



# HAZAK Israel Re-Visited

An Israel Experience for Adults 55+

DECEMBER 11-22, 2011

## ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Join the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) as we revisit Israel on an off-the-beaten-path experience. Explore the Carmel Mountains, the Western Galilee, the Mediterranean Coast, the Negev Desert, and return to Jerusalem! Along the way, we will explore the ocean swept grottoes of Rosh Hanikrah, learn how to bake pita bread, gaze across the Ramon Crater and relax at a spa hotel in the heart of the desert. See a whole new side of Israel and discover the magic of the Jewish Homeland anew.



## UPCOMING TRIP DATES

- December 11 – December 22, 2011 / Israel Revisited
- March 13 – March 24, 2011 / Journey to Israel [SEPARATE SIGN-UP FORM]
- March 4 – March 15, 2012 / Journey to Israel [SEPARATE SIGN-UP FORM]

HAZAK is the USCJ organization for mature Jewish adults. It provides programming for people, age 55 and older, who are members of our affiliated congregations. HAZAK Israel Revisited is appropriate for active adults. You are not required to be a member of HAZAK or a United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism synagogue to participate in this trip.

## PROGRAM ITINERARY

*The following are highlights of the HAZAK Israel Revisited. A confirmed itinerary will be distributed approximately two months prior to the program and is subject to some change.*

### DAY 1 / SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 / Depart for Israel

Meet fellow travelers for the group flight from New York, or arrange you own flight to Israel. Check-in for our direct group flight to Tel Aviv and spend the night in the sky en route to Israel.

### DAY 2 / MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 / The Carmel Mountains

Arrive to Israel, meet our local Israeli guide, and begin traveling northwards along the Mediterranean Coast. We mark the start of our journey with a *shecheyanu* prayer on the beach at the Hannah Szensh Memorial at Kibbutz Sdot Yam. From the coast we wind into the Carmel Mountains where we will explore the picturesque artist colony at Ein Hod and visit to the Cave of Elijah near Haifa. After getting settled in our hotels, we will enjoy a delicious traditional Druze-style dinner in the village of *Ussafiya*. Overnight: Nir Etzion Hotel, Carmel Mountains [Meals Provided: Dinner]

### DAY 3 / TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 / The Western Galilee

Today begins by traveling to the northernmost point on Israel's coastline – the ocean caves at Rosh Hanikrah. Formed by thousands of years of ocean currents, these stunning caves are accessible via gondola. We continue on to nearby Lohamei HaGetatot – Israel's museum dedicated to honoring the memory of the Ghetto Fighters. We break for lunch today in the ancient seaport of Acco. Within the area of Acco we will also tour a Crusader-era castle, visit to a British prison used to incarcerate Jewish fighters from the Irgun, and explore the all-mosaic Tunisian Synagogue. This evening we will join-up with a local Masorti community in the Western Galilee for dinner and cross-cultural conversation. Overnight: Nir Etzion Hotel, Carmel Mountains [Meals Provided: Breakfast & Dinner]

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### **DAY 4 / WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 / The Jezreal Valley**

Step back in time to the Talmudic Era of the Galilee as we explore the catacombs of Beit Shearim – home to many of Judaism's greatest rabbinic thinkers. Continue on to Kfar Kedem – the re-created Talmudic-era village where we will learn how to bake pita bread, make olive oil the traditional way, and enjoy a traditional meal from the times. In the afternoon we begin our ascent to Jerusalem, stopping en route at Latrun – Israel's Armored Corp Memorial and the site a decisive battle in the 1948 War for Independence. Check-in to our Jerusalem hotel and enjoy a relaxed evening on your own in the heart of downtown Jerusalem. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel [Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch]

### **DAY 5 / THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 / Sovereignty & Statehood in Jerusalem**

Explore the meaning of what it means to be a Jewish Democracy as we enjoy a guided tour of the Knesset – Israel's parliament building – followed by a discussion about efforts to strengthen Jewish pluralism within the State of Israel. In the afternoon we will visit the newly re-dedicated Israel Museum, including a tour of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit in the Shrine of the Book. Wrap-up the day with a traditional Moroccan-style dinner at Darna Restaurant. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

