

SOLOMON SCHECHTER HIGH SCHOOL OF LONG ISLAND

ITINERARY Senior Trip to Israel May 17- June 7, 2009

Sunday, May 17th

- 4:45 PM Arrive at JFK –El Al Terminal for group check-in
- 7:55 PM Departure on EL AL Airlines, Flight #002, Departs JFK for Israel

Monday, May 18th

- 1:20 PM Arrival at Ben Gurion Airport
- 3:00 PM Depart Ben Gurion; Snack
- 4:30- 5:30pm Donkey ride at Kfar Kedem
- 6:00pm Check-in at Ein Gev Guest House
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:30 Orientation/Ice Breakers/Introductions of Israeli staff and guide

Overnight Ein Gev Guest House

Tuesday May 19th

Theme: The Golan Heights: From 1967-Present

Recommended Reading: Our Man in Damascus

- 6:15 AM Kimah
- 7:00 *T'filot* (special *shacharit* service on the beach)
- 7:50 Breakfast
- 8:30 Leave Ein Gev
- 9:15 **Mitzpe La'Shalom** (Syrian Bunker) (i.e. the 1967 story)
- 10:15 Hike - Nahal Devorah (Jilabun)
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 El Rom (Oz '77)
Har Bental - Overlook at the Syrian border
- 3:30 Katzrin – Talmudic village –Discussion on "Tanuro Shel Achnai"
- 6:00 Dinner at Hotel
- 7:15 Swim at Chamat Gader Hot Spring
- 9:00 Return to Ein Gev
- 9:00 *Movie: "Beaufort"* (introduction to the tour of the Lebanese border)

Overnight Ein Gev

Wednesday, May 20th

Theme: After the Lebanon War: Rebuilding in the Galilee

- 6:15 AM Kimah
- 7:00 *T'filot*
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:20 Departure
- 9:30 – 12:00 Kibbutz Maayan Baruch - The war with Lebanon 2006
(Including a visit to an army Base)
- 12:00 PM Box Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:30 Kfar Blum - Tubing down the Jordan River
- 3:30 – 5:30 Volunteer at Absorption center *Ayelet Hashachar* with Ethiopian students
- 6:30 Tiberias –Supervised free time and dinner -Pizur
- 9:00pm Return to Ein Gev

Overnight Ein Gev Hotel

Thursday, May 21st

Theme: The Galilee from West to East

- 6:15 AM Kimah
- 7:00 *T'filot*
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:30 Travel to Tzfat
- 9:15 -11:30 Tour of Tzfat – Kabbalah session, candle factory
- 12:00 *Lunch*
- 1 -3:30 pm Hike Nachal Betzet
- 4:3- -5:30pm *Rosh Hanikra*
- 6:30 Arrival at Kibbutz Hannaton
- 7:15 BBQ Dinner (pool party)

Overnight Hannaton

Friday, May 22nd

- 6:15 AM Kimah
- 7:00 T'filot
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:20 **Leave for the Carmel**
- 9:30-11:30 Hike Nachal Kelach
- 12:00 PM Arrival at Usfia-Druze Village -Lunch and presentation
- 2:45 Tzomet Alonim – stop to buy snacks for Shabbat
- 5:00 Return to Hannaton, Preparation for Shabbat.
- 6:30 Kabbalat Shabbat, Dinner, Study Session

Overnight

Kibbutz Hannaton

Saturday May 23rd

Shabbat Parashat Bamidbar

- 8:00 AM T'filot
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:30 T'filot
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 2:00-5:00 Pool is open, Basketball, Sports
Tour of the kibbutz
Activity
- 5:30 Mincha
Seudah Shlishit, Havdalah
- Drummers Circle
Pack to be ready to leave early Sunday's activity

Overnight

Kibbutz Hannaton

Sunday, May 24th

- 6:15 AM Kimah
- 7:00 Shacharit
- 7:45 Breakfast (Load Bus after t'filah)
- 8:30 Depart to Tel Aviv & Jerusalem for free time and host families
- 11:30 Arrival at Rabin YH

Anyone wishing to leave for the supervised free day may do so starting at **10:00 AM. At Tel Aviv or 11:30 in Jerusalem**

Program for those not leaving with an approved relative or friend on supervised free day: Sheraton Hotel Pool with chaperones.

Everyone MUST return to the FJC by 7:00 PM

- 7:30 Dinner
- 8:30 Drama games

Overnight

Rabin Y.H. - Jerusalem

Monday, May 25th

Theme: The Old City of Jerusalem

- 6:30 AM Kimah
- 7:00 T'filah
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 Opening- Tayelet
- 10:00 -12:30 City of David ,Walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (water walk)
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 -4pm Tour of Jewish Quarter and Southern Wall Excavations
- 4:15 Kotel
- 6:00PM Check in & Dinner at FJC
- 8:00PM Scavenger Hunt at Ben Yehudah

Overnight FJC

Tuesday, May 26th

Theme: Jerusalem: The Modern Capital of Israel (Development over the past 40 years)

