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Program dated: December 7, 2016

HONEYMOON ISRAEL NEW YORK GROUP (4)

TRIP TO ISRAEL

January 12-22, 2017

Day One: Thursday, January 12, 2017

DEPARTURE

- Depart NY for Israel on EL AL flight #002.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, January 13, 2017

ARRIVAL

- 12:25 p.m. Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport**.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet your tour educator at the airport and depart for **Jerusalem**.
- Stop at **Mount Scopus** for an overlook of the Old and New City of Jerusalem and to recite the traditional “**shehechyanu**” blessing.
- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Machaneh Yehuda** open-air market, with lunch on your own.
- Check into the hotel.
- 4:20 p.m. **Shabbat candle lighting**.
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** services, overlooking the Old City.
- 6:30 p.m. Private **Shabbat dinner** together with the Honeymoon Israel group from Los Angeles.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Three: Saturday, January 14, 2017

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. *The Jewish Family- Thoughts and Reflections on its Identity*: Dialogue with **Avraham Infeld**, a leading Jewish educator, President Emeritus of **Hillel** International and head of the Honeymoon Israel education board.
- 11:00 a.m. Depart the hotel on foot for the **Old City**.
- Visit the **Christian Quarter**, including the Via Dolorosa, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and other Christian sites, including lunch on own.
- 6:00 p.m. **Honeymoon Israel Conversation**.
- 7:00 p.m. *Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah* overlooking the Old City
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Four: Sunday, January 15, 2017

HISTORY AND SPIRITUALITY IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. **Israel 101** - *All the Questions You Wanted to Ask about Israel*, Israel orientation by tour educator, at the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- Take a walking tour in the **Jewish Quarter** to visit archaeological treasures and other highlights, among them:
 - The **Cardo**, the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century.
 - King Hezekiah's First Temple-period "**Broad Wall**".
 - **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
- Lunch on own account in the **Jewish Quarter**.
- Visit the **Kotel** (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this holy site.
- *Giving Back with **Pantry Packers***: Participate in **Tikkun Olam** by packing commodity food staples for Israel's poorest families; after a brief orientation session, don gloves, aprons and caps in order to fill bags of rice, beans and other commodities.
- Return to the hotel.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem



Day Five: Monday, January 16, 2017

MEMORY & RENEWAL

- Private breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University.
- Visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The **Avenue of the Righteous**
 - The **Historical Museum**
 - The **Children's Memorial**
- Visit the **National Military Cemetery** on **Mt. Herzl** to recall landmark events in modern Israeli history in which these soldiers gave their lives. Visit the graves of Theodor Herzl, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres in the adjacent section for **Leaders of the Nation**.
- Lunch on own.
- Remainder of the day at leisure; dinner on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Six: Tuesday, January 17, 2017

INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- 6:00 a.m. Early breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- 7:00 a.m. Descend to the **Dead Sea basin**.
- Climb **Masada** via the Snake Path to visit Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Descend the mountain on foot.
- Lunch boxes.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Drive north along the **Jordan Valley** towards the Sea of Galilee and view on the way, the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Check into the hotel overlooking the Kinneret.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Moshav Ramot, Sea of Galilee

Day Seven: Wednesday, January 18, 2017

SPIRITUALITY AND SECURITY IN THE NORTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Walk through the **Tel Dan Nature Reserve**, located on the largest tributary of the Jordan River, and explore the ruins of the great Biblical city of Dan.
- Explore **Tsfat**, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
 - Guided visits to the **Ari, Caro or Abuhav Synagogues** with their great stories and mystical messages.
 - Dialogue with **David Friedman**, a Tsfat artist inspired by Kabbalah.
 - Strolling the quaint **Artists' Colony** and shop in the galleries and crafts shops.
- Lunch on own.
- **Jeep** tour on the **Golan** for an understanding of the insights into Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights**, and the enormous challenges it faced in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- Return to the hotel with time to freshen up.
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner Party** with live music and lots of Israeli wine at **Moshav Yesud HaMa'ala** together with fellow Honeymoon Israel groups.

