

# Aish Detroit VIP Israel Trip - Draft

## Monday, October 28, 2019

Arrive in Israel

Transfer to Hotel

Welcome Dinner in Restaurant

Overnight: Hilton, Tel Aviv

## Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Breakfast Opens

Check out and Depart Hotel

**Independence Hall**

*In this house on the 14th of May 1948, the 5th of Iyar David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Zionist Movement, proclaimed the establishment of Israel, the Jewish state. This dramatic, historic moment took place in what is now known as Independence Hall. Today, it is a small museum where visitors can view exhibits, hear original recordings and watch a film, an experience that conveys the story of Israel's Declaration of Independence.*

**Tour of Nachlat Binyamin**

**Free Time for Lunch**

**Carmel Market**

*The Carmel Market is a vibrant marketplace in Tel Aviv where traders sell everything from clothing to spices, and fruit to electronics. The hustle and bustle, noise, colors, and smells, as well as its reputation as the largest authentic Middle-Eastern style shuk in Tel Aviv, all combine to make the Carmel Market a favorite place for everyone.*

**Meet Miriam Kosman / Rabbi Lau**

*Miriam Kosman is an international lecturer for Nefesh Yehudi, a program that offers classes on Jewish thought and philosophy to Israeli university students. In that capacity she teaches a few hundred students a week. She also runs a year-long course on Jewish thought that has been attended by hundreds of women. She lives in Bnei Brak, Israel, with her family.*



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**Transfer to Jerusalem**

**Check into Hotel**

**Dinner at Mamilla restaurant**

**Overnight: Waldorf Hotel, Jerusalem**

*Contemporary style in the heart of the ancient city. Experience outstanding service, luxurious rooms, and an outdoor courtyard, all just steps from the charming Old City.*

## Wednesday, October 30, 2019

**Breakfast Opens**

**Depart Hotel for Walking Tour of the Old City**

*Walk in the footsteps of our ancestors through the ancient holy city surrounded by almost 4000 years of history. Visit the Cardo, Herodian Street, the rebuilt Hurva Synagogue and hear about the excavations for remnants from the Second Temple Period.*

**Arrive at Aish Hatorah Building**

**Meet CEO / Executive Director of Aish HaTorah**

**Tour the Building**

*Aish Hatorah is one of the largest and most dynamic Jewish organizations in the world. Headquartered in a state of the art facility directly opposite the Western Wall, it is the epicenter of Torah learning for Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations. The Aish World Center educates more than 50,000 visitors each year, and its Jerusalem's programs bring cutting-edge Jewish educational programming to every corner of the Jewish world.*

**Prayer Class with Nili Couzens**

*Nili Couzens is a JWRP Trip Leader and a popular Jewish Educator. She is a sought-after motivational speaker and has spoken on tours across the globe. Nili has been involved in women's Jewish education and community leadership for over 20 years. Her down-to-earth, relaxed nature, practical Torah wisdom and sense of humor combine to make her relatable, inspiring and entertaining.*



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## Hall of Notes

*Take a few quiet minutes to reflect, and write your prayers and wishes to be placed in the Kotel stones.*

## Visit the Kotel

*At this last remnant of the Holy Temple, the holiest site on Earth, your heart will see more than your eyes, as you feel the prayers of thousands of years and millions of Jews. The Western Wall is known as a place where the Divine Presence never leaves.*

## Virtual Reality Tour

*Tour the Second Temple using advanced virtual-reality technology. This 360-degree perspective lets you see the beauty of the Temple that was destroyed approximately 2,000 years ago. It will take you back thousands of years in time and land you in the most important place for the Jewish nation: The Temple.*

## Lunch at Jerusalem U

## Free Time for shopping in the Old City

## Depart for shuk

## Tasting Tour of the Machne Yehuda Shuk

*Taste a sampling of what the shuk has to offer as you walk through this bustling marketplace and neighborhood. Machane Yehuda incorporates food, shopping, and restaurants while it still retains its most important characteristics: it remains authentic, with all the flavors and aromas, the colors and the traders' interaction with the crowds.*

