Interfaith Pilgrimage in the Holy Land

March 29 - April 12, 2016

Join us as we journey with open hearts to The Holy Land, to walk in the footsteps of men and women of faith who carved the pathways that continue to entice Pilgrims and Seekers, Children of Abraham & Sara, to come and drink the Milk and Honey and breathe in the Holiness and Hope.

We will walk, explore, pray, learn and open to the challenge of NOW. We will come, not as mere tourists, but as visionaries; a group representing many faith traditions, engaging with one another’s Sacred Story, and leaving seeds of the wisdom that is Deep Ecumenism.

Along with the itinerary articulated below, our group leaders will engage participants in shared spiritual practice, study and debriefing of daily experiences, powerful encounters with residents pursuing grassroots relationship-building and peacemaking – all with the goal of manifesting meaningful and healing interfaith relationships in our lives at home and in the dynamic Israel/Palestine region.
In addition to traveling with a local guide and dedicated driver, our pilgrimage is led by:

**Rabbi Nadya Gross** was initiated in childhood in an oral, feminine mystical tradition she transmits in a two-year wisdom school, and is the framework for her calling as a rabbi, spiritual director, program director, educator, and mother of four remarkable young adults – always in partnership with her beloved, Rabbi Victor Gross. Reb Nadya is the Director of the Hashpa’ah (Spiritual Direction) Training program in the ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal Ordination Programs.

**Rabbi Victor Gross** is a congregational rabbi and educator dedicated to paradigm shifting and guided by these teachings of two sages: *Morrie Schwartz, in Tuesdays With Morrie*, says: “we must love one another or die”; *Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi* teaches: “in order to get it together we have to get together” Reb Victor serves as a Director of Studies and teacher of Deep Ecumenism, Jewish History, and Jewish Thought in the ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal Ordination Programs, and is the author of: *Educating for Reverence: The Legacy of Abraham Joshua Heschel*.

Together, they serve as rabbis of Pardes Levavot: a Jewish Renewal Congregation in Boulder, CO which shares sacred space and an ecumenical relationship with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, a relationship which they owe to their beloved “co-conspirators”, Pastors Linda and Larry Daniels-Block. They are co-Directors of Programs for ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, continuing to develop programs that promote the spiritual unfolding, or Paradigm Shift, to which they, and the Jewish renewal movement, are devoted, and co-Directors and faculty for the ALEPH Sage-ing® Program.

**Rev. Linda Daniels-Block**, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for 37 years, is currently Senior Pastor in north St. Louis. She has worked extensively in women’s and children’s advocacy for 40 years and was one of the leaders of a global “Ecumenical Decade for Churches in Solidarity with Women in 1988-98”. In 1998 she spent a month in the African sub-Sahara living in traditional homes as an observer on the situation of women for the World Council of Churches. She has served on community shelter boards, in political advocacy and as a pastoral counselor in areas of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and at-risk families. She has been a keynote speaker, facilitator, workshop leader and chaplain in racism, sexism, and classism and other areas of justice and empowerment. Her passion is encouraging more expansive images of God.

**Rev. Larry Daniels-Block** has served as a pastor of the ELCA for 42 years and is known as a biblical scholar and teacher. He has an additional Masters in New Testament and end-time literature, and PhD work in cultural anthropology and religion. He has a passionate interest in the archeology of the Holy Land. Pastor Larry served on the national staff of the ELCA in the Commission for Women with his wife Linda, working on male-female partnership, and racism/sexism/classism. Larry has rebuilt 3 houses and is on the home stretch of their fourth.

Together, they found a home in Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi’s “Deep Ecumenism” teachings when they invited Rabbis Victor and Nadya Gross to bring Pardes Levavot Synagogue into their Boulder, Colorado church building to “share the space”. In Rebbes Nadya and Victor, Pastors Linda and Larry have found kindred spirits, and beloved colleagues and friends.

