



Israel Summer 2015

PROGRAM ITINERARY

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JMI Connect: Camp Wise and Camp Interlaken

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Teen Trip to Israel



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JMI Connect: Camp Wise and Camp Interlaken Teen Trip Israel

Camp Wise: July 12th – 30th, 2015

Camp Interlaken: July 9th – July 29th, 2015



Staff:

TBD – Tour Educator

TBD – Camp tour leader

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TBD – Israeli counselor

TBD – Israeli medic and security guard (optional)

Thursday, July 9: Departure (Camp Interlaken)

- Depart from Chicago Oh'are on flight LO004, leaving at 9:25pm and arriving in Warsaw at 1:25pm on Friday

Friday, July 10: Arrival in Poland (Camp Interlaken)

- Tour the Gensia Jewish Cemetery
- Boxed lunch
- Travel to Krakow
- Check in to hotel and prepare for Shabbat
- Kabbalat Shabbat
- Dinner at Krakow JCC
- Oneg Shabbat at hotel

Overnight: **Krakow Astoria Hotel**

Shabbat, July 11: Exploring Jewish life in Poland (Camp Interlaken)

- Breakfast at hotel and prepare sandwiches for walking tour
- Walking tour of Kazimierz (The Jewish Quarter) and visit the Galicia, Alt Shul, Temple and Isaac synagogues.
- Walking tour of the Ghetto
- Lunch
- Galicia museum tour
- Walking tour of old Krakow and the Wawel Castle or Visit the Plaszow labor camp made famous by the movie Schindler's List
- Meet with Righteous among the Nations (if possible)
- Staff led session; processing and preparing for Auschwitz
- Dinner at hotel
- Group Havdallah and evening program
- Evening out in old town square.

Overnight: **Krakow Astoria Hotel**

Sunday, July 12: **Never Again! (Camp Interlaken)**

- Early wake up and check out
- Walking tour and ceremony at the Birkenau Death Camp (Auschwitz II)
- Lunch
- Visit the Auschwitz museum
- Drive back to Warsaw
- Walking tour of the trail of Heroism starting at the Umschlagplatz
- Ceremony at Rappaport Square and final processing session
- Dinner at local restaurant
- Drive to airport
- Flight to Tel Aviv at 10:55pm on flight LO151

Overnight: **Over the Mediterranean (flight)**

Sunday, July 12: **Departure (Camp Wise)**

- Depart on flight UA1417, leaving Cleveland at 11:05 am and arriving in Newark at 12:45pm. Continue on flight UA84 at 4:40pm to Israel.

Overnight: **Over the Mediterranean (flight)**

Monday, July 13: **Welcome to Israel**

- **Camp Interlaken:** Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport at 3:50am and meet the Israeli JCC Maccabi Israel Staff
- Head out of airport and drive to Jerusalem
- Breakfast at Rabin Youth Hostel and store your luggage
- Staff led processing session: From Poland to Israel
- **Camp Wise:** Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport at: 10:15am and meet the Israeli JCC Maccabi Israel Staff
- Head out of airport and drive to Jerusalem
- **Both groups** connect at Rabin YH for ice breakers
- Meet money changer (prepare envelopes in advance of \$100 to be collected by staff).
- **Continue to** Welcome ceremony “Shehecheyanu”, at Haas Promenade.
- Falafel lunch
- Walking tour of the old city, explore the Jewish and Christian Quarters to get a glimpse of the complexity of Jerusalem through history.
- Head to hotel to get some rest
- Dinner at hotel
- Staff led group orientation
- Guest speaker: Political update – welcome to the Middle East, let's get oriented to what's going on around you.

Overnight: **Rabin YH, Jerusalem**



Tuesday, July 14: **Where it all began, Jerusalem**

- Breakfast at hotel
- City of David. Tour where Jerusalem began 3,000 years ago. Water hike through Hezekiah's tunnel, built 2,700 years ago to bring water from the Gihon Spring to the city during the Assyrian siege.
- Pizur lunch
- Meet Ayelet Kaufmann, local film maker who is dealing with complexities in Israeli society through her work
- Staff led programming: Prep for Yad Vashem
- Dinner at hotel
- Free night on Ben Yehuda Street | Friends and family can come meet us, pre-arranged.