### **DAY 6 / FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 / Preparing for Shabbat**

Our morning begins taking part in a service project at a local soup kitchen that prepares Shabbat meals for the hungry. From there we will take part in the pre-Shabbat ritual of shopping in Mahane Yehuda marketplace. In the afternoon we return to the Old City for a tour of off-the-beaten path archeological sites such as the Herodian Mansions and the Tower of David Museum. As Shabbat approaches, we will gather to light candles and take part in a community service followed by a Shabbat dinner. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

### **DAY 7 / SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 / A Jerusalem Shabbat**

Join in Shabbat services at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center for Conservative Judaism in followed by lunch at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center. In the afternoon we will explore synagogues built by various ethnic communities that form the colorful patchwork of Jerusalem. After marking Shabbat's end with the Havdallah service, the evening is free to explore Jerusalem on your own. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: (Breakfast / Lunch)]

### **DAY 8 / SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 / Free Day in Jerusalem!**

Today is our final day in Jerusalem, and we have left it as a free day to explore city on your own. Jerusalem a city full of history and culture – with museums to visit, buildings to admire, and many opportunities for shopping. Dinner this evening is included at the hotel. Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

### **DAY 9 / MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 / Along the Mediterranean Coast**

We begin our day heading back towards the Mediterranean Coast. Along the way, we will stop at Ellah Valley – the site of the David and Goliath story. We will also take part in a service project called Leket where we will have the opportunity to pick un-harvested vegetables which will be used at local food banks. Before heading due south for the Negev Desert we will visit to the Weitzman Institute – Israel's leading science academy, and the home of many recent Nobel Laureates. In the early evening we will arrive at our spa hotel on the edge of the Ramon Crater. Dinner is served at the hotel. Overnight: Ramon Inn Spa & Resort Hotel, Negev Desert [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]



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## DAY 10 / TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 / The Negev Desert

Wake up in the heart of the desert. Learn about the unique qualities of the Ramon Crater at the nearby visitor center and tour the crater floor via off-road jeep excursion. The rest of the morning is free to take advantage of the hotel's spa facilities and indoor pool. In the afternoon, participants have the option to take part in a camel trekking experience or tour the Nabatean-era archeological complex at Avdat. This evening we will enjoy a very festive Bedouin-style dinner feast at Chan HaShayarot desert tent. Overnight: Ramon Inn & Spa, Negev Desert [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

## DAY 11 / WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 / Contemporary Pioneering

The story of modern Israel is the story of pioneering. We begin our day exploring the home of David Ben Gurion at Sde Boker and learning about his village for revitalizing the desert. From Sde Boker we visit an Ayalim Youth Village, a modern expression of pioneering being built in the Negev Desert. Finally on our way back northwards to Tel Aviv we make a stop at Sderot to learn about life on Israel's frontier. Our ten-day journey caps off with a closing dinner in Jaffa, the ancient port alongside Tel Aviv. From Tel Aviv we return to the airport to board our overnight flight back to America or board a domestic flight down to Eilat for those choosing to extend. [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

## DAY 12 / THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 / Shalom V'Lhitarot

Our group flight arrives back to the New York area in the early morning after ten days in Israel full of new experiences, new insights, and new friendships.

### **EILAT EXTENSION PACKAGE + OPTIONAL PETRA DAY TOUR**

Cap off your journey in Israel with a 3-night/3-day extension to Eilat – Israel's Red Sea resort town. Before heading back to the United States, relax at the Dan Panorama resort hotel on the water. Enjoy Eilat's warm climate, beautiful views, and unique tropical ocean attractions. Package includes round trip domestic flights to/from Eilat, accommodations at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Eilat, breakfast daily and all Shabbat meals. An optional privately guided day tour of Petra in Jordan is available.

