Avenue of the Righteous
 - The Historical Museum
 - The Children's Memorial
 - **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem

Day Nine: Friday, November 10, 2017

INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Very early Breakfast at hotel.
- Descend to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Climb **Masada** via the Snake Path or by a cable car to visit Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Descend the mountain by cable car or by foot.
- Lunch boxes.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before Shabbat.
- 4:05p.m. **Shabbat Candle Lighting**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at the Kotel (Western Wall), return to the hotel by foot.
- 7:00 p.m. **Festive Shabbat dinner** together with other Honeymoon Israel group.

Overnight: Inbal, Jerusalem

Day Ten: Saturday, November 11, 2017

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:45 a.m. **The Hearts Behind the Jerusalem Stone**: A unique way of experiencing a Shabbat atmosphere is by taking a classic Shabbat walk through the streets and neighborhoods of Jerusalem:
Among the neighborhoods we will visit are **Talbiye, Rechavia** and **Nachlaot**, and then cross the **Gan Sacker Park** into Jerusalem's 'Capitol Hill'.
- Shabbat **picnic lunch** near the Israel Museum.
- Visit the renewed **Israel Museum**, with its wide-ranging and eclectic collection, from Archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls, to Jewish Life and Art, European art, contemporary Israeli art and the open-air model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period.
- Return to the hotel on foot.
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol*: **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**, followed by a memorable **Havdallah service** overlooking the Old City or at the hotel.
- Evening at leisure including dinner on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Eleven: Sunday, November 12, 2017

RETURN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International airport.
- 11:55 a.m. Depart on Air Canada flight #085.
- 7:00 p.m. Depart Toronto on Air Canada #424 to Montreal arriving on the same day.



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