Overnight: **Rabin YH, Jerusalem**

Wednesday, July 15: **L'dor V'Dor, understanding our past to create a future**

- Breakfast at hotel and check out
- Yad Vashem – the central Holocaust Memorial Museum. Hear the stories of those who have perished and those who survived from a survivor.
- Boxed lunch
- Tikun Olam: volunteer in "Shalva": The Association for mentally and physically challenged children in Israel. Learn about the center and play with the kids.
- Continue to Kfar Hanokdim Beoin Camp for Hafla dinner, camel rides and Bedouin hospitality
- Staff led evening program: campfire and prepare for Masada

Overnight: **Kfar HaNokdim Bedouin Hospitality**

Thursday, July 16: **Masada and the Dead Sea**

- Early wake up (tea\coffee and snack) and check out.
- Masada – climb up via the Roman ramp, look over the Jordanian mountains and tour the sites that are a symbol of our people's history.
- Descend via the snake path
- Boxed breakfast
- Nachal David (Ein Gedi) – walk through the largest oasis in the Judean Desert, joining the ibex and the mountain goats as they search for water.
- Float in the healing water of the Dead Sea.
- Head back to Jerusalem
- Dinner at hotel
- Staff led evening program: Watch "A hero in Heaven – the Story of Michael Levin"

Overnight: **Kiryat Moriah, Jerusalem**



Friday, July 17: Remembrance and life in Jerusalem

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Mt. Herzl - This is the site where many of the Nation's dignitaries are buried. This complex also is the home to the National Military ceremony where you will hear the story of Michael Levin and other fallen Israeli heroes.
- Security tour of the Jerusalem, understanding the complexity of life in the city.
- Scavenger hunt in the Machne Yehuda fruit and vegetables market.
- Go to the artists market in Jerusalem (Betzalel Street fair—see the work of local Israeli artists and maybe do a little bit of shopping.
- Back to hotel to prepare for Shabbat.
- Head to the Kotel for Kabbalat Shabbat
- Walk back to the hotel through Jerusalem's quiet, yet beautiful streets
- Shabbat Dinner and Oneg Shabbat – Led by madrichim

Overnight: **Kiryat Moriah, Jerusalem**

Shabbat, July 18: “*Ruach*”, a spiritual Shabbat in Jerusalem

- Late wake-up and optional breakfast
- Jerusalem: Between two people: tour the municipal pre 1967 border line and learn about the reality of neighborhoods on both sides of the green line.
- Lunch at hotel
- Free time— friends and family can visit (pre-arranged)
- Seudah Shlishit – staff led afternoon educational programming: prep for Yad Vashem
- Sikkum Ha Shavua – summary of the week's experiences
- Dinner at hotel and Havdallah
- Visit the Kotel Tunnels

Overnight: **Kiryat Moriah, Jerusalem**



Sunday, July 19: "*Gvanim*": Diversity in Israeli society

- Early breakfast at hotel and check out
- Head to "Kiadat" center for Arab-Israeli young leadership in Baka Al Garbyya; including tour of an Arab-Israeli village in the area and an overlook of the security fence.
- Continue to the Druze village of Osaphia to meet local residents and learn about their culture, including a traditional Druze meal.
- Travel to partnership region in Bet Shean \ Sovev Kinneret (arriving in the afternoon)
- Meet with P2G Israelis from Partnership regions for Ice breakers
- Program run in partnership with P2G
- Go to host families
- Dinner at families

Overnight: **Home hospitality**

Monday, July 20: "*Mifgash*": Connecting with our partnership region

- Breakfast with host families
- Travel to the Jordan River for a kayaking experience, ropes course and lunch (both groups meet for ODT at ropes course; Kayaks)
- Lunch to Kfar Blum
- Head back to partnership regions for programs run by P2G
- Dinner with host families

Overnight: **Home hospitality**

Tuesday, July 21: **The beautiful North**

- Breakfast at host families and say goodbye (8am pick up at Matnas)
- Both groups meet at the Hatzbaini stream –morning water hike all together.
- Head to the Golan Heights – get to see an overlook on Syria from Mt. Bental and learn about the strategic importance of this region. Hear about the dramatic story of the 1973 Yom Kippur war, as well as the current situation in war-torn Syria.
- Packed lunch
- Continue to the Western Galilee
- Rappelling at the beautiful Keshet Cave
- Head to camp site at Park Goren
- Cook your own dinner
- Evening program: star gazing \ survival skills

Overnight: **Under the stars, Park Goren**

Wednesday, July 22: "*Ruach*", Judaism and spirituality

- Wake up and clean camp site.
- Say goodbye to our Israeli friends (Israelis head home)
- Morning hike: Nachal Kziv (Israelis picked up at 11am)
- Continue to the mystical city of Tzfat, tour the special synagogues, meet local scribe and wander between the famous art galleries and candle factory.
- Packed lunch
- Meet Avraham Lowenthal and learn about his inspiration and Kabbalah
- Travel North to Mitzpe Dado to see Israel's Northern border and learn about the security needs in the region
- Drive to Maccabim guest house
- Staff led evening program: *Mifgash* summary

Overnight: **Maccabim Guest House**

Thursday, July 23: *Tikkun Olam* and Mega Event (TBD)

- Breakfast at guest house
- Drive to Holon and Visit "Save a Child's Heart": an international organization based out of Israel that performs open heart surgeries on kids from all over the world.
- Visit the Children's Museum: Dialogue in the Dark Exhibition
- Packed lunch
- Volunteering project in area: TBD
- Head to JMI day \ Mega event site
- Mega Event – *mifgash* with hundreds of teens from all over the world for a fun evening of activities!

