



Beth Tzedec Israel Experience with Ramah Israel

February 26 to March 5, 2025



As of October 28, 2024 (Subject to Change)

NOTES:

- *Daily breakfasts plus five 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*

Tuesday, February 25, 2025: Welcome - ברוכים הבאים

- Arrival - **Welcome to Israel !**
 - Travel on own to **Jerusalem**
 - Check into the hotel
 - **Orientation** at hotel with your Ramah guide
 - Free evening with dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**



Wednesday, February 26: The Darkest Day in Memory

- Optional Shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Travel south.** The route we drive will take us past Sderot and onto **Road 232**, passing the kibbutzim we all know so well now that suffered so much on that fateful day and the "miguniot"—small shelters that tell a powerful story.
- Visit the site of the infamous **Nova Music Festival**, next to Kibbutz Re'im and see the powerful memorial that has been set up there by the people for the people.
- Stop at the "**car graveyard**" outside Moshav Tekuma, where approximately 1,600 damaged and/or destroyed vehicles from that horrific day have been collected in an powerful memorial.
- Lunch will be a **home-cooked meal** with a family in nearby **Netivot**, and then we will meet a resident and hear the story of life there both before, during and after October 7
- Optional Mincha before return to Jerusalem
- Free evening and dinner on own
- **Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**



Thursday, February 27: Supporting our Soldiers

- Optional Shacharit at hotel
 - Breakfast at the hotel
 - Volunteer **for IDF soldiers**—place and activity TBD—giving back to those who give us so much!
 - Bring donation items to **Thank Israeli Soldiers** and learn about the work they do
 - Lunch on own in Talpiot
 - Optional Mincha
 - **Bake challah for soldiers and their families** with Chef Nisimi
 - Speaker: Meet with IDF Arab spokesperson or a Non-Jewish IDF soldier
 - Free evening and Dinner on own in Jerusalem
- Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem**

Friday, February 28: Remembrance - יזכור

- Optional Shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Visit Yad Vashem.** Tour **Yad Vashem** OR visit **the Valley of the Communities** OR meet with a **researcher**
- Lunch on own and shopping at **Machane Yehuda Market**
- Optional Mincha
- Prepare for Shabbat
- *Candle Lighting: 4:41 PM*
- **Kabbalat Shabbat** as a group in the Old City, by Azrat Yisrael
- Dinner at the hotel, Oneg Shabbat together

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Saturday, March 1: Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Optional Tefillah** at choice of local synagogues
- Lunch at the hotel
- Walking tour on sites in the **Old City**
- **Optional Ma'ariv**
- *Havdalah: 5:43 PM*
- Free evening and dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Sunday, March 2: Tel Aviv: The First Hebrew City

- Optional Shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Travel to spend the day in **Tel Aviv**
- Tour the renewed **ANU Museum**—formerly the Diaspora Museum—and see the remarkable exhibit. The Museum represents all parts of the Jewish people and highlights the creative works and cultural riches of a variety of communities in different periods of history. This story is about all of us and each and every one of us is part of it, ending with the vivid exhibition on the events of the past year.
- Speaker: **Rachel Korazin** (TBC)
- Lunch on own at Sarona Market, followed by optional Mincha
- Visit the Hostages and Missing Families Forum HQ
- Go to Hostages Square.
- Optional Mincha with Masorti Movement
- Return to Jerusalem
- Free evening and dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Monday, March 3: Looking to the Future

- Optional Shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Meet with a politician
- Lunch on own and optional Mincha
- Tour the new National Library of Israel
- A presentation with a guest speaker who is an Arab citizen
- Free evening and dinner on own

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Tuesday, November 4

- Optional Shacharit at hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit **Mount Herzl National Cemetery**, see how the military section has grown in the past year since the war began and pay respects to the fallen heroes in uniform
- Volunteer with **Tachlit**, sorting and packing food donation packages
- Lunch on own and free time on Ben Yehuda Street
- Meet with **Yizhar Hess**, Vice-Chairman of the World Zionist Organization
- **Summary and Processing Session:** What do we take back with us from this trip and what can we do to help when we get home?
- **Final dinner together**

Overnight: Dan Panorama Hotel, Jerusalem



Wednesday, March 5: Farewell - להתראות

- Optional Shacharit at the hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out
- Travel to the airport
- DEPARTURE

Overnight: On Flight



Lehitraot!

Suggested Packing List:

- Comfortable everyday clothing/underwear for the duration of the trip, including shirts (short and/or long) and long pants/dresses
- Warm clothing for winter weather - sweatshirts/sweaters, rainproof coat, umbrella, scarf/hat/gloves
- Clothing for Shabbat
- Small comfortable backpack for day trips
- Closed-toe water-proof walking shoes/sneakers with support (something that you will be comfortable wearing all day every day and will keep your feet dry)
- Pajamas/sleepwear
- An extra pair of glasses or contact lenses if you wear them
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, tissues, deodorant, personal items)
- Medicines (Rx, over-the-counter: anti-diarrhea, Tylenol, cold medicine, band aids, basic first aid kit)
- Hand sanitizer and/or towelette packages
- Siddur, kippah, tallit and tefillin as needed
- Phone/camera + charger + portable battery pack
- Reusable water bottle
- NOTE: Please refrain from bringing any valuables, jewelry, sentimental items etc. Neither Ramah Israel, nor the hotel, will take responsibility for any lost or stolen items.