

Beth Tzedec Congregation Solidarity and Service Trip to Israel with Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin

LAND DATES: **March 27 to 31, 2024**



Itinerary as of February 4, 2024 (subject to change)

NOTES:

- The cost per participant is around \$1950 USD plus airfare, tips, and some meals. Single room and triple room requests are available. Flights will need to be booked separately by each participant. We are pleased to connect you with our travel agents at Peerless Travel to help you arrange your flights. Please book soon, as seating to Israel is selling fast.
- Daily breakfasts plus four meals including Friday dinner and Shabbat lunch at the hotel are included.
- We advise bringing the following items: comfortable walking shoes and clothes, including layers in case of rain/colder weather and an umbrella.



Wednesday, March 27, 2024: To Share Chizuk and Receive Chizuk

- 11 am morning arrival - **Welcome to Israel ! ברוכים הבאים**
- Meet your **Ramah Staff** at Ben Gurion Airport
- Travel to **Tel Aviv**
- Orientation and daily learning session
- Lunch on own at local restaurants at **Levinsky Market**
- Volunteer **preparing meals for injured soldiers and evacuees** at Citrus and Salt at the Shuk - give back to those who are in need
- Go to **Kikar Hahatufim** - "**Hostages Square.**" The public square outside Habima Theater has become a gathering place for the families of hostages and hundreds of daily visitors who come to show their support. We will have the opportunity to speak with families and observe the various art installations, including the [Empty Long Shabbat Table](#). Daven mincha together at this extremely meaningful site
- Travel to **Jerusalem**
- Opening Ceremony at **Mount Scopus OR the Tayelet**
- Check into the hotel
- Dinner on own at local restaurants
- **Orientation and Introduction session**



Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem

Thursday, March 28, 2024: The Darkest Day in Israel's History

- Travel south
- Visit **Ofakim**, one of the towns that was attacked on Oct 7th; see the trail that has become known as the **Heroes Trail**, where terrorists ran free and wreaked havoc, and learn the inspiring stories of the residents.
- **Volunteer in the community**, helping restore normality and order - exact work TBD
- Lunch on own
- Visit the site of the infamous **Supernova music festival**, next to Kibbutz Re'em and see the powerful memorial that has been set up there. Daily learning session and mincha there
- **Tour of one of the Kibbutzim** in the Gaza envelope, and see for yourself the atrocities, still raw and achingly vivid, that were inflicted on us.
- Facilitate a BBQ dinner for soldiers in a base in the area - exact details TBD. Give out letters you will bring from home that inspires in unimaginable ways.
- Late return to Jerusalem



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Friday, March 29, 2024: To Till and to Tend

- Travel to a **local farm to volunteer helping in the fields**. The agricultural sector has been hit hard by the war and the entire country has been volunteering to help save this season's crops. We will spend the morning working, and participants should prepare for a physically demanding few hours of manual labor.
- Return to Jerusalem
- Lunch on own **in the Shuk** and buying food treats for the displaced people and their families in the hotel
- Prepare for Shabbat - 6:17pm Candle Lighting
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** as a group in the Old City - **Azarat Yisrael** - with a visit to the Kotel plaza and October 7 memorial there.
- Dinner at the hotel
- Special **Oneg Shabbat with refugee families** who are staying at the Dan Panorama hotel, and daily learning session together



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Saturday, March 30, 2024: Shabbat Mishpacha

- **Optional Tefillah** as a group at the hotel OR at local Synagogues
- Learning session with scholar in residence
- Lunch at the hotel with lone soldiers or displaced people
- **Optional Walking tour of the area**
- Afternoon program with scholar in residence - TBD
- 7:34pm Havdalah together in the hotel
- Free evening and Dinner on own



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Sunday, March 31, 2024: To Share Chizuk and Receive Chizuk

- **Volunteer** with **ThankIsraeliSoldiers** making packages and writing letters to soldiers at the museum of tolerance. All goods that were brought to be donated will be dropped off here and incorporated in the packages.
- Visit **Mount Herzl National Cemetery** and pay respects to the fallen heroes. See how the military graveyard has changed over the last few horrific months. Daily Learning Session.
- Lunch at the **WZO headquarters** and meet with **Yizhar Hess**, the Vice chairman of WZO - hear his thoughts on the events of the past few months and what can be done moving forward.
- Volunteer with **Yad Sarah** sterilizing medical equipment
- Speaker: **Jacqui and Yaron Vital** whose daughter Adi was killed on October 7, and hear about her as well as **Yaron's remarkable story** of surviving the attacks at Kibbutz Holit
- **Final Dinner together** at a local restaurant
- Travel to the airport - Late night **DEPARTURE**



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