Overnight: Moshav Ramot, Sea of Galilee

Day Eight: Thursday, January 19, 2017

MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:00 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Visit **Sindyanna of Galilee**, a unique non-profit organization led by a team of Arab and Jewish women working to create social change from the ground up.
- Lunch on own account, en route.
- Guided visit to **Caesarea**, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities in the Roman Period. Visit the Herodian theater and the excavations along the Mediterranean shore, concluding with a visit to the ruined 900-year-old Crusader town.
- **Honeymoon Israel Conversation.**
- Drive south along the coast to **Tel Aviv** and check into the hotel.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv



Day Nine: Friday, January 20, 2017

TEL AVIV: THE FIRST HEBREW CITY

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. Split into small groups for a chance to explore Tel Aviv from different angles (*based on pre-registration*):
 - **Option 1** – *Urban Culture Tours of Tel Aviv, Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti*: Enjoy a graffiti tour at the streets of Tel Aviv.
 - **Option 2** – **LaDa'at Ethnic Tasting Tour** through Tel Aviv's famous **Levinsky Market**, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them.
 - **Option 3** – **Coexistence in Jaffa**: Visit **Jaffa**, for an understanding of the coexistence of the different communities living in Jaffa.
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin St., with its hip cafés and funky chic shopping; lunch on own.
- Return to the hotel with time to freshen up or to crash the waves of the Mediterranean Sea.
- Meet in the hotel lobby for **Shabbat candle lighting**, followed by Kabbalat Shabbat by the beach.
- **Private Shabbat dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Ten: Saturday, January 21, 2017

SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:30 a.m. Visit the **Jaffa Overlook** for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began.
- Walking tour through colorful **Neve Zedek**, one of Tel Aviv's earliest neighborhoods. Today it is a cultural mecca, with many small boutiques and galleries, and the Suzanne Delal Dance and Theater Center.
- Lunch on own.
- 4:00 p.m. Return to the hotel.
- 5:00 p.m. **Honeymoon Israel Conversation** and wrap-up.
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol*: **Havdallah** on the beach
- 7:00 p.m. Late check-out from the hotel.
- 7:30 p.m. **Farewell dinner** at **Goshen**, an upscale grill restaurant located on the historic Nachalat Binyamin Street.
- Transfer to Ben Gurion International Airport.

Overnight: Flight

Day Eleven: Sunday, January 22, 2017

RETURN

- 12:45 a.m. Depart on EL AL flight #001 to NY, arriving the same day.



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HONEYMOON ISRAEL BOSTON GROUP TRIP TO ISRAEL March 2-12, 2017

Day One: Thursday, March 2, 2017

DEPARTURE

- 8:15 p.m. Depart Boston on EL AL flight #016.

Overnight: Flight

Day Two: Friday, March 3, 2017

ARRIVAL

- 2:00 p.m. Arrive at **Ben Gurion International Airport**.
- Welcome by our representative and assistance with arrival formalities.
- Meet, **Yishai Shavit**, your tour educator at the airport and depart for **Tel Aviv**.
- Enter the city of **Tel Aviv**, known as the “city that never sleeps,” with its centers of culture, recreation and national history, great beaches and fine stores.
- Check into the hotel.
- **Shabbat candle lighting**,
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** services, overlooking the Old City.
- Private **Shabbat dinner** together with the Honeymoon Israel group from Denver.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Three: Saturday, March 4, 2017