*Rabbis Nadya & Victor and Pastors Linda & Larry will be joined by a Muslim leader TBD.*
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PROGRAM ITINERARY

The following is a projected itinerary, which is subject to minor change and will be re-confirmed about two months prior to departure. Meals Included: B = Breakfast / L = Lunch / D = Dinner

Tuesday, March 29 | Departure for Israel
- Depart for Israel on your self-booked flight

Wednesday, March 30 | Arrive in Israel!
- Land at Ben Gurion Airport – Complimentary transfers to our hotel in Jerusalem is included for all travelers arriving today
- Orientation, welcome program and Moroccan-style dinner at Jerusalem’s Darna Restaurant
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [D]

Thursday, March 31 | Old City
- Intro to Jerusalem from the Haas Promenade
- City of David – Founding of Jerusalem
- Enter the Old City at Zion Gate and explore the Jewish Quarter, including the Hurva Synagogue
- Descend to the Western Wall complex and explore the Kotel Tunnels under the Old City
- Dinner at Lavan in the Jerusalem Cinemateque
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B / D]

Friday, April 1 | Jerusalem
- Ascend the Mount of Olives straddling the desert and the city
- Explore co-existence efforts in the Kidron Valley
- Re-enter the Old City at Jaffa Gate and explore the Armenian, Muslim and Christian Quarters
- Free time for shopping in the Arab Bazaar
- Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by dinner at our accommodations
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B / D]

Saturday, April 2 | Shabbat in Jerusalem
- Relaxed day to explore Jerusalem on your own
- Lunch included at accommodations
- Afternoon: Optional tour of Bethlehem
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B / L]

Sunday, April 3 | Modern Jerusalem
- Yad VaShem Holocaust Complex
- Picnic-style lunch and processing discussion
- Travel to Hebron – Visit to the Cave of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs
- Tour of Ein Karem Village (time permitting)
- Overnight: Prima Royale Hotel, Jerusalem [B / L]

Monday, April 4 | Along the Coast
- Depart for the Galilee via the coast
- Visit Nazareth and the Church of Annunciation
- Harvesting project for the hungry with project Leket at Moshav Nahalal
- Mt. of Beatitudes and the Sea of Galilee
- Dinner included at accommodations
- Overnight: Haon Guest House, Galilee [B / D]

Tuesday, April 5 | Mystics of the Galilee
- Tour of Tsfat – Center of Kabbalistic Judaism
- Meet a Kabbalistic artist in the Artists’ Quarter
- Panoramic regional view from Kibbutz Manara
- Explore the Hula Valley Nature Reserve – Center for migratory birds between Africa and Europe
- Dinner at Dag El HaDan along the Dan River
- Overnight: Haon Guest House, Galilee [B / D]

Wednesday, April 6 | Acco & Rosh Hanikrah
- Travel to the Western Galilee region – Stop en route to view Keshet – natural stone arch
- Explore Rosh Hanikrah’s ocean caves
- Walking tour of the Acco – Ancient Seaport, Templar Tunnels and Bahai Gardens
- Traditional Druze-style dinner and hospitality in the central Galilee village of Pekiin
- Overnight: Haon Guest House, Galilee [B / D]

Thursday, April 7 | Masada & Dead Sea
- Travel down the Jordan Valley to the Dead Sea
- Floating at the Dead Sea’s Mineral Beach
- Walking tour Masada mountaintop – Herod’s
mountaintop fortress (via the cable cars)
• Continue south down the Arava Valley
• Check-in & dinner at kibbutz accommodations
• Overnight: Kibbutz Ketura, Arava [B / D]

Friday, April 8 | Desert Wanderings
• The Kassui sand dunes and the Red Canyon Trail
• Lunch on own at Yotavata dairy farm
• Guided snorkeling at Coral Beach on the Red Sea
• Return to accommodations – Dinner on kibbutz
• Overnight: Kibbutz Ketura, Arava [B / D]

Saturday, April 9 | Desert Ecology
• Tour of the kibbutz and the Arava Institute – Leader in desert ecology and co-existence
• Evening: Desert star-gazing and dinner
• Overnight: Kibbutz Ketura, Arava [B / L / D]

Sunday, April 10 | Ramon Crater & Lakiya
• Travel north through the Negev Desert to the Ramon Crater – Stop at the Crater Visitor Center
• Visit the Bedouin town of Lakiya and learn about their weaving collective -- Lunch included
• Explore the Bell Cave at Beit Guvrin
• Arrive to the Tel Aviv area - Check-in to accommodations by the beach
• Rest of day on own to enjoy Tel Aviv
• Overnight: Basel Hotel, Tel Aviv [B / L]

