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honeymoon israel

It's about the journey

PHILADELPHIA GROUP

February 15-25, 2018

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ITINERARY

Day One: Thursday, February 15, 2018

DEPARTURE

- 7:45 p.m. Depart Newark on EL AL flight #028.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, February 16, 2018

ARRIVAL

- 1:05 p.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator, **Hillary Menkowitz ,** at the airport.
- Drive towards Jerusalem.
- Stop at **Mount Scopus** for an overlook of the Old and New City of Jerusalem and to recite the traditional "**shehechiyanu**" blessing.
- Check into the hotel.
- 4:50 p.m. **Shabbat candle lighting**.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at the Kotel (Western Wall); return to the hotel by foot.
- 7:30 p.m. **Private Shabbat dinner** at the hotel with other Honeymoon Israel group. With Colorado @Hotel

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Three: Saturday, February 17, 2018

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel to Dan Panorama hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. ***Why Are We Here?*** Avi Rubel will discuss how and why Honeymoon Israel was started, and explore the 5 legs of Jewish life. *@ the Dan Panorama* hotel
- Depart Dan Panorama.
- ***The Hearts Behind the Jerusalem Stone***: Experience the unique Jerusalem Shabbat atmosphere by taking a classic Shabbat walk through the streets and neighborhoods of Jerusalem:
  Visit **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 or by bus.
- 5:00 p.m. *Ben Kodesh Lechol:* **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**, followed by a memorable **Havdallah service** overlooking the Old City, or at the hotel.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Four: Sunday, February 18, 2018

THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel to Agron Youth Hostel.
- 8:00 a.m. ***Tzedek & Tzedakah Giving Circle*:** Engage in a giving circle with **Keren Baktana** (the "Little Foundation"), a network of giving circles for young Israelis.
- Walk through streets of Jerusalem in to 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.
- Walk through the **Western Wall Tunnel**, the underground continuation of the Western Wall alongside the Temple Mount.
- Free time to explore and 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 own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Optional Evening Tour:

- Taste some local beers and other unique local specialties as you wander through the **Machaneh Yehuda Market** at night.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Five: Monday, February 19, 2018

MEMORY & RENEWAL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel to the Dan Panorama hotel
- 8:30 a.m. ***The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics***: Dialogue with **Gil Hoffman**, Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst at the Jerusalem Post, at the hotel.
  - 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
- 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.
- Split into small groups for a chance to explore Jerusalem from different angles:
  - ***Option 1*** – ***Challah Baking workshop,*** at the Machaneh Yehuda Market.

  - ***Option 2*** – Visit **East Jerusalem** to gain a Palestinian perspective of the city and of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, led by **Riman Barakat**, the founding CEO of Experience Palestine, a company that arranges tours and itineraries for top-level international delegations and missions. This visit will include a short tour of important sites in East Jerusalem, including a visit to a unique Palestinian Bookshop and a dialogue with the owner who is a frequent commentator for the media on local political issues.

  - ***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*** – ***Building an Inspired Home:*** Take part in an interactive, hands-on couple's art workshop, which explores the fundamental values and commitments that are most meaningful to your relationship as a couple, and which form the foundations of your home. No previous art experience necessary -- just an openness to reflect and grow together! The workshop takes place at Kol Ha'Ot.

- ***Option 5*** – **Make a difference and get your hands dirty**: Volunteer at a community garden located in a mixed neighborhood that includes religious and secular Jews and Arabs. The goal of the community garden is to be a platform to create connections between the diverse community members. The community garden grows food for people in need in Jerusalem.

- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Six: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Very early breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- Descend to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Climb **Masada** via the Snake Path or ascend by 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.
- Boxed lunches.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Drive north along the **Jordan Valley** to the Galilee.
- Check into the hotel.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

- **Honeymoon Israel conversation,** at the hotel

Overnight: Ramot Resort Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day Seven: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:15 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- 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 expand your understanding of the strategic complexity of the Golan.
- 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, and the new threat from the north, ISIS.
- 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.
  - Dialogue with **David Friedman**, a Tsfat artist inspired by Kabbalah.
  - 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** at the hotel.

