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SPECIAL TOURS

CONGREGATION EXPERIENCE

A spiritual journey to Israel - created especially for your congregation.

Uniquely Tel Aviv

Stroll in **Neve Tzedek**, Tel Aviv's new hip neighborhood where the intellectual elite lived during Israel's early days, take a special **tour of the Yitzhak Rabin Center**, built in a downward spiral, the museum presents two parallel stories: Israel's history and society, and the biography of Yitzhak Rabin. Explore the **Old Port City of Jaffa** (Yafo), and tour the **Israel Defense Force Museum** situated on the old railway station in Yaffo. Visit the spiritually moving Independence Hall and have a special evening at the **Nalaga'at Center** home to a one-of-a-kind theater, featuring the *Deaf-blind Acting Ensemble* and dine in a pitch-black restaurant, **BlackOut**, with its staff of blind waiters.



Caesarea, Akko, Safed & So Much More!

While traveling north, visit an **IDF Dog Unit** that specializes in training and handling dogs for military applications and make a stop at **Kibbutz Ein Shemer** to experience kibbutz life and learn how it's changed over time. Drive to the ancient city of **Caesarea**, built by Herod the Great and once the seat of Roman rule. Continue on to **Zichron Ya'akov**, where you'll see the home of Aharon Aaronson and his sisters Sarah and Rebecca, leaders of the Jewish secret organization *Nili*, that spied for Britain against the Ottoman Turks during WWI. Spend an evening in the beach town of **Nahariya**, see the ancient crusader port city of **Akko**, travel to **Rosh Hanikrah** on the northern boarder and take a cable car to the grottos, formed from an ongoing geological process over thousands of years.



Experience the mystical city of **Safed**, the birthplace of Kabbalah, and one of the *Four Holy Cities* according to Kabbalistic studies. Visit the **Hula Valley Nature Reserve** where tens of thousands of birds and more than 200 species of water fowl make their home. Walk the trails at **Tel Dan National Reserve**, make a special stop at **Oz 77**—the most important memorial in the **Golan Heights** for the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Overnight in **Kfar Blum** and see **Katzrin**, the “Capital of the Golan” to walk in this Talmudic village and learn about the Temple period.

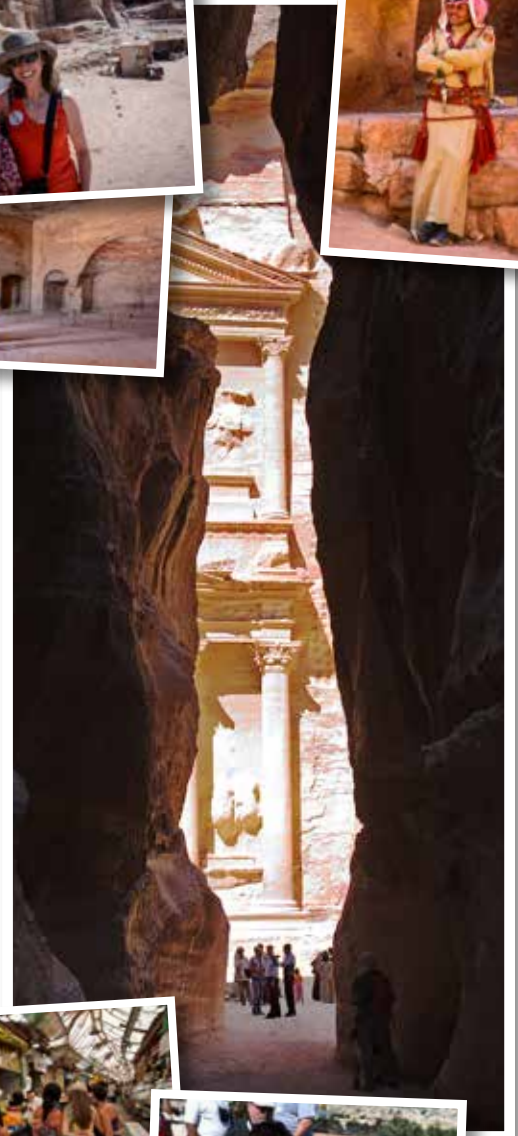


Jordan's Ancient Cities

Take the Sheich Hussein border crossing into **Jordan** and visit the **ancient city of Jarash** which boasts an unbroken chain of human occupation dating back over 6,500 years. Continue along the 5,000 year old *King's Highway*, passing through a string of ancient sites. The first city along the way is **Madaba, "The City of Mosaics"** which has been intermittently inhabited for nearly 3,500 years. See the memorial of Moses, and the presumed site of the prophet's death and burial place. Make your way to **Petra**, one of the seven wonders of the world with its Neolithic ruins to the desert castles of Umayyad Princes. A highlight among these treasures is the soul stirring, rose-red city of Petra, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Masada, Ein Gedi, Shabbat in Jerusalem...

Stay on a kibbutz then visit **Massada** and ascend by cable car to see the ancient synagogue and fortress. Travel to the beautiful **Ein Gedi Reserve**, an oasis in the desert then onto **Jerusalem**. Stop at a overlook of the **Old City**, to celebrate our arrival with a special She'hecheyanu ceremony, to offer thanks for new and unusual experiences. Enter the Old City to the **Southern Wall Excavations** and the **Davidson Center**, one of the most significant archeological sites in the country. Descend through the many layers of Jerusalem's past while walking in the **Western Wall Tunnels**. Stand on the site believed to be the nearest spot to the "Holy of Holies" and see the **City of David's latest excavations** of Jerusalem during the time of the first Temple period. In **Emek Tzurim** spend a few hours **taking part in the archaeological dig** of the Temple Mount. Visit the **Herzl Vision Museum** and **Yad Vashem** with a private guided tour of the new **Holocaust History Museum**. Enjoy **Machane Yehuda Market's** colors, smells and unique atmosphere as the city prepares for Shabbat the enjoy your private **Shabbat dinner**. During your final day walk the Jerusalem neighborhoods and see the **renovated Israel Museum**. Have a beautiful farewell dinner at **Anna Ticho restaurant**.



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