



Eighth Grade Israel Trip

April 16 - May 1, 2015

Itinerary by Keshet: The Center for Educational Tourism in Israel

This itinerary was created to give the Barrack students a meaningful and memorable Israel experience, one that complements the education that they receive in their respective schools. Through site visits, encounters with Israeli peers, tikun olam programs, and, to whatever extent possible, utilization of the Hebrew language, we hope to enable the participants to strengthen their Jewish commitment and to inspire them to greater identification Israel and the Jewish people. We hope to expose students to the beauty of the ancient, historical narrative while at the same time inspire them with a glimpse of modern, innovative, creative 21st century Israel, on the cutting edge of technology and contributing to a better world today.

DATE	PROGRAM	MEALS/OVERNIGHT
Thursday April 16	<i>DEPARTURE</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Depart the US, on flight LY 028 at 1:30 PM 	
Friday, April 17	<i>Bruchim Habaim – Welcome to Israel</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 7:00 AM Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport . ● Celebrate our arrival in Israel with <i>Shechehiyanu</i> and the magnificent views of the city of Jerusalem from Mount Scopus. ● <i>Shacharit</i> and breakfast overlooking the old city. ● Visit Ammunition Hill explore issues of the city divided and re-united. ● Head to the Machaneh Yehudah outdoor market for shopping and cash lunch on your own as Jerusalem prepares for Shabbat. ● Check in at the hotel to prepare for Shabbat. ● Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel. (on the roof in the old city) ● Return to hotel for Shabbat dinner and Oneg Shabbat. 	Snack Breakfast TC Lunch Shabbat Dinner Overnight: Jerusalem Tower
Shabbat, April 18	<i>Shabbat Parshat Tazria Metzora</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choice of Shabbat services with opportunities to experience some of the different “flavors” of Judaism in Israel followed by processing circle discussion to share our experiences with each other. ● Lunch in the Conservative Center. 	Breakfast Shabbat Lunch

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Afternoon to relax. ● Seudat Shlishit in a nearby park with local English speaking youth ● After Havdallah free time on Ben Yehuda Street to enjoy Jerusalem's nightlife and shop. 	<p>Cash Dinner Overnight: Jerusalem Tower</p>
<p>Sunday, April 19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This Year in Jerusalem!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At the Haas Promenade, begin our exploration of the Jewish love affair with Jerusalem. Remember the Biblical accounts of the Binding of Isaac (<i>Akedat Yitzhak</i>) & David's establishment of the city as capital of the People of Israel. ● Step back 3,000 years to the days of King David and the days of the First Temple at the City of David (<i>where Jerusalem began</i>) and visit the latest archeological finds including what might have been the palace of King David. ● Splash through Hezekiah's water tunnel built 2,700 years ago to secure the water supply of Jerusalem from invading armies! ● via another ancient tunnel, only recently opened to the public, and emerge under Robinson's Arch in the Southern Wall excavations. ● Cash Lunch in the Old City. ● Explore the Jewish Quarter with an opportunity for shopping in the Cardo. 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Cash Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Overnight: Cesar Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Monday, April 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contemporary Israel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience Dialogue in the Dark at the Holon Museum, guided in complete darkness by blind and vision impaired guides. ● Cash Lunch and Shopping time in Tel Aviv ● Travel to Tel Aviv, where we will visit the multi-media Palmach Museum and become part of the story of the brave youth who fought for the establishment of the State of Israel in this elite underground military organization. ● Return back to Jerusalem for Visitation night and Dinner 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Packed Lunch</p> <p>Cash Dinner</p> <p>Overnight: Cesar Hotel, Jerusalem</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 21 <i>Erev Yom Hazikaron</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Erev Yom Haziqaron</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prepare for Erev Yom Hazikaron as we stroll the paths of Israel's National Cemetery on Mt. Herzl and learn a few of the moving stories of the men and women who have died in battle for the State of Israel . ● visit with the elderly in their crafts workshops at Yad Lekashish, Lifeline for the Aged. We will have an opportunity for purchases in the gift shop, where buying is truly a Mitzvah. ● Hike in Nahal OG in the Judea desert. ● Return back to the Hotel for shower ,change and Dinner 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Packed Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Overnight: Cesar Hotel, Jerusalem</p>