Overnight: Ramot Resort Hotel, Sea of Galilee

Day Eight: Thursday, February 22, 2018

MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- 8:45 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- 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.
- Visit a Druze village in the Carmel Mountains for a window into the unique world of the Israeli Druze community, with home-hospitality lunch, including a dialogue with a local resident.
- 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.
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Nine: Friday, February 23, 2018

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- ***Optional Walking Tour 1:*** Depart the hotel on foot and walk along the Mediterranean beach toward **Neve Tzedek**, one of Tel Aviv's oldest neighborhoods that has developed into a unique and fashionable part of the city.
- ***Optional Walking Tour 2:*** Depart the hotel on foot and walk through the streets of Tel Aviv, taking in the relaxed culture of a Friday morning, and gather at **Rabin Square** to learn about the life and assassination of Yitzchak Rabin, a pivotal moment in modern Israeli history.
- Lunch on own account and leisure time.
- Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before Shabbat.
- 5:10 p.m. **Shabbat Candle Lighting.**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony** by the beach, or at the hotel.
- Return to the hotel.
- 7:30 p.m. **Festive Shabbat dinner** at the hotel, with other Honeymoon Israel groups.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day Ten: Saturday, February 24, 2018
SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:15 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. *Ben Kodesh Lechol:* **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**, followed by a memorable **Havdallah service** at the beach, or at the hotel.
- Light **farewell dinner** (*seudah shlishit*) at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel.
- 9:00 p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Day Eleven: Sunday, February 25, 2018
RETURN

- 1:00 a.m. Depart on EL AL flight #027 to Newark, arriving on the same day.

HOTELS

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BOSTON GROUP

March 8-18, 2018

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ITINERARY

Day One: Thursday, March 8, 2018
DEPARTURE

- 8:15 p.m. Depart Boston on EL AL flight #016.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, March 9, 2018
ARRIVAL

- 1:40 p.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator, **Mike Hollander**, 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.
- Check into the hotel.
- 5:22 p.m. **Shabbat candle lighting**.
- 5:30 p.m. **Shabbat services** by the beach or at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel
- 6:30 p.m. **Private Shabbat dinner** at the Carlton Hotel, with the Honeymoon Israel LA and Washington groups.

Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day Three: Saturday, March 10, 2018

SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Depart to the Carlton 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.
- Depart the Carlton.
- 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:*** Take in the Tel Aviv scenes as you 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.
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation,** at the hotel, followed by **Havdallah** as a group on the beach.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Royal Beach Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day Four: Sunday, March 11, 2018

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 7:45 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- Split into small groups for a chance to explore Tel Aviv from different angles*:*
- **Option 1** – ***Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti*:** Guided by **Niro Taub**, explore the street art scene of Tel Aviv, create your own graffiti, and experience South Tel Aviv's underground culture.
- **Option 2** – Meet **Ihab & Ora Balaa**, a unique interfaith couple, for an open conversation about their decision to educate their children in a bi-cultural, bi-lingual and humanitarian way, which inspired them to establish the bilingual **Bustan Jaffa Kindergarten**, and see their bi-cultural education in action.
- **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** – **Strangers in a Strange Land:** Explore the realities of life for asylum seekers and foreign workers in Israel. We'll begin by diving into what the traditional Jewish sources have to say about our obligations to the newcomer in our midst. An educator from **BINA,** the Jewish Movement for Social Change – a secular yeshiva and educational institute – will lead the discussion. (No Hebrew is required and first-timers to Jewish study are very welcome!) Afterwards, walk the streets of south Tel Aviv to see the situation and meet with an asylum seeker.
- **Option 5** – **One Day Social Volunteering:** Take part in a group volunteering project, to be determined.
- **Option 6** – **Israeli Fashion - אופנה ישראלית:** A window into the world of Israeli fashion, visiting design houses and designers in Tel Aviv's leading fashion districts.
- **Option 7** – **Art in Tel Aviv:** Special gallery tour led by **Shirel Horowitz**, including a dialogue with artists or gallery owners.

