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Israel Summer 2017

PROGRAM ITINERARY

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Steve and Shari Sadek Family
Camp Interlaken JCC
Teen Trip to Israel

July 12th – August 2nd, 2017

JCC Maccabi Israel Camp Interlaken

July 12 – August 2, 2017

Staff:

Noam Dahari– Israeli Tour Educator

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Wednesday, July 12: **Departure**

- 4:05 pm: Depart Chicago to Frankfurt on KH flight # 431

Thursday, July 13: **Arrival and Orientation**

- Land in Tel Aviv at 3:25pm (Camp Wise arrives at 4:15pm) and meet the JCC Maccabi Israel staff
- Heading south, Shecheyanu ceremony at Tel Azeka
- Check in to hotel
- Staff led program: Group orientation, ice-breakers and introduction to the program
- Opening dinner

Overnight: **Sde Boker Field School, Negev Desert**

Friday, July 14: **The Desert- Where it all began**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Morning hike in Ein Ovdar
- Lunch at Sde Boker
- Visit Ben Gurion's grave and the house where he retired
- Continue to and go rappelling at Machtesh Ramon
- Return to hotel, relax and prepare for Shabbat
- Camp style Kabbalat Shabbat
- Shabbat dinner followed by Oneg Shabbat

Overnight: **Sde Boker Field School, Negev Desert**

Shabbat, July 15: **Shabbat in the Negev**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Group activity
- Lunch at hotel
- Free time at the pool
- Dinner at hotel
- Havdallah followed by Israeli movie night

Overnight: **Sde Boker Field School, Negev Desert**



Sunday, July 16: **Connecting to the Desert**

- Morning hike: Mt. Saharonim and Parsat Nakarot
- Head to the Kasui sand dunes for a great photo-op
- Check in and relax
- Dinner at Kibbutz
- Evening program: Kibbutz Life

Overnight: **Kibbutz Elifaz, Arava Valley**

Monday, July 17: **Life in the Arava**

- Morning hike in Mt. Tzfachot, learn about the importance of the city of Eilat as the southernmost point in Israel, bordering with Jordan and Egypt
- Snorkeling in the Red Sea at Coral Beach
- Pizur lunch in the Eilat mall
- Water sports and time on the beach
- Back to the Kibbutz to get some rest, change and dinner
- Dinner and evening out in Eilat

Overnight: **Kibbutz Elifaz, Arava Valley**

Tuesday, July 18: **Eilat's southern borders and its strategic importance**

- Breakfast and check out of hotel
- Morning program at Kibbutz Elifaz
- Visit the Arava R&D center for agricultural training and see the fascinating work being done in this region
- Head to Kfar HaNokdim; lunch on route
- Ecology seminar – see how the Bedouins are using natural resources to survive
- Buckle up! It is time to ride camels!
- Bedouin "Hafla" dinner – the Bedouins are famous for their hospitality and great food! Explore their very unique culture and food, learning how they adapt to Israeli society
- Evening program: Prepare for Masada
- Camp-style bonfire under the stars and drum circle

Overnight: **Kfar HaNokdim, Judean Desert**



Wednesday, July 19: History and Nature

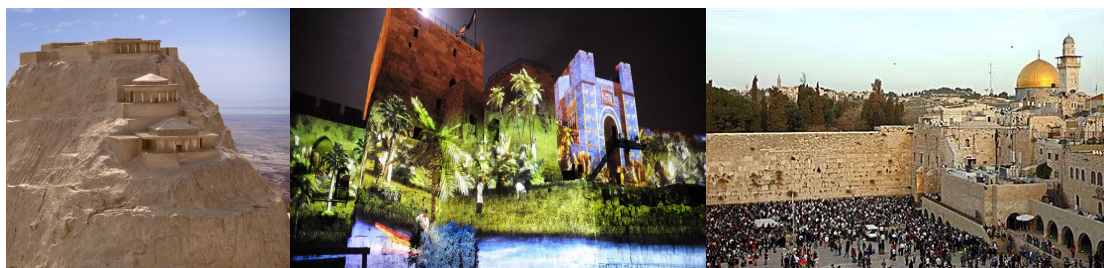
- Early wake up (tea/coffee and snack)
- Masada – climb up via the Roman ramp, look over the Jordanian mountains and tour the sites that are a symbol of our people's history
- Descend via the snake path
- Breakfast at the Masada Youth Hostel
- Nachal David (Ein Gedi) – walk through the largest oasis in the Judean Desert, joining the ibex and the mountain goats as they search for water
- Continue to the Dead Sea to float in its healing waters
- Drive to Jerusalem
- Short stop at Mt. Scopus lookout (time depending)
- Check in hotel
- Dinner

Overnight: **Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem**

