

MMJCCM English Overseas Israel Trip 2025

This projected itinerary is subject to some change based on local conditions and availability

Monday | November 10, 2025

The staff-chaperoned flight – EL AL #2 – departs JFK at 5:00pm

Tuesday | November 11, 2025

- The staff-chaperoned flight arrives at 10:05am
An airport greeting and transfer is included for all travelers arriving on this flight
- Check in to the hotel (or drop off luggage if rooms are not available) and grab lunch on your own along Jerusalem's iconic **Ben Yehuda Pedestrian Street**
- Meet in the hotel lobby at 3:30pm for staff introductions and a brief orientation
- Travel to **Montefiore's Windmill** to mark the beginning of our journey and take in the contours of Jerusalem's Old City walls
- Evening: **Welcome dinner at Joy Restaurant** in the Mamilla Complex, joined by Jerusalem Municipality representatives

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Dinner

Wednesday | November 12, 2025

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning – **Jerusalem area school visits** (TBD)
- Break for lunch on your own at Beit HaKerem
- Discover gems of Jewish thought at the newly opened **National Library of Israel**
- Explore crosscurrents of contemporary Israeli society through the lens at Jerusalem's **Maale Film School**
- Evening: Share a **home hospitality dinner** with Jerusalem student families

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Thursday | November 13, 2025

- Morning – **Jerusalem area school visits** (TBD)
- Break for lunch on your own along the way
- Discover the hidden world of Jerusalem's Hareidi (ultra-orthodox) culture on a **walking tour of Meah Shearim**
- **Volunteer at the Tachlit Center** in support of Israeli food security
- Evening: Market fresh **cooking class and dinner at Mahane Yehuda** open-air market

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Friday | November 14, 2025

- Morning – Travel to the Western Negev communities along the Gaza perimeter
- Meet with a member at **Moshav Netiv HaAsara** – a community of peace activists that was besieged on October 7th
- Continue to Sderot – **View the Gaza frontier**, learn about the unique resilience of this diverse border city, and break for lunch on your own
- Bear witness at the **Nova Festival memorial site**
- Return to Jerusalem and prepare for Shabbat [starts at 6:20pm]
- Option to enter the Old City for a brief **pre-Shabbat experience at the Kotel**
- Shabbat dinner as a group is included at our accommodations, followed by a **political briefing with Professor Benjamin Ish-Shalom**

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Saturday | November 15, 2025

- Breakfast at hotel
- Option #1 – Day trip to Masada and the Dead Sea, including lunch
- Option #2 – Free day to explore Jerusalem on your own – lunch included at hotel
Travelers remaining in Jerusalem have the option to attend services at a local Progressive or Modern Orthodox synagogue within walking distance of the hotel, with a JCC staff member accompanying travelers who choose to attend, returning back to the hotel in time for lunch
- **Havdallah experience** – celebrate the start of a new week [ends 7:34pm]
- Evening: **Cultural event in Jerusalem** (TBD), joined by our Israeli students

OVERNIGHT: Herbert Samuel Hotel, Jerusalem

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Sunday | November 16, 2025

A visit to our partner school in Givatayim may be added to this day

- Spend the first half of the day touring the **Old City of Jerusalem**
- Explore the stories of the **Old Yishuv**, the communities that called Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter home centuries before the advent of Zionism
- Break for shopping and personal exploration (lunch on own along the way)
- Reflections at the Western Wall and tour the **Southern Wall excavations**
- Afternoon: Tour **Jerusalem's City Hall** and enjoy a **reception with the mayor**
- Depart Jerusalem and head north along the coast – check in and dinner at our accommodations

OVERNIGHT: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Monday | November 17, 2025

- Morning: **Walking tour of Zichron Yaakov** – Learn about this picturesque town's role in the 19th Century Aliyah Movement (including Aliyah Museum) and learn about the role of the Rothschild Family in modern Zionism at **Ramat HaNadiv Park**
- Travel to Beit Shean in the Jordan Valley – break for lunch on your own in the town
- Meet with **partner schools & students in Beit Shean**
- Tour of the vast Roman-era **Beit Shean archeological complex**
- Evening: Share a **home hospitality dinner** with Beit Shean student families

OVERNIGHT: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Tuesday | November 18, 2025

- Travel to Haifa for a guided tour of the **Bahai Temple & Gardens** and a meeting with the Imam of the **Ahemdiyya Mosque**
- Break for lunch and a **cross-cultural encounter in the Druze village of Julis**
- Afternoon: Explore the geopolitics of the Galilee, traveling near the northern border with the **Alma Research Center**

- Return to Zichron Yaakov – free evening and dinner on your own

OVERNIGHT: Elma Arts Hotel, Zichron Yaakov

Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch

Wednesday | November 19, 2025

- Check out of our hotel and travel to Tel Aviv
- Visit Kibbutz Sdot Yam to learn about the life and story of **Hannah Szenes**, who called this community her home before returning to Europe to fight the Nazis
- Continue on to Tel Aviv for a visit to **ANU – The Museum of the Jewish People**
- Afternoon – **Volunteer project at the Jaffa Institute**
- Closing dinner at **Goshen Restaurant** in Tel Aviv
- Evening: Return to Ben Gurion Airport – the staff-chaperoned flight – EL AL #1 – departs Tel Aviv at 1:00am

Meals Included: Breakfast & Dinner

Thursday | November 20, 2025

The community flight arrives back to JFK Airport at 5:50am