Day Four: Sunday, March 11, 2018 (Continued)

- Meet up as a group.
- Lunch on own account, en route.
- 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 **Western Galilee** and check into the hotel, located on the shores of the Mediteranian.
- Check in to the hotel.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Nea Hotel, Western Galilee

Day Five: Monday, March 12, 2018

SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:15 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- Explore **Tsfat**, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
  - Guided visit to the **Ari**, **Caro** or **Abuhav Synagogues**, each with its great stories and mystical messages.
  - A stroll through the quaint **Artists' Colony**, shop in the galleries and crafts shops and engage in dialogues with local artisans inspired by the messages of **Kabbalah**.
  - Meet with artist **Avraham Loewenthal** in his studio, for an interactive window into the world of Kabbalah, and questions of identity and Judaism.
- Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 p.m.Take an off-road **Jeep tour** in the Western Galilee and see Israel's border with Lebanon. We'll look into Lebanon as we discuss the complex relationship between the two states and the strategic importance of this area for the security of northern Israel.
- Return to the hotel with time to freshen up.
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- 7:30 p.m. **Dinner event and party**.

Overnight: Nea Hotel, Western Galilee

Day Six: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- Program in Haifa with the partnership.
- Visit a **Druze** village in the Carmel Mountains for a window into the unique world of the Israeli Druze community, with **home-hospitality lunch**.
- Drive to **Jerusalem**.
- **Welcome to Jerusalem** - ברוכים הבאים: Enter the vibrant and colourful 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 "**shehechiyanu**" blessing.
- Check into the hotel.
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Seven: Wednesday, March 14, 2018

LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart to the Inbal hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. ***The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*:** Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University; meeting at the Inbal hotel.
- 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.
- Stop at the **Western Wall** to take in the spirit of this holy site.
- Walk through the recently opened **Second Temple-period tunnel** under the walls of the Old City, emerging in the Jerusalem Archaeological Park.
- Free time to explore and 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 own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Optional Evening Tour:

- Taste some local beers and other unique local specialties as you wander through the **Machaneh Yehuda Market** at night.

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Eight: Thursday, March 15, 2018

THE POWER OF MEMORY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. ***Tzedek & Tzedakah Giving Circle*:** Engage in a giving circle with **Keren Baktana** (the "Little Foundation") network of giving circles of young Israelis.
- Depart the hotel.
- 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**
- 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.
- Split into small groups for a chance to explore Jerusalem from different angles:
  - ***Option 1*** – **Challah baking workshop** at the Machaneh Yehuda Market.
  - ***Option 2*** – Visit **East Jerusalem** to gain a Palestinian perspective of the city and of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, led by **Riman Barakat**, the founding CEO of Experience Palestine, a company that arranges tours and itineraries for top-level international delegations and missions. This visit will include a short tour of important sites in East Jerusalem, including a visit to a unique Palestinian Bookshop and a dialogue with the owner who is a frequent commentator for the media on local political issues.
  - ***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** – **One Day Social Volunteering:** Participate in a group volunteer activity, to be determined.

Day Eight: Thursday, March 15, 2018 (Continued)

- **Option 5** – The city's multicultural and multi-ethnic population is explored through hummus, tehina, and everything in between, take a tasting tour in Jerusalem Israel's hummus capital. we'll walk through the famous hummus stations in the **Machne Yehuda Market** and discuss the entire hummus-making process, from growing the different types of chickpeas to the final product on the plate. We'll also taste hummus-related confectionaries and discuss other delicacies made from the versatile legume.
- **Option 6** – Visit an **Ultra-Orthodox neighborhood** and meet local ultra-orthodox Jews. You will get a glimpse into the rich cultural and religious identity of this special community and explore the day to day lives and special customs from an insider's perspective.
- **Option 7** – **Building an Inspired Home:** Take part in an interactive, hands-on couple's art workshop, which explores the fundamental values and commitments that are most meaningful to your relationship as a couple, and which form the foundations of your home. No previous art experience necessary -- just an openness to reflect and grow together! The workshop takes place at Kol Ha'Ot.

