



Beth Tzedec Israel Experience

With Ramah Israel

November 5-13, 2024



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NOTES:

- *Daily breakfasts plus five meals including Friday dinner and Shabbat lunch at the hotel are included.*
- *We advise bringing the following items: comfortable walking shoes and clothes, including layers in case of rain/colder weather, and an umbrella*

Tuesday, November 5, 2024: Welcome - ברוכים הבאים

- Arrival - **Welcome to Israel ! ברוכים הבאים**
 - Meet your **Ramah Staff** at Ben Gurion Airport
 - Travel to **Jerusalem**
 - **Opening ceremony at a viewpoint over the Holy City, with a L'chaim**
 - Check into the hotel and Orientation
 - **Dinner at the hotel**
 - Free evening in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**



Wednesday, November 6, 2024: The Darkest Day in Memory

- Optional shacharit at hotel OR at the Nova site, see below
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - **Travel south.** The route we drive will take us past Sderot and onto **Road 232**, passing the kibbutzim we all know so well now that suffered so much on that fateful day and the "miguniot" - small shelters that tell a powerful story.
 - Visit the site of the infamous **Nova music festival**, next to Kibbutz Re'em and see the powerful memorial that has been set up there by the people for the people. End with a Tekes (ceremony)
 - Stop at the "**car graveyard**" outside Moshav Tekuma, where approximately 1,600 damaged and/or destroyed vehicles from that horrific day have been collected in an powerful memorial.
 - If time we will stop at the **Shuva junction** and meet with Eliran- one of two brothers who run this rest stop for soldiers leaving Gaza
 - Lunch will be a **home-cooked meal** with a family in nearby **Netivot**, and then we will meet a resident and hear the story of life there both before, during and after October 7
 - Optional Mincha before return to Jerusalem
 - Optional **reflection session** including Maariv
 - Free evening and Dinner on own
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**



Thursday, November 7, 2024: Supporting our Soldiers

- Optional shacharit at hotel
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Volunteer **for IDF soldiers** - place and activity TBD - giving back to those who give us so much!
 - Bring donation items to **Thank Israeli Soldiers** and learn about the work they do
 - Lunch on own in Talpiot
 - Viewpoint and optional Mincha from the **Tayelet**
 - **Bake Challah for soldiers and evacuated families** with Chef Nisimi Naim Naor and hear about his unique job in the army as well as make fresh challot for those who need it
 - Speaker: Meet with IDF Arab spokesperson or a Non-Jewish IDF soldier
 - Free evening and Dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**

Friday, November 8, 2024: Remembrance - יזכור

- Optional shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour **Yad Vashem**, one of the few sites that really needs no introduction, and learn and pay respects to the victims of the Shoah. Choose between the **regular tour** of the museum, OR a tour of the **outside sites like the Valley of the Communities**, OR meet with a **Shoah researcher**
- Lunch on own and Shopping at **Machane Yehuda market**
- Prepare for Shabbat
- *4:04pm Candle Lighting*
- Bus to do Mincha and **Kabbalat Shabbat** as a group in the Old City, by Azrat Yisrael
- Dinner at the hotel, Oneg Shabbat together

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

**Shabbat schedule will be adjusted depending on Speaker in Residence*



Saturday, November 9, 2024: Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Optional Tefillah** at local synagogue/s OR in a private room
- Lunch at the hotel
- Walking tour on sites in the **Old City**
- **Optional Mincha and group discussion/reflection**
- *5:21pm Havdalah*
- Free evening and Dinner on own in Jerusalem

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Sunday, November 10, 2024: Tel Aviv: The First Hebrew City

- Optional shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel to spend the day in **Tel Aviv**
- Tour the renewed **ANU Museum** - formerly the Diaspora Museum and see the remarkable exhibit. The Museum represents all parts of the Jewish people and highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of communities in different periods of history. This story is about all of us and each and every one of us is part of it, ending with the vivid exhibition on the events of the past year
- Speaker - **Rachel Korazin** - talk about life in Israel both past and present
- Lunch on own in the **Sarona Market**
- Visit the **Hostages and Missing Families Forum** HQ and meet with one of the activists to hear about the work they are doing, and if possible speak with a family member
- Go to **Kikar Hahatufim** - "Hostages Square." The now-famous public square outside the Tel Aviv Museum of Art has become a gathering place for the families of the 109 hostages, and hundreds of daily visitors who come to show their support. We will have the opportunity to speak with families and observe the various art installations, as well as praying Mincha together.
- Late return to Jerusalem, Free evening and Dinner on own in Jerusalem, optional Maariv

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Monday, November 11, 2024: Looking to the Future

- Optional shacharit at hotel
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Tour the **new National Library**, and see both the now-iconic building and the rare collection of books and maps. Cross the road for a look from the outside at the **Knesset** building and Menorah
 - Meet with **President Herzog** at his official residence OR Tour the Knesset and meet MK, if possible
 - Lunch on own at Ben Yehuda Street
 - **Visit a KKL site** in the Jerusalem area - TBD - with optional mincha
 - Evening speaker: **Imagining the Future** (speaker TBD)
 - Free evening and Dinner on own in Jerusalem, optional maariv
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**



Tuesday, November 12, 2024: Impact on the Locals

- Optional shacharit at hotel
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Visit **Mount Herzl National Cemetery**, see how the military section has grown in the past year since the war began and pay respects to the fallen heroes in uniform
 - Volunteer with **Tachlit** sorting fresh produce and packaged goods and **assembling food donation packages** for families in need, some of whom have been displaced by the war
 - Lunch on own at Ben Yehuda Street
 - Meet with **Yizhar Hess**, Vice chairman of the World Zionist Organization
 - Optional Mincha
 - **Summary and Processing Session** - what do we take back with us from this trip and what can we do to help when we get home?
 - **Final dinner together** at a local restaurant in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**



Wednesday, November 13, 2024: Farewell - להתראות

- Optional shacharit at hotel
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Check out
 - Travel to the airport
 - DEPARTURE
- Overnight: On Flight**



Lehitraot!

Suggested Packing List:

- Comfortable everyday clothing/underwear for the duration of the trip, including shirts (short and/or long) and long pants/dresses
- Warm clothing for winter weather - sweatshirts/sweaters, rainproof coat, umbrella, scarf/hat/gloves
- Clothing for Shabbat
- Small comfortable backpack for day trips
- Closed-toe water-proof walking shoes/sneakers with support (something that you will be comfortable wearing all day every day and will keep your feet dry)
- Pajamas/sleepwear
- An extra pair of glasses or contact lenses if you wear them
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, tissues, deodorant, personal items)
- Medicines (Rx, over-the-counter: anti-diarrhea, Tylenol, cold medicine, band aids, basic first aid kit)
- Hand sanitizer and/or towelette packages
- Siddur, kippah, tallit and tefillin as needed
- Phone/camera + charger + portable battery pack
- Reusable water bottle
- NOTE: Please refrain from bringing any valuables, jewelry, sentimental items etc. Neither Ramah Israel, nor the hotel, will take responsibility for any lost or stolen items.