	before going out to Join Ceremony that honors the fallen of the Israeli armed forces.	
Wednesday, April 22 <i>Yom Hazikaron</i> <i>Erev Yom Ha'atzmaut</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>From Out of the Crucible</i> <i>Yom Haziqaron</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Begin the day with a visit at Yad Vashem, Israel's national Holocaust memorial, including the Historical Museum and the Children's Memorial. ● Picnic Lunch ● Ascend to activity along the Burma Road. We will learn how the ingenuity and determination of the Hagana saved Jerusalem. Experience firsthand some of the training that the young men and women of the IDF have to go through. ● Join one of the local congregations for musical <i>Independence Day tefilot</i>. ● <i>Yom Ha'atzma'ut</i> celebrations – Ben Yehudah Street 	Breakfast Lunch Cash Dinner Overnight: Cesar Hotel, Jerusalem
Thursday, April 23 <i>Yom Ha'atzmaut</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Yom Ha'atzmaut/ Digging up our past</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Late wake up ● Begin with a visit to the headquarters of the shiryon – Israeli tank corps at Latrun. ● Head to south to Rehovot's Ayalon Institute to examine the struggles leading up to the birth of the Israel in 1948 at the the secret, underground bullet factory operated by the pre-state Haganah under the nose of the British Mandate. ● Continue south to Kfar Hanokdim. Ride camels, learn about the Bedouin and taste their– hospitality at a typical Hafla dinner. 	Breakfast Picnic Lunch Hafla Dinner Overnight: Kfar Hanokdim
Friday, April 24	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>What Price Freedom?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-sunrise ascent to Masada via the Roman Ramp in time for sunrise. <i>Tour the mountain and examine the troubling issues presented by the Masada story.</i> Descend by cable car or the Snake Path. ● Breakfast at the Masada Visitors Center. ● float at the Dead Sea Pool & Beach. ● Drive north via the Jordan River Valley, check into are Kibbutz Guest house. ● Pre pare for Shabbat. ● Group Kabbalat Shabbat , dinner and Oneg Shabbat. 	Masada Breakfast Cash Lunch Friday night Dinner Overnight: Kibbutz Nofei Gonen

<p>Shabbat, April 25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shabbat Shalom</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Tefilat Shacharit and Kiddush</i> ● Shabbat Lunch ● Pool and free time ● Group Program with Staff ● Kibbutz Tour ● <i>Seudah Shlishit</i> Snach and Havdallah ● Dinner at Restaurant 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Shabbat Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Nofei Gonen</p>
<p>Sunday, April 26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mystics and Mountains</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ascend to Tzfat , a distinctly Jewish city known for its ancient synagogues, mystics and artists. Explore its picturesque alleys, visit some of its ancient synagogues, as we learn about the ancient and modern history of the highest city in Israel. Meet with Kabbalistic Artist who will explain how concepts of Jewish mysticism find expression in his art. ● Cash Lunch and time to shop in its many galleries. ● Travel to the border with Lebanon to meet young men and women of the IDF who are guarding Israel's border. ● Finish the day with Jeep ride in the Galil . ● Dinner at guest house. 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Cash Lunch</p> <p>Dinner</p> <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Nofei Gonen</p>
<p>Monday, April 27</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>A view from the heights</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Travel to the Golan Heights, hike in Nahal Gilaboun to a pool at the base of a waterfall. ● Chocolate making seminar in Da Karina boutique chocolate factory on Kibbutz Ein Zivan ● Ascend Mt. Bental, overlooking one of the major battlefields of the Yom Kippur War. Here we will learn about the strategic significance of the Golan Heights, overlooking Syria and the issues confronting Israel today on the Golan. ● Enjoy the power of the Jordan River in springtime Jordan River rafting ● Bar-B-Q dinner on Kibbutz Kfar Blum. 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Lunch</p> <p>BBQ Dinner</p> <p>Overnight: Kibbutz Nofei Gonen</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Group Building</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hike the Arbel ● Lunch at Az-Iz in Sde Nechemya – hands on cooking workshop, preparing various foods to be eaten for lunch. ● Continue to Kibbutz Nir David for a swim and group building activities/trust games in the refreshing waters of the beautiful Gan Hashlosha (Sachne) National Park. ● End the Day with Tiberius Restaurant Dinner and Boat Ride 	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>AZ-IZ Lunch</p> <p>Restaurant Dinner</p> <p>:Overnight Kibbutz Nofei Gonen</p>