- **Honeymoon Israel conversation,** at the hotel.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Nine: Friday, March 16, 2018

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 ascend by 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.
- Boxed lunches.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before Shabbat.
- 5:15 p.m. **Shabbat Candle Lighting**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat service** at the Kotel (Western Wall), return to the hotel by foot.
- 7:30 p.m. **Festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel**.

Overnight: Leonardo Plaza Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Ten: Saturday, March 17, 2018

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- ***The Hearts Behind the Jerusalem Stone***: Experience the unique atmosphere of Shabbat in Jerusalem 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.
- Light **farewell dinner** (*seudah shlishit*) at the hotel.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- 8:00 p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Day Eleven: Sunday, March 18, 2018

RETURN

- 12:05 a.m. Depart on EL AL flight #015 arriving on the same day to Boston.

HOTELS

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ATLANTA GROUP

May 24- June 3, 2018

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Program dated: April 25, 2018

HONEYMOON ISRAEL
Atlanta
TRIP TO ISRAEL
May 24th - June 3rd, 2018

Day One: Thursday, May 24, 2018
DEPARTURE

- 10:36 a.m. Depart Atlanta on United Airlines flight #421
- 4:45 p.m. Depart Newark on United Airlines flight #084.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, May 25, 2018
ARRIVAL

- 10:15 a.m. Arrive at Ben Gurion International Airport.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator **Lior Hochberg** at the airport.
- Drive towards Jerusalem.
- Stop at **Mount Scopus** for an overlook of the Old and New City of Jerusalem and to recite the traditional "**shehechiyanu**" blessing.
- Walking tour through the unique ***Nachlaot*** neighborhood.
- Lunch on own.
- Check into the hotel.
- 7:16 p.m. **Shabbat candle lighting**.
- **7:20 p.m. Shabbat services** at the Kotel (Western Wall), return to the hotel by foot.
- **8:15 p.m. Private Shabbat dinner** at the hotel, with other Honeymoon Israel group.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Three: Saturday, May 26, 2018

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. ***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.
- Depart the hotel.
- ***The Hearts Behind the Jerusalem Stone*:** Experience the unique Jerusalem Shabbat atmosphere by taking a classic Shabbat walk through the streets and neighborhoods of Jerusalem:
  Visit **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 or by bus.
- 5:00 p.m. *Ben Kodesh Lechol:* **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**, followed by a memorable **Havdallah service** overlooking the Old City, or at the hotel.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Four: Sunday, May 27, 2018

THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. ***The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics***: Dialogue with **Gil Hoffman**, Chief Political Correspondent and Analyst at the Jerusalem Post, at the hotel.
- 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.
- Walk through the recently opened **Second Temple-period tunnel** under the walls of the Old City, emerging in the Jerusalem Archaeological Park.
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  - 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.
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  - **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
  - Free time to explore and 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 Tour:

- Taste some local beers and other unique local specialties as you wander through the **Machaneh Yehuda Market** at night.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Five: Monday, May 28, 2018
REMEMBERING OUR PAST, UNDERSTANDING OUR PRESENT

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:00 a.m. Speaker at hotel - ***The Labyrinth of the Israeli – Palestinian conflict:*** dialogue with **Dr. Zohar Raviv**, an internationally recognized educator, served as an Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at Oberlin College (Ohio) and as the Hebrew University Florence Melton Scholar to North America. Raviv is a graduate of Bar-Ilan University (B.A, Land of Israel Studies), Brandeis University (joint M.A, Judaic Studies and Jewish Education), and received his PhD in Jewish Thought from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor).
- 9:30 a.m. depart the hotel.
- Travel through the city of Jerusalem, exploring some of its political and diplomatic complexities –to gain a behind-the-headlines insight into current developments followed by a visit to East Jerusalem and gain a Palestinian perspective of the city and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Followed by meeting with local resident.
- Enjoy a lunch on own at the **Old Train Station Plaza**, with its fashionable restaurants featuring local and international cuisine.

