



# HAZAK Journey to Israel

## The Israel Experience for 55+ Adults

### November 2010 / March 2011

#### ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

Join the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) as we head to Israel for a memorable journey in the Land of Milk & Honey. Together we will experience the magic of Jerusalem, the thrill of the Dead Sea, and the beauty of the Galilee. The program includes visits to Israel's must-sees along with wonderful cultural experiences, an authentic Shabbat experience in Jerusalem, insightful speakers, and meals at some of the best restaurants in Israel.



#### UPCOMING TRIP DATES

- FALL 2010 / November 7 – November 18
- SPRING 2011 / March 13 – March 24

HAZAK is the USCJ organization for mature Jewish adults. It provides programming for people 55 and older who are members of our affiliated congregations. The HAZAK Journey to Israel program 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.

#### PROGRAM ITINERARY

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

##### **SUNDAY, DAY 1 / Depart for Israel**

Meet fellow travelers at Newark Airport. Check-in for our direct group flight to Tel Aviv and spend the night in the sky en route to Israel.

##### **MONDAY, DAY 2 / Jerusalem's Old City**

Arrive to Israel in the morning. Meet our local Israeli guide as we start the ascent to Jerusalem. Share in a shecheyanu prayer at the Haas Promenade overlook before entering the Old City via the Zion Gate. Explore the alleyways, rooftops and tunnels of the Jewish Quarter – culminating with a moment of reflection at the Kotel – the Western Wall. Check-in to our Jerusalem hotel and enjoy a group dinner before turning in for the night. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Dinner]

##### **TUESDAY, DAY 3 / Cosmopolitan Israel**

Transfer to Tel Aviv in the morning where we recount the struggle for a Jewish State at the Palmach Museum followed by a visit to Independence Hall where we relive the founding of modern Israel. Celebrate the vibrancy of Tel Aviv by strolling down the street festival along Nahalat Binyamin. Continue on through Tel Aviv's historic "White City" district – which was recently recognized as a UNESCO world-heritage site for its unique Bauhaus architecture. Return to Jerusalem in the early evening to close out the day at a delicious Jerusalem restaurant. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

##### **WEDNESDAY, DAY 4 / Contemporary Jerusalem**

We begin today with a text study session at the Fuchsberg Center in Jerusalem followed by a guided

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tour of the Knesset, where we will be joined by a special guest speaker. From the Knesset we head to Jerusalem's newest museum, the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. In the late afternoon we return to the Old City to visit the Cardo complex and browse the unique shops of the Jewish Quarter. After our group dinner, we will have free time to explore Jerusalem's lively Ben Yehuda pedestrian shopping mall. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

#### **THURSDAY, DAY 5 / The Judean Desert**

Wake up early and begin the journey to the lowest place on earth – the Judean Desert. Ascend Masada via the cable cars and tour Herod's famous mountaintop fortress and palace. Descend from Masada and travel to the Dead Sea. Here we will take time to float on the salty waters and relax in the natural thermal hot springs at Ein Gedi Spa. Wrap-up the day with a traditional desert tent feast at Eretz Breisheit. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

#### **FRIDAY, DAY 6 / Loss & Redemption**

Begin the day with an emotional visit to the Yad VaShem Holocaust Memorial. Then celebrate the rebirth of the Jewish People by planting trees in a Jerusalem forest. The rest of the day is free time for taking a stroll in Jerusalem or relaxing at a local park. As the sun begins to set we reconvene as a group to prepare for Shabbat – the day of rest. Kabbalat Shabbat services this evening will be held at a local Jerusalem synagogue followed by a festive Shabbat dinner at the hotel. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

#### **SATURDAY, DAY 7 / Shabbat in Jerusalem**

Join in Shabbat services at the Fuchsberg Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem followed by lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon we take a walking tour of Jerusalem's colorful neighborhoods. After marking the end of Shabbat with the Havdallah service, the evening is free to explore Jerusalem on your own. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Lunch]

#### **SUNDAY, DAY 8 / The Mediterranean Coast**

Today is our final day in Jerusalem, and we start it with a moment of reflection at Har Herzl to mark the sacrifices behind the miracle of modern Israel. The rest of the day is spent along Israel's Mediterranean coast. Explore the village of Zichron Yaacov – one of the first towns established as part of the Zionist Movement of the 19<sup>th</sup> century – followed by a private lunch at a local winery. On our way back to Jerusalem we stop at the Caesarea amphitheater on the beach. Tonight is a final free evening to enjoy Jerusalem on your own. Overnight: Prima Kings Hotel, Jerusalem [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Lunch]

#### **MONDAY, DAY 9 / Pioneers of the Galilee**

We head to the Galilee today via the Jordan Valley. Along the way we stop for a visit at Beit Shean's extensive Roman-era archeological complex. From Beit Shean we travel to the Gilboa region for a tour of the Beit Alfa synagogue and its famous mosaic artwork. The remainder of the day is dedicated to the modern Galilee as we visit the Old Geshur Museum and recount the stories of the Galilee's poets & pioneers at the Kinneret Cemetery. Return to Ginnosar to explore the grounds of the kibbutz and share in a group dinner. Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar Guest House [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

#### **TUESDAY, DAY 10 / Mystics of the Galilee**

Wake up along the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee as we begin our day by ascending to Tsfat – the birthplace of the Kabbalah – high in the hills of the Galilee. Here we explore the ancient alleyways of



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this picturesque town and learn about the unique development of Jewish thought that has transpired here through the course of Jewish history. Before leaving, we visit a local absorption center serving recent Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia and learn how the city is being renewed by its recently settled citizens. From Tsfat we head to Misgav Am, a highpoint with an overlook across Israel her neighbors. As we head downhill, we stop for a walking tour of the Hula Valley Nature Reserve – a world famous site for observing migratory birds. We close out the day with a sunset cruise on the Sea of Galilee followed by dinner at Decks Restaurant along the shoreline of Tiberias. Overnight: Kibbutz Nof Ginnosar Guest House [Meals Provided: Breakfast / Dinner]

#### **WEDNESDAY, DAY 11 / The Golan Heights**

This is our final day in Israel, and before checking out of the hotel we take a moment for a wrap-up session and an opportunity to discuss what the experiences of the program have meant. Before traveling back towards central Israel, we ascend the Golan Heights for a visit to the Gamla complex followed by a tasting & tour of the Golan Heights Winery. We conclude the program with a walking tour of old Jaffa seaport at twilight followed by a banquet dinner at Tzel Hayam Restaurant along the beach in Tel Aviv. Following dinner we return to Ben Gurion Airport to say our goodbyes prior to boarding the overnight group flight back to North America.

#### **THURSDAY, DAY 12 / SHALOM!**

Our group flight arrives back to Newark Airport in the early morning after a 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 (optional connection from Miami)
- 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
- Travelers insurance (optional)
- Guide/driver gratuities (suggested \$100)



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### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### PARTICIPANT #1

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

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

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

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

#### PARTICIPANT #2 (if applicable)

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

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PROGRAM SELECTION & COSTS

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

\_\_\_\_ **FALL 2011 PROGRAM (Nov 7-18)**    \_\_\_\_ **SPRING 2010 PROGRAM (Mar 13–Mar 24)**

\_\_\_\_ 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 [\$150]

*\*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 \$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 120 and 45 days before the program start date will be eligible for a refund, minus a \$1000 cancellation 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 take out trip cancellation 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/peron	\$178/peron
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$136/peron	\$204/peron
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$155/peron	\$232/peron
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$175/peron	\$262/peron
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$200/peron	\$300/peron

**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.