## Overnight: Waldorf Hotel, Jerusalem

## Thursday, October 31, 2019

## Breakfast Opens



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## **Class**

*Rabbi Gavriel Friedman has spent the last decade teaching in various Yeshivot throughout Jerusalem and is currently teaching at Aish HaTorah Jerusalem, where his lectures highlight the entire gamut of Aish programs. He has also lectured in dozens of cities around the globe. His charisma captivates audiences of all ages and inspires men and women across the Jewish spectrum.*

## **Depart for Knesset**

### **Tour of the Knesset and Meet Knesset Member**

*Visit the place where laws are debated, resolutions are decided, and democracy is put into practice.*

## **Depart to Gush Etzion**

*Journey through the biblical heartland of historic Israel. Gush Etzion is a group of settlements south of Jerusalem, featured prominently in news reports about the peace process. Rich in pre-state history, it was the corridor into Jerusalem that held off the invading Arab armies during Israel's War of Independence.*

*Mr. Steve Gar, Counter Terrorism Expert*

## **Sound and Light Show**

*Watch a gripping sound-and-light show about the story of the establishment of Gush Etzion, from its early beginnings to the fall of the Gush during the War of Independence and its rebirth.*

## **Tentative: Meet and Hear from Racheli Frankel in Makor Chaim Yeshiva**

*Be inspired by Speaker, Activist and Mother of Holy Terror Victim.*

## **Enjoy the Music and Dancing of the Yeshiva Students**

## **Visit Pina Chama**

*A refreshment center for soldiers in the area stationed at the Gush Etzion Junction leading to Chevron. It was set up in 2001 in memory of two locals who were murdered by terrorists on the road. You too can gladden the soldiers' day by helping serve coffee and treats.*

## **Challah Bake**





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## Dinner at the Gush Etzion Winery

*The Gush Etzion Dairy and Fish restaurant is located in the heart of the winery. The restaurant offers a unique and memorable visit with a rich and diverse menu that also offers a large variety of wines to accompany your meal. This opportunity is sure to enhance your dining experience.*

## Return to Jerusalem

**Overnight: Waldorf Hotel, Jerusalem**

## Friday, November 1, 2019

### Breakfast Opens

#### Why the Jews?

*The shocking explanation for the world's longest hatred.*

*Rabbi Spiro is a Senior Lecturer and Researcher for Aish HaTorah's Discovery Seminars and the Jerusalem Online University and a licensed tour guide from the Israel Ministry of Tourism. His quick-paced, humorous style catches and keeps an audience's interest; his ability to explain deep concepts clearly makes an impact that lasts long after the presentation.*

#### Depart to Yad Vashem

*Yad Vashem is the Official Israeli Memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Visit the museum and see the history of the European Communities destroyed by the Nazis, then learn of the Rebuilding of the Jewish Nation after the horrors of World War II.*

#### Tour of Yad Vashem

#### Free Time for Lunch and to prepare for Shabbat

#### Depart by bus to the Old City for Shabbat

#### Candle lighting at Pamela Claymens

*Abba and Pamela Claman run the non-profit Thank Israeli Soldiers out of their home in the Old City of Jerusalem.*

#### Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel

*Combine the holiness of space and time for a magical Kabbalat Shabbat at the Western Wall. Witness throngs of Jews from around the world joining at the epicenter to welcome the Shabbat Queen in joyous song and dance.*



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## Shabbat Dinner at Aish

### Smiling

*Mrs Debbie Hirsch is the Director of Laugh Over Life Workshops. Supercharge your group's confidence and spontaneity through fun, interactive drama games.*

*Debbie Hirsch*

## Walk back to the Hotel

**Overnight: Waldorf Hotel, Jerusalem**

## Saturday, November 2, 2019

### Breakfast Opens

### Optional visit to the Great Synagogue

### Torah Class / Sharing

### Depart for Shabbat Lunch Home Hospitality

### Shabbat Rest

### Walking Tour of Yemin Moshe and Mishkenot Sha'ananim

*Nachlaot is a cluster of neighborhoods in Central Jerusalem known for their narrow, winding lanes, old-style housing, hidden courtyards, and many small synagogues. Walk through and learn the ancient and modern history of this historic Neighborhood; its stories, inhabitants, and relevance to your life.*

