

TRIP DETAILS, GROUP FLIGHTS & CONDITIONS

HOTELS:

Accommodation at hotels includes full Israeli breakfast daily and hotel service charge.

The price has been based on the following hotels:

June 11 – 16 (5 nights)	Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem (standard rooms).
June 16 – 18 (2 nights)	'Pastoral Kfar Blum' Hotel, Galilee (boutique rooms)
June 18 – 19 (1 night & late check out half of rooms)	Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv (standard rooms)

MEALS:

In addition to the complete Israeli breakfast served daily, we have included the following meals:

- Tuesday, June 11: Welcome Dinner, Jerusalem.
- Friday, June 14: Shabbat Dinner at Kibbutz Gezer.
- Saturday, June 15: Shabbat lunch at Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem
- Sunday, June 16: Dinner at Pastoral Hotel, Galilee.
- Monday, June 17: Dinner at Pastoral Hotel, Galilee.
- Thursday, June 20: Farewell Dinner at Maganda Restaurant, Tel Aviv.

The following is cost **per person sharing a double room.**

Number of guests	Total cost	Supplement for child up to age 12 as third in room	Supplement for child over 12 as third in room
20 - 24	\$3,979	\$2,970	\$3,239
25 - 29	\$3,686	\$2,686	\$2,946
30 - 34	\$3,501	\$2,501	\$2,750
35 - 39	\$3,349	\$2,349	\$2,700
40 - 44	\$3,380	\$2,380	\$2,640
Single Supplement	One guest in a room	\$1,420	

THE ABOVE TOUR IN ISRAEL DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Cost of round trip airfare from country of origin to Israel.

Any expenses of a personal nature.

Meals other than those indicated.

Any gratuities at all.

Photographer and/or other services for the B'nei Mitzvah.

Night outings except June 13, 14 and 19.

Overtime or over mileage beyond what has been allotted.

Any guests at meals other than the participants of the party.

Personal health insurance, insurance for baggage, personal items, trip cancellation or interruption.

GROUP FLIGHTS:

Holding 30 seats as below:

Monday 10 June	Charlotte – New York	Delta 3319	06:00 pm – 08:14 pm
Monday 10 June	New York – Tel Aviv	Delta 468	10:52 pm – 04:50 pm
(Tuesday 11 June)			
Wednesday 19 June	Tel Aviv – New York	Delta 469	11:55 pm – 05:10 am
Thursday 20 June	New York – Charlotte	Delta 5193	08:30 am – 10:56 am

Cost round trip per person \$1,754.

GRATUITIES IN ISRAEL:

It is customary to tip your Israeli guide \$10 - \$12 per person per day and your bus driver some \$5 per person per day.

Airport drivers, bell boys and hotel staff - left up to your discretion

PASSPORT / VISA INFORMATION:

Passports must be valid for at least six months from the date of departure from the USA. On entering Israel, your passports are not stamped. Instead you will receive a stamped form with a visa valid for 3 months. Please keep this form as you will need it for hotel check in, car rental, bank affairs, entry to the Knesset, etc.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

As a result of radical fluctuation in the rate of exchange between the US dollar and the Israeli shekel, Mabat Platinum reserves the right to adjust the above rates, based on agreements with our various vendors. This is only in case the rate of exchange will drop below 3.50 NIS to the USD.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

1. A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to assure reservations.
2. 60 days before arrival 50% of the total amount is required.
3. Final and full payment is required 30 days prior to arrival.
4. Payment may be made via bank transfer.
5. For payment via credit card please add 3% to the cost.
6. Funds may be wired to:

Bank HaPoalim, 12,
Rehovot Branch #615
Credit to Mabat Platinum Ltd., Touring Services.
Account: #615 515
Bank Address: Herzl Street, 179, Rehovot, Israel
Swift: poalilit
IBAN #: IL87012615000000615515

7. All above prices and all payments must be made in U S dollars.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If cancellation is received in our office:

1. From date of payment of deposit until 60 days before arrival date – \$1,000 per person will be charged.
2. Between 60 – 30 days prior to arrival – an additional \$500 per person will be charged.
3. Within 30 days of arrival - full payment will be charged.
4. Cancellation of various elements in the program less than 48 hours prior to the event may well result in a full cancellation charge.

NEW VAT TAX REGULATIONS:

According to Israeli tax laws, enforced by hotels, guests holding Israel citizenship, even those with dual citizenship/passports both for individual travelers and guests part of a group, or invited local guests, will be charged VAT tax. Therefore, we need to receive this information in advance in order to finalize the bill. Should we not receive this information in advance, and hotels charge us VAT, we will charge you this amount retroactively.