SHABBAT IN JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 9:30 a.m. *The Jewish Family- Thoughts and Reflections on its Identity*: Dialogue with **Avraham Infeld**, a leading Jewish educator, President Emeritus of **Hillel** International and head of the Honeymoon Israel education board.
- Depart the hotel.
- Shabbat guided walk through the streets of Jerusalem, together with Jerusalemites enjoying their Shabbat.
- Group lunch
- Visit the renewed and wonderfully creative **Israel Museum**, with its wide-ranging and eclectic collection, from Archaeology and the Dead Sea Scrolls, to Jewish Life and Art, European art, contemporary Israeli art and the open-air model of Jerusalem in the Second Temple period.
- Return to the hotel.
- **Honeymoon Israel Conversation.**
- *Ben Kodesh Lechol: Havdallah* overlooking the Old City
- Engage in a dynamic experience at the **Kol Ha'Ot Art Gallery**. Through the magical power of the arts and the special atmosphere of the location, grapple with Jewish texts in a transformative, interactive program that will leave you with a long-lasting family memory.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Four: Sunday, March 5, 2017

THE LAYERS OF JERUSALEM

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 8:30 a.m. **Israel 101** - *All the Questions You Wanted to Ask about Israel*, Israel orientation by tour educator, at the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Depart the hotel.
- *One Mountain, Three Religions: Mt. Zion and the Religious Challenge*: Visit the traditional **burial site of King David**, a 1948-67 Temple Mount observation point, the Dormition Abbey, a mosque and the **Room of the Last Supper**.
- Take a walking tour through the **Jewish Quarter** to visit archaeological treasures and other highlights, among them:
 - Walk along the **Ramparts** of the Old City.
 - The **Cardo**, the main street of Jerusalem in the 6th century.
 - King Hezekiah's First Temple-period "**Broad Wall**".
 - **Hurva Square**, the central square of the Jewish Quarter.
- Lunch on own account in the **Jewish Quarter**.
- Visit the **Kotel** (Western Wall) and experience the special atmosphere of this holy site.
- Evening at leisure and dinner on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Five: Monday, March 6, 2017

MEMORY & RENEWAL

- 7:00 a.m. Private breakfast at the hotel.
- *The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics*: Dialogue with **Prof. Reuven Hazan** of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University, at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- Visit the **Yad BeYad (Hand in Hand) Bilingual School**, dedicated to bringing together Jewish and Arab children in a positive and natural learning environment.
- Visit the **Yad Vashem** complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust, including:
 - The **Avenue of the Righteous**
 - The **Historical Museum**
 - The **Children's Memorial**
- **Honeymoon Israel conversation.**
- Experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Jerusalem while walking through the **Machaneh Yehuda** open-air market, with lunch on own account.
- Free evening & Dinner on own.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Day Six: Tuesday, March 7, 2017

INTO THE DESERT, MASADA AND THE DEAD SEA

- 6:00 a.m. Early breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out of the hotel.
- 7:00 a.m. Descend to the **Dead Sea basin.**
- Climb **Masada** via the Snake Path to visit Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish Zealots' last stand against the Roman legionnaires. Discuss Masada's role as a symbol of Jewish defence and its current significance in modern Israel.
- Descend the mountain on foot.
- Lunch boxes.
- Experience the weightlessness of the **Dead Sea** as you float in its waters.
- Drive north along the **Jordan Valley** towards the Sea of Galilee and view on the way, the 'Security Barrier' along the seam zone between Israel and the Palestinian Territories.
- Check into the hotel overlooking the Kinneret.
- **Dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Moshav Ramot, Sea of Galilee

Day Seven: Wednesday, March 8, 2017

SPIRITUALITY AND SECURITY IN THE NORTH

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel.
- Overlook the panoramic views from **Mt. Bental** (overlooking the abandoned Syrian town of Kuneitra) give sharp insights into Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights**, and the enormous challenges it faced in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- 10:30 a.m. **Jeep** tour on the **Golan** for an understanding of the insights into Israel's security situation on the **Golan Heights**, and the enormous challenges it faced in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- Lunch on own.
- Explore **Tsfat**, a center of Jewish mysticism for hundreds of years and a contemporary artists' colony, including:
 - Guided visits to the **Ari, Caro** or **Abuhav Synagogues** with their great stories and mystical messages.
 - Meet with artist, **Sheva Chaya** in her studio, for an interactive window into the world of Kabbalah, glass blowing and questions of identity and Judaism.
 - Strolling the quaint **Artists' Colony** and shop in the galleries and crafts shops.
- Return to the hotel with time to freshen up.
- 7:30 p.m. **Dinner Party** with live music and lots of Israeli wine at **Moshav Yesud HaMa'ala** together with fellow Honeymoon Israel groups.