Monday, April 11 | Exploring Tel Aviv
• Co-existence walking tour of Jaffa with an educator from Beit Daniel
• Browse the Nahalat Binyamin street festival and the Carmel Marketplace
• Reflections at the Rabin Square Memorial
• Neot Kedumim Biblical Reserve – Group tree planting ceremony and closing dinner
• Return to Ben Gurion Airport for overnight flights back to the USA [B / D]

Tuesday, April 12 | Farewell!
• Arrive back in the United States in the morning

WHAT’S INCLUDED

- VIP airport greeting and hotel transfer on March 30th and return airport transfer on evening of April 11th (see below for details)
- Accommodations per the itinerary with hotel porterage included throughout
- Local tour guide throughout the program
- Luxury air-conditioned touring bus with dedicated driver (except Saturday in Jerusalem)
- Breakfast daily and meals according to itinerary – including tax/gratuity at restaurant meals
- Site entrance fees, activity costs, and programming
- Not Included: International flights, guide/driver gratuities (~$100/p), meals not specified as included, hotel incidentals, travel insurance (optional) and local medical insurance (optional)

NOTE: Travelers with an Israeli passport (including those with dual citizenship) may be subject to a local tax levied in Israel at the hotels. It must be paid, if requested.

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TRAVEL TO/FROM ISRAEL

Participants are responsible for their own air travel to/from Israel and will be met at Ben Gurion Airport outside of Tel Aviv. We ask that all flights arrive in Israel by Wednesday, March 30th at 4:15pm. At the end of the program, participants are escorted back to Ben Gurion Airport on the final Monday night in time to catch overnight flights back to North America (departing between 10:30pm and 1:00am the next day). Participants on arrival and return flights outside of this window can be accommodated by special arrangement, and additional fees will apply.

GET REGISTERED

Participant #1 (Primary Contact)

First Name*: _________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ DOB: ____________
Email: _______________________________ Tel (Cell): ___________________ Tel (Other): __________________

Participant #2 (if applicable)

First Name*: _________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ DOB: ____________
Email: _______________________________ Tel (Cell): ___________________ Tel (Other): __________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
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Please enter your name as it appears on your passport. Please note that according to Israeli customs regulations, your passport must be valid for at least six months after your travel.

Rooming Notes: ______________________________________________________________
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Medical & Dietary Notes: ______________________________________________________
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Emergency Contact: Full Name: ______________________________ Relation: __________________
Email: ______________________________ Tel (Cell): ___________________ Tel (Other): ____________
PACKAGE SELECTIONS

Please indicate number of applicable travelers. An itemized receipt will be included with your confirmation message soon after your registration is received.

_____ Land Package – Based on Double Room Occupancy [$2,965/p]

_____ Single Room Supplement [$815/p]  _____ Triple or Quad Room Discount [$75/p]

Availability of quad rooms are limited

Program Selection Notes: ____________________________________________________________
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Terms of Participation. In order to reserve your place on the program, a $250/person deposit is due with your registration by no later than December 1, 2015 and subject to availability. Your trip deposit is fully refundable up until December 10, 2015. Your payment balance is due by February 10, 2015, after which participants are not entitled to a refund. The program is subject to a minimum participation of 25 travelers as of December 2, 2015 and a maximum participation of 45 people. Participants are encouraged to purchase travel insurance (see below) prior to making final payment, and participants are encouraged not to purchase flight tickets till the minimum participation has been reached.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Deposit Due ($250/Person): $_________

Your $250 deposit is payable to Authentic Israel by check. You may pay by credit card via Authentic Israel, however, a 3.5% processing fee will apply.

Name: __________________________    Signature: ___________________________  Date: _________

Payment Notes: ________________________________________________________________________________
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Completed forms should be sent by fax to 1-202-315-3269 or by mail to: Authentic Israel / 5185 MacArthur Blvd NW, #640 / Washington, DC 20016

For program questions, contact Rabbi Nadya Gross at rebnadya@gmail.com. For registration or travel questions, contact Bonnie Shoval at bonnie@authenticisrael.com from Authentic Israel.