INSURANCE:

Insurance for baggage, personal items, health coverage and trip cancellation and interruption is not included, but is highly recommended. We suggest obtaining coverage through your local provider.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Mabat Platinum Ltd., (hereinafter called the Tour Operator), acts only as an agent for the various companies, owners or contractors providing the means of transportation, accommodation and other services. All exchange orders, coupons and tickets are offered subject to the Terms and Conditions under which such services are offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the Tour Operator shall not be in any way liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in any vehicle, or through the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger/s or of any hotel proprietor, personnel or servant otherwise in connection therewith.

The airline and transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour announced in this program and to make such alterations to the itineraries as may be found desirable for the proper carrying out of the tours. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable in the Tour Operator's discretion to alter the arrangements or itineraries for the passenger/s comfort or welfare or for any reason whatsoever, such alterations may be made without penalty to the Operator. The Tour Operator reserves the right to change any hotel/s listed with one of a similar category if circumstances necessitate. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passenger/s. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any group at any time.



Temple Beth El Group

June 10 – 20, 2019

Led by: Cantor Mary Thomas



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Tuesday, June 11

Welcome to Israel

Group arrival to Israel on flight Delta 468 at 16:50. A member of our staff will meet you upon arrival at Passport Control at Ben Gurion Airport to **assist** you with arrival procedures. He will then see you to your awaiting **guide, driver** and **touring vehicle**. Ascend to Jerusalem to check into your hotel. Have time to freshen up, rest and unpack before enjoying a **Welcome Dinner** and **introduction**.

Overnight – Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Wednesday, June 12

The Old City of Jerusalem

After breakfast head to the Old City. Enter through the Jaffa Gate to take an in-depth tour of the **Jewish Quarter** including the **Cardo**. On to the **Western Wall and Western Wall Tunnels** for a tour and to see the archaeological discoveries excavated in a vast concealed tunnel along the Western Wall (*pending confirmation*). Stop for lunch in the Old City (own account). After lunch head down to the **City of David**, the site of Biblical Jerusalem and the capital of King David. Tour this fascinating location and also visit the Hezekiah Tunnel 2,800 years old filled with water. (bring water shoes/sandals, flashlight and change of clothing). When you come out of the wet tunnel visit the **new discoveries** recently excavated. Explore a 2000 years old drainage tunnel ending at the **Southern Wall Excavations**.

Overnight – Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Thursday, June 13

Masada and the Dead Sea Area

Depart Jerusalem and drive east through the Judean Desert to the oasis of **Ein Gedi** where nearby the cascading waterfalls stop for **Shaharit Prayers led by Cantor Thomas**. Continue to the mountain-top fortress of **Masada** for an in-depth tour of the site. Ascend the cliff top fortress by cable car. Have lunch enroute (on own account). Stop at a **beach** along the shores of the **Dead Sea** to take a dip in the buoyant waters, relax on your back and think of nothing else but the sea and the salt all around you! This afternoon, stop for a **short camels ride** (*not included*). Return to Jerusalem. This evening, head to the **Mahane Yehuda** open air market of Jerusalem to take in the sites, smells and noises of the market and have dinner at one of the nearby restaurants (not included, on own account). Return to your hotel.

Overnight – Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Friday, June 14

The New City of Jerusalem

Start the day by driving to the Judean Hills and the **Beit Guvrin** region and the land of a thousand caves for a tour of the ancient excavated caves. Participate in an **archaeological excavation** and tour the ancient 2200 years old caves (closed shoes should be worn at this site). Return to Jerusalem to visit **Yad Vashem** Holocaust Memorial. Kids under the age of 10 cannot enter the central exhibition at Yad Vashem. They can visit the local Zoo or enjoy hotel pool. Return to your hotel to freshen up. In the afternoon drive to Kibbutz Gezer to join **Shabbat Services** with the residents followed by **Shabbat Dinner** with **Temple Birkat Shalom**. Your touring bus will return you to Jerusalem.

Overnight – Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Saturday, June 15

Mazaltov Bnei/Bnot Mitzvah

No bus services provided today

This morning on the **terrace of the Penthouse Suite in the Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem** hold a **Bnei/Bnot Mitzvah** ceremony led by **Cantor Thomas** to be followed by a **celebratory lunch** in the suite. In the afternoon enjoy an **optional tour** in the **Old City**. As Shabbat concludes, participate in a **Havdallah service led by Cantor Thomas**. This evening make your way to the **David's Tower** (Jaffa Gate) to enjoy an amazing **Sound and Light Spectacular Show** where you will be treated to a colorful series of moving images that turn the massive walls, arches, towers, turrets and archaeological ruins into lifelike depictions of events that took place over the millennia (included).