Overnight: Moshav Ramot, Sea of Galilee

Day Eight: Thursday, March 9, 2017

MOSAIC OF ISRAEL

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:00 a.m. Check out of the hotel.
- Special guided tour of **Shfaram**, an Arab village, including meetings with residents, walking through the ancient synagogue, the local church, the mosque and ending with a Knafe workshop.
- Lunch on own account, en route.
- Guided visit to **Caesarea**, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities in the Roman Period. Visit the Herodian theater and the excavations along the Mediterranean shore, concluding with a visit to the ruined 900-year-old Crusader town.
- **Honeymoon Israel Conversation.**
- Drive south along the coast to **Tel Aviv** and check into the hotel.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure in Tel Aviv.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Nine: Friday, March 10, 2017

LEIASURE IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Split into small groups for a chance to explore Tel Aviv from different angles (*based on pre-registration*):
 - **Option 1** – *Urban Culture Tours of Tel Aviv, Combining Street Art, Language & Graffiti*: Enjoy a **graffiti tour** at the streets of Tel Aviv.
 - **Option 2** – **LaDa'at Ethnic Tasting Tour** through Tel Aviv's famous **Levinsky Market**, where you'll find a combination of foods and sweets from all over the Mediterranean and hear the unique stories of the individuals who sell them.
 - **Option 3** – Take part in an **archaeological dig** at the **Beit Guvrin Caves** and prepare to get your hands dirty as you uncover pottery from the Hellenistic period, 2,300 years ago, followed by a crawl through the Maresha Cave Labyrinth (crawling is optional). *Beit Guvrin-Maresha National Park was recently recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.*
- Visit the **Nachalat Binyamin** pedestrian mall, with its bi-weekly crafts fair and eateries. Alongside is the colorful Carmel open-air market and across the way Sheinkin St., with its hip cafés and funky chic shopping; lunch on own.
- Return to the hotel with time to relax or crash the waves of the Mediterranean Sea.
- 5:25 p.m. Meet in the hotel lobby for **Shabbat candle lighting**, followed by **Kabbalat Shabbat** on the beach or at the hotel.
- 6:30 p.m. **Private Shabbat dinner** at the hotel.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Ten: Saturday, March 11, 2017

SHABBAT IN TEL AVIV

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Depart the hotel for a walking tour to **Jaffa** including a visit to the **Old City of Jaffa**, ascend from the old port through the renovated alleyways to the Jaffa Overlook for an introduction to Tel Aviv at the place where it all began take time for reflection and study using Jewish texts.
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Walk through colourful **Neve Zedek**, one of Tel Aviv's earliest neighbourhoods. Today it is a cultural mecca, with many small boutiques and galleries, and the Suzanne Delal Dance and Theater Center incorporating poetry and prose to help understand some of the visions and challenges of Tel Aviv's first settlers.
- Return to the hotel.
- 5:30 p.m. **Honeymoon Israel Conversation** and wrap-up.
- 6:30 p.m. *Ben Kodesh Lechol*: **Havdallah** on the beach
- **Farewell dinner** at **Goshen**, an upscale grill restaurant located on the historic Nachalat Binyamin Street.

Overnight: Carlton, Tel Aviv

Day Eleven: Sunday, March 12, 2017

RETURN

- 12:05 a.m. Depart on EL AL flight #015 to Boston, arriving on the same day.

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