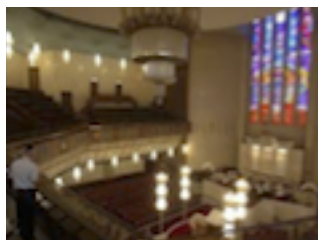
### Depart Hotel for Tower of David

### New King David Sound and Light Show

*The walls of the Tower of David serve as a stage for a night-time show which is a celebration of sight and sound. Amidst archeological remains in the Citadel's courtyard, and to the sound of original music, the story of Jerusalem unfolds through giant, breathtaking, virtual reality images.*

### Free Time for Dinner and Shopping

**Overnight: Waldorf Hotel, Jerusalem**



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## Sunday, November 3, 2019

### Breakfast Opens

### Check Out of Hotel

### Depart for the North

*Tzfat, perched on a mountaintop in the Upper Galilee is known as the mystical city of Israel and was home to many famous kabbalists and scholars. It still retains those mystical and magical qualities, and it is now home to many artists and artisans.*

### Tour of Ancient Tzfat Synagogues

### Free Time for Lunch and Shopping

### Meet Tzfat Artist Avraham Lowenthal

*Prayer, Jewish Mysticism, and contemporary art are combined in the unique work of this artist. Since his immigration to Israel, Avraham Lowenthal has been living in the Old City Artist Quarter of Tsfat, where he divides his time painting and studying Kabbala.*

### Mikvah Tour

### Depart for Winery

### Dinner at the Adir Winery

*Tour the winery that put Israel on the gourmet wine map. After the tour you can taste some of this famous wine and see what makes Israeli wine so delectable.*

**Overnight: The Setai Boutique Hotel, Sea of Galilee**

## Monday, November 4, 2019

### Breakfast Opens

### Time for Optional Spa Treatments

### Depart for the Golan



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## **Tour of the De Karina Chocolate Factory**

*Join an experiential tour of the De Karina chocolate factory. You will go on an exciting journey following the history of chocolate, learn about chocolate making, visit the production hall, watch chocolatiers hand-making the chocolates, and finish with a delicious tasting.*

## **Lunch en route**

## **Slingshot IDF Experience with Yaakov Selavan**

*Slingshot offers you an authentic inside view of the IDF, to understand the human and moral experience of an Israeli soldier's service in a unique and exciting way.*

## **Visit Tomb of Rachel wife of Rabbi Akiva**

## **Dinner at Decks Restaurant**

*Decks Restaurant is a magical place. It is famous in Israel and abroad for its tender meat dishes, and its organically grown vegetables, spices, and fresh fruits. Decks is situated on one of the Holy Land's most breathtaking sites, extending over the Sea of Galilee and surrounded by water on three sides.*

## **Boat Ride in the Kinneret**

*The Kinneret, the Sea of Galilee, is Israel's largest lake. Its tranquility makes it ideal for boat rides, and the view of the mountains around the city is majestic.*

## **Return to Hotel**

**Overnight: The Setai Boutique Hotel, Sea of Galilee**

## **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

### **Breakfast & Checkout**

### **Depart for Kibbutz**

### **Kibbutz Visit and meet with Ethiopian Women**

### **Lunch**

### **Tour of Shilo**

*Hear the stories of Chana - Have our prayers heard.*





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## Final Banquet at Psagot Winery

*The Psagot winery offers stunning views over a panoramic mountain range. Experience innovative multimedia displays and discover different aspects of life in the Binyamin region, as you learn about the area's rich winemaking tradition. Then savor a quiet moment to enjoy the richness of the wines and a gourmet dinner.*

## Depart for the Airport

## Delta Flight Departs

## Good Bye and L'Hitraot!



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Preliminary itinerary



Subject to change



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