- 6:30 AM Kimah
- 7:00 T'filah
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 9:30 – 11:00 Supreme Court –morning seminar and mock trial case of the Security Fence
- 11:30 Begin Museum
- 12:45 PM Lunch
- 1:30 – 5:00PM Jerusalem on the seam
Ammunition Hill –Givat Hatahmoshet (1967)
Ramat Rachael, Goldman Tayelet
Tour of Gilo
- 6:30PM Dinner: FJC
- 8:00PM Evening Program: Movie and Discussion about Mike Levin z"l

Overnight FJC

Wednesday, May 27th

Theme: From Sho'ah to Redemption

- 6:30 AM Kimah
- 7:00 *T'filah*
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 Visit Yad Lakashish
- 10:30 – 1:30 Yad Vashem –Tour and visit the new audio visual center
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 2:30 -4pm Har Herzl
- 4:15 -5:30 Sataf –Short hike
- 6:00 Dinner
- 8:30PM Culture event – Israel Festival

Overnight

FJC

Thursday, May 28th

- 6:30 AM Kimah
- 7:00 *T'filah*
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 9:00 Beit Guvrin Archaeological Seminar
- 12:30 PM Lunch at Kibbutz Beit Guvrin, Swimming at Kibbutz
- 2:00 Return to Jerusalem , **Preparation for Shavuot**
- 5:30 Candle lighting
- 6:00 *Tfilot*
- 8:00 Seudat Chag
- 10pm – 2:30am **Tikun Lail Shavuot** with "Neshama"

Overnight

FJC

Friday, May 29th

- 3:00-7:00 AM Walk to the Kotel, Tfilot
- 8:00 Breakfast at FJC
- 8-12 *Rest*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 4:5:30pm Games at Liberty Bell Park
- 6:30 Tfilot
- 8:00 Dinner

Overnight

FJC

Saturday, May 30th

- 8:30 AM
- 12:30 PM
- Afternoon

Shabbat, Parashat Naso
T'filot at various synagogues
Lunch
Walk to Yemin Moshe
Mincha
Seudah Shlishit, Havdalah
Time at Emek Refaiim
Packing and early curfew
FJC

Overnight

Sunday, May 31st

- 2:30 AM
- 5:15am
- 9:00
- 10:00 – 12:00
- 12:00 PM
- 4:00

- 7:00

Departure for Massada through Arad
Hike up the Roman ramp*T'filot* after sunrise...
Breakfast at Massada Youth Hostel
Ein Gedi springs , hike Nachal David
Lunch & Dead Sea swimming at Ein Gedi hot springs
Arrival at Kibbutz Ktura
Free time and rest
BBQ and Kumzitz

Overnight

Kibbutz Ktura

Monday, June 1st

- 6:20 AM
- 7:00
- 7:45
- 8:45
- 12:30 PM
- 1:30
- 3:30
- 5:00
- 6:00
- 8:30pm

Kimah
T'filah
Breakfast
Morning workshops at Keturah
Lunch
Depart for Eilat
Snorkeling & swimming
Visit to the border with Jordan and the fish farms
Disco Boat Ride and Dinner
return to Kibbutz

Overnight

Kibbutz Ktura

Tuesday, June 2nd

Theme: The Vibrancy of the Negev

- 6:30 AM Kimah
- 7:00 Breakfast/Pack Bus
- 7:30 Depart
- 9:30 Tfila at Machtesh Ramon
- 10:30 -12:00 Visit Army Base- Officers training base -Bhad 1
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 PM Ben Gurion's Grave
- 5:30 Arrive in Tel Aviv
- 6:30 Dinner
- 8:00 *"Na lagaat" theater – at Jaffa old port*

Overnight

Jaffa Guest house

Wednesday, June 3rd

Theme: The Modern State of Israel

- 6:30 AM Kimah
- 7:00 *T'filah*
- 7:45 Breakfast
- 8:30 tour of old Jaffa
- 11:00 Independence Hall
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Shuk Ha'carmel
- 2:00 – 4:30 Jaffa Institute – Volunteer work with Arab and Jewish children
- 5:00 Old Yaffo
- 6:30 -9:00 Dinner at "Turkiz" and free time

Overnight

Jaffa Guest house

Thursday, June 4th

- 7:15 AM *T'filah*
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 -10:00 *Kikar Rabin -Activity*
- 11 – 13:00 PM Palmach Museum
- 2:30 -4:00 pm Table to Table Volunteer Project (Tel Aviv area)

- 5:00pm Arrive to Jerusalem
- 7:00pm Banquet at Ana Ticho

Overnight

FJC

Friday, June 5th

- 7:15 AM *T'filah*
- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 12:00 Morning Volunteer Project: Soup Kitchen –Chazon Yeshaaya
- 1:30 PM Entire Group meets at Ben Yehudah Street for lunch
- 2:00 - 4:00 Supervised free time and shopping
- 4:30 Preparations for Shabbat
Kabbalat Shabbat: *T'filah* at Yemin Moshe
Dinner & Oneg Shabbat

Overnight

FJC

Saturday, June 6th Shabbat

- 8:30 AM *T'filot* at various synagogues
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- Afternoon Walk to Yemin Moshe
- 4:00 Reflections –visit to grass opposite Old City for group time
Mincha: with Moreshet Israel Congregation
Seudah Shlishit, Havdalah

- 9:00pm To the airport
- 1:00am Depart for JFK EIAL flight 001