Overnight – Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem.

Sunday, June 16

Along the Jordan Valley to the Galilee

Check out of your hotel this morning. Drive to **Kasser El Yahud – "the Jews Passage"**. According to the Jewish tradition this is the place the Israelites crossed the Jordan River on their way to the Holy Land. It is also where, according to the New Testament, John the Baptist baptized Jesus. Here take part in **Shaharit Prayers led by Cantor Thomas**. Northward along the Jordan Valley to **Sde Eliyahu**, situated in the fertile Beit Shean valley. Meet an **expert** who will take you on a tour of this unique Kibbutz which specializes in **organic agriculture**. Learn about the biological pesticides that are produced as natural enemies for pest control. Also see how Barn Owls are used and hear how bumblebees help form natural pollen in green houses and open fields, all to protect the environment. Continue further up north stopping for lunch enroute (on own account). Drive to **Safed**, the city of the mystics to visit the synagogues of Rabbi Isaac Luria and Rabbi Joseph Karo. There will also be time to wander about the alleys, lanes and art galleries of the Old City of Safed. Arrive at your hotel to check in and freshen up. **Dinner** is included for you tonight at your hotel.

Overnight – 'Pastoral' Kfar Blum Hotel, Galilee.

Monday, June 17

The Golan Heights

From the hotel head to one of the sources of the Jordan River for a nature walk at the **Dan Nature Reserve**. Here, take part in **Shaharit Prayers led by Cantor Thomas**. Board an awaiting **jeep** to ascend the Golan Heights. During the course of the expedition, you will pass former Syrian army headquarters and positions overlooking the Galilee. Drive up to one of the highest mountains on the Golan Heights, the **Bental Volcano**, which will give you a terrific view of the Israeli/ Syria lines as you hear of the importance of this area to Israel. Then on to visit the **De Karina chocolate factory** in Ein Zivan that makes handmade chocolates. Here, take part in a fun workshop making and tasting chocolate. Time now for a **Kayaking trip down the Hatbani River**. Return to your hotel for some leisure time in the hotel swimming pool. **Dinner** is included for you tonight at the hotel. After dinner participate in a **"Drumming Circle"** on the hotel grounds.

Overnight – 'Pastoral' Kfar Blum Hotel, Galilee.

Tuesday, June 18

Along the Coast to Tel Aviv

Check out of your hotel this morning. Drive via **Haifa's Panoramic Road** from where you will be able to see the golden dome of the **Bahai Shrine** that is set amid beautiful gardens and serves as a significant landmark of the city. Visit the **Hadera P2K Tikun Olam project**. Have lunch enroute (on own account). Travel to **Caesarea** and its Roman and Crusader antiquities to see the excavated **Roman Theater** echoing theatrical performances of long ago. While here see the **Caesarea Harbor project** cinematic exhibition and audiovisual experience that will take you on a virtual tour of the site. Proceed to Tel Aviv to tour **Jaffa**, one of the oldest biblical cities in the world and an important seaport since antiquity. Continue to your hotel to check-in and freshen up. Enjoy the evening on the **beach** playing **volley ball** and other fun activities.

Overnight – Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel Aviv.

Wednesday, June 19

Touring in Tel Aviv

This morning, drive to Rehovot to visit the **Ayalon Institute** ("the bullet factory"), a clandestine operation that manufactured armaments right under the noses of the British. Return to Tel Aviv to meet a **graffiti expert** and take a stroll through the streets of Tel Aviv where among the shadowy carpentries and garages, are hidden works of art. Proceed along the well-known **Rothschild Boulevard**, where you can see excellent examples of **Bauhaus Architecture** from the 1930's, some of which have been recently beautifully restored. Visit the **Independence Hall** where Ben Gurion declared the establishment of Israel on May 14, 1948. Stroll on through **Neve Zedek**, one of the first neighborhoods of Tel Aviv, for a short tour to see the meticulously restored historic homes. Return to your hotel and enjoy some **beach time** before checking out of your hotel (late check out is included in half of the rooms). This evening before departure enjoy a Middle Eastern **farewell dinner** at **Maganda Restaurant**. After dinner **transfer** to Ben Gurion Airport for your departure flight. A member of our staff will **assist** you at the airport with departure procedures. Group departure flight: Delta 469 at 23:55.

Bashana Haba'a B'Yerushalaim - Next Year in Jerusalem