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## TRAVEL PACKAGE

### **SERVICES INCLUDED:**

- Roundtrip flights from Newark Airport (*exact flight details to be announced 10 months prior*)
- Hotel accommodations according to itinerary (*program costs based on double room occupancy*)
- Licensed English-speaking Israeli tour guide and deluxe touring bus daily
- All entrance fees, activity costs, and special guests/speakers
- Two group meals meal per day – Kosher

### **SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:**

- One meal per day on own
- Travelers insurance (optional – see below)
- Guide/driver gratuities (suggested \$100)
- Petra border crossing fee of \$45 (*applies only to participants on Eilat extension who travel to Petra*)



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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### PARTICIPANT #1

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # (optional)\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Synagogue (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARTICIPANT #2 (if applicable)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # (optional)\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Synagogue (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that all names are entered as they appear in your passport. Passport must be valid for at least six months following the arrival date in Israel

**SPECIAL ROOMING NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

Requests for roommate will be accommodated where possible

**MEDICAL & DIETARY NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMERGENCY CONTACT

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM SELECTION & COSTS

Indicate the number of travelers for the program dates and package details you are selecting

\_\_\_\_ Air & Land Package from Newark [\$2,950]\*    \_\_\_\_ Land-Only Package [\$1,750]\*

\_\_\_\_ Single Supplement Fee [\$430]    \_\_\_\_ Eilat Extension [\$700]

\_\_\_\_ Eilat Single Supplement [\$240]    \_\_\_\_ Petra Day Tour [\$165]

*\*Group flight details will be confirmed ten months prior to the start of the program. The "Air & Land Package" price is subject to change based on the final confirmed flight information.*



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## TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

A refundable \$250/person deposit is due with registration. The balance of program costs is due 120 days before the trip. Please note that participants who cancel within 120 days of the program start date will receive a refund, minus the \$250/person deposit. Participants who cancel between 90 and 45 days before the program start date will be eligible for a refund, minus a \$1000/person cancel fee. Participants who cancel within 45 days of the program start date are not eligible for a refund. All cancellations must be made in writing, and participants are encouraged to buy travel insurance.

**Airlines may adjust fuel surcharge until time of ticketing. Program costs are subject to change accordingly.**

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## PAYMENT DETAILS

**Total Amount Due:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Deposit Due with Registration:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Method** (check one): Check \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

*If paying by credit card, please complete the following section. Unless otherwise noted, credit cards will be charged deposit upon receipt and balance 120 days prior to the start of the program.*

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completed forms should be sent by fax to 1-202-315-3269 or by mail to:**

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## STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

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### TRAVEL INSURANCE PACKAGE

Authentic Israel has partnered with Travel Insurance International to provide an optional travel insurance package based on a group rate discount. The policy reimburses for medical expenses as well as covers cancellation fees based on health considerations as well as many other scenarios. Full details available online at: [www.authenticisrael.com/documents/travelinsured.pdf](http://www.authenticisrael.com/documents/travelinsured.pdf)

BENEFITS	MAXIMUM LIMITS
Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Post-Departure Trip Interruption	Up To 150% Of Trip Cost
Travel Delay (6 Hours or More)	\$150 Per Day \$750 Maximum
Medical Expense/Emergency Evacuation	\$50,000/\$250,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,500
Baggage Delay	\$400
Pre-Existing Medical Conditions	Covered
Cancel For Any Reason (Optional)* <i>Not available to residents of Washington State</i>	75% of non-refundable Trip Cost <i>cancellation must be two or more days prior to scheduled departure</i>

This table is a summary of benefits. Please refer to the policy wording for a complete description. All benefits subject to plan exclusions and will be paid exclusively by Travel Insured International.

**\*Cancel For Any Reason – Supplemental Coverage.** This supplemental can be selected provided the plan is purchased within 14 days of initial trip deposit and the appropriate additional premium is paid.

TRIP COST (Per Person)	DELUXE PLAN COST	DELUXE PLAN COST + CANCEL FOR ANY REASON CLAUSE
\$2,001-\$2,500	\$119/person	\$178/person
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$136/person	\$204/person
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$155/person	\$232/person
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$175/person	\$262/person
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$200/person	\$300/person

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE PLAN/COST THAT YOU ARE CHOOSING**

**Please list the name of the traveler(s) to be insured:**

NAME #1 \_\_\_\_\_ NAME #2 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL INSURANCE AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

\*As a group policy, these rates are valid provided that at least 10 participants purchase coverage. In the event that less than 10 participants sign-up for the coverage, a full refund option will be available as well as an optional supplemental fee for individual coverage based on the same policy terms.