Statement of Responsibility. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, Authentic Israel assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconvenience, illness, theft, property damage, irregularity, or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator or by any person or reason whatsoever including but not limited to events such as strikes,
revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports and/or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities to or included in this tour or any part thereof. Enrollment in and payment for the tour constitute your acceptance of the program conditions and this Statement of Responsibility.

Any and all disputes between the parties arising out of or relating to this agreement, whether grounded in contract, tort or statutory law, shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration in Washington, DC. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Rules of JAMS. The prevailing party in the arbitration shall be entitled to its attorneys’ fees and costs plus any fees and costs incurred in connection with confirming the arbitrator’s award.

PRE-TRIP PREPARATION

Detailed pre-trip preparation material and program luggage tags are distributed approximately three months prior to arrival and in advance of the payment due date. Participants will also be invited to a trip Facebook group in order to meet fellow travelers before the program and stay in touch afterwards.

Passport & Visa Rules

Please check to make sure that you know where your passport is and that it is not expired or about to expire. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the date you arrive in Israel. If your passport expires within this period, please start the renewal process today. Many airlines will deny you boarding if your passport is not valid according to this policy. If you are traveling to Israel on a USA, Canadian, or European Union member country passport, a visa is not needed to enter Israel. If you are traveling on a passport from another country, you may need a visa to enter Israel. Our office is able to provide you with an official ticket confirmation if needed.

Staff Gratuities

It is customary in Israel to tip the Israeli guide and driver at the end of the program. As a rule of thumb, $100 per adult traveler is appropriate – or in the shekel equivalent. We recommend splitting that amount – 1/3 for the driver (~$35) and 2/3 for the guide (~$65). Gratuities for hotel staff and wait staff at group meals are already included in the cost of the program.

Local Health Insurance

Separate from travel insurance (see above), Authentic Israel offers local health insurance in Israel that covers treatment and medication for non pre-existing conditions. The policy carries no deductible or co-pay, and there are no claims to submit. Even if your home insurance extends abroad, you would need to pay out of pocket in Israel and file a claim with your insurance when you return home. This local Israeli policy is a very easy way to receive medical care in Israel without any paperwork or reimbursement process. Detailed policy information is available upon request. The cost of the policy for the ten-day Israel Family Journey program is according to the following age groupings:

- Up to age 65 – $33/person
- Ages 66-75 – $80/person
- Ages 76-85 – $90/person
TRAVEL INSURANCE

Authentic Israel has partnered with Travel Insured International to provide an optional travel insurance package as follows:

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Please consider the follow supplemental benefits and special terms:

1. **Covered Reasons** include personal illness/death, family illness/death, acts of terrorism and other reasons – see policy for details. Note – Terrorism is defined by the US State Department in a city on your travel itinerary within 30 days of departure – does not cover unrest, instability or war.

2. **Cancel For Any Reason.** This supplemental coverage can be selected if purchased within 21 days of the initial trip deposit or airfare payment and the premium paid covers all trip costs (land and air). Cancellation must be made at least two days or more prior to scheduled departure date.

3. **Interrupt For Any Reason Supplement.** This supplemental coverage can be selected if purchased within 21 days of initial trip deposit or airfare payment and the appropriate additional premium is paid. Trip must be interrupted at least three days or more after actual departure date.

4. **Option: Primary Baggage + Medical Coverage at $25 per person.** Waives excess insurance limitation on Baggage & Personal effects and Accident & Sickness Medical Expense.

5. **Option: Increase Benefit Limits at $35 per person**
   - Additional $1,000 Travel Delay
   - Additional $300 Baggage Delay
   - Additional $1,000 Baggage & Personal Effects
   - Additional $500 Missed Connection
Insurance premiums are calculated as a function of total trip costs as follows:

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Learn more, view additional trip cost options and order online at WorldwideTripProtector.com

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*All trip costs must be included with coverage, including flight costs not booked via Authentic Israel.

All benefits subject to plan exclusions. See full policy for details – can be found in links above.

Questions? Contact info@travelinsuranceisrael.com or 1-888-747-3773.