Overnight: **Maccabim Guest House**

Friday July 24: Complexity of Democracy in Israel

- Breakfast at guest house and check out
- Tour the area of Southern Tel Aviv, learn about the issue of immigrants from Africa and the impact that it has on the city. See both sides of the story – by meeting local Israeli citizens, as well as human rights activists (assuming that this will still be a "hot topic" next summer)
- Visit Independence hall, see where the State of Israel was founded, and discuss the declaration of Independence that is structuring Israel's democracy.
- Free time and Pizur lunch and street survey at Nachalat Binyamin arts and crafts market
- Head to hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Camp style Kabbalat Shabbat
- Shabbat Dinner
- Oneg Shabbat led by staff

Overnight: **Mishkenot Ruth Daniel, Tel Aviv**

Shabbat, July 25: Shabbat in Tel Aviv

- Late wake-up and optional breakfast
- Sikkum HaShavua – summary of the week's experiences
- Lunch at hotel
- Free time at the beach – friends and family can visit
- Seudah Shlishit – staff led afternoon educational programming
- Dinner at hotel and Havdallah
- Walking tour of the beautiful old port city of Jaffa

Overnight: **Mishkenot Ruth Daniel, Tel Aviv**



Sunday, July 26: Heading to the Negev; Tish'a b'Av

- Breakfast at hotel and check out
- Rabin Square – see where Israel's democracy faced one of its biggest challenges
- Visit Sderot and learn about the geopolitical reality and the challenges facing this area (TBD – based on security measures).
- Short hike in the area – Shvil HaSalat
- Packed Lunch
- Continue to the Teva visitor's center to see the hi-tech industry that is growing in the south.
- Check in and dinner at hotel

Overnight: **Mitzpe Ramon Youth Hostel, Negev**

Monday, July 27: Making the desert bloom - modern day leadership

- Breakfast at hotel
- Ein Avdat – Hike through the regions beautiful canyon, see a series of water springs and enjoy the wildlife around you.
- Visit the Ramon air force base (lunch on base) - TBD
- See the Ramon Crater from the overlook and visitor's center
- Dinner at hotel
- Staff led evening program

Overnight: **Mitzpe Ramon Youth Hostel, Negev**

Tuesday, July 28: Last day in Israel

- Breakfast at hotel and check out
- Visit the Ayalim Association and learn about modern day pioneering, how dreams are brought into actions of improving the world. Meet with the local residents in Ashalim
- Visit Paula and David Ben Gurion's grave, and discuss his vision and his special relationship with the Negev.
- Lunch in Sde Boker
- Visit Ben Gurion's desert home and watch a film about his life and activism.
- Drive to Tel Aviv
- Staff led summary at Gan Hapisga
- Festive final dinner
- Guest Speaker – Stand with us: how do we take all that we learned this summer and bring it back home to our community, later on to our college campuses
- Evaluation session with Ido Medan-David, director of JMI

Overnight: **Galil Hotel, Netanya**

Wednesday, July 29: Heading home (Camp Interlaken); Democracy and growth in Israel (Camp Wise)

Camp Interlaken:

- Drive to airport at 2:30am
- Travel home on flight LO152 to Warsaw at 6:00am, landing at 8:55am. Connect to flight LO001 to Chicago at 12:00pm, landing at 2:45pm.

Camp Wise:

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit the Yitzhak Rabin Center, go through the Israeli museum and take part in a seminar about complexity in Israeli society (Democracy and Cultural Pluralism in Israel).
- Packed lunch
- Visit the Ariel Sharon Park for a beautiful overlook of the Tel Aviv area.
- Camp staff led program – getting ready to go back to camp and share our stories.
- Dinner at hotel
- Free evening in Tel Aviv | Friends and family can visit

Overnight: **Mishkenot Ruth Daniel, Tel Aviv**

Thursday, July 30: Heading home (Camp Wise)

- Breakfast at hotel
- Depart for airport
- Depart on flight UA 85, leaving Ben Gurion at 12:15pm, and landing in Newark at 5:20pm. Connect to flight UA3476, departing at 8:30pm, landing in Cleveland at 10:11pm.

Lehitra'ot – see you again!



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