- 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**
  - A concluding **Memorial Service**
  - **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
  - Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Six: Tuesday, May 29, 2018
INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- Very early breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of 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 at Kibbutz Ein Gedi.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Drive north along the **Jordan Valley** to the Galilee.
- Check into the hotel.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day Seven: Wednesday, May 30, 2018
SERENITY AND SECURITY IN THE GOLAN

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:15 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- 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.
  - Strolling the quaint **Artists' Colony** and shop in the galleries and crafts shops.
  - Dialogue with **Avraham Loewenthal,** a Tsfat artist inspired by Kabbalah.
- Lunch on own, en route.
- 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.
- 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.
- Return to the hotel with time to freshen up.
- 7:00 p.m. **Depart the hotel for dinner event and party**.

Overnight: Kibbutz Ginosar, Sea of Galilee

Day Eight: Thursday, May 31, 2018
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.
- Visit a **Druze** village in the Carmel Mountains for a window into the unique world of the Israeli Druze community, with **home-hospitality lunch.**
- 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.
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- Check into the hotel.
- Dinner on own and evening at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Nine: Friday, June 1, 2018

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. depart the hotel.
  - **Option 1** – ***Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti*:** Guided by **Niro Taub**, explore the street art scene of Tel Aviv, create your own graffiti, and experience South Tel Aviv's underground culture.
  - **Option 2** – Visit the **Bustan Jaffa Kindergarten**, a bi-lingual (Hebrew, Arabic) kindergarten, that operates according to the Waldorf educational methodology and serves children of both nations. The kindergarten was established in 2010 by **Ihab and Ora Balha**, out of a personal need to provide their own children with an educational solution that would continue the manner in which they were educating their children at home: integrating two languages, religions and cultures, in a path of love. Beyond bi-lingual education and multiculturalism, they also stress humaneness and respect between people and the earth, and work to educate towards sustainability.
  - **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** – **Strangers in a Strange Land:** Explore the realities of life for asylum seekers and foreign workers in Israel. We'll begin by diving into what the traditional Jewish sources have to say about our obligations to the newcomer in our midst. An educator from **BINA,** the Jewish Movement for Social Change – a secular yeshiva and educational institute – will lead the discussion. (No Hebrew is required and first-timers to Jewish study are very welcome!) Afterwards, walk the streets of south Tel Aviv to see the situation and meet with an asylum seeker.
- Lunch on own account and leisure time.
- Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before Shabbat.
- 7:20 p.m. **Shabbat Candle Lighting**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony** by the beach or at the hotel.
- Return to the hotel.
- 8:30 p.m. **Festive Shabbat dinner** at the hotel, with other Honeymoon Israel groups.

Overnight: Carlton Hotel, Tel Aviv

Day Ten: Saturday, June 2, 2018

SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:15 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:*** Take in the Tel Aviv sites as you 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 own.
- 5:00 p.m. *Ben Kodesh Lechol:* **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**, followed by a memorable **Havdallah service** at the beach, or at the hotel.
- Light **farewell dinner** (*seudah shlishit*) at the hotel.
- Late check-out from the hotel.
- 7:40 p.m. Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.
- 11:10 p.m. Depart on United Airline flight #091 to Newark

Overnight: Flight

Day Eleven: Sunday, June 3, 2018

RETURN

- 7:25 a.m. Depart Newark on United Airline flight #475 to Atlanta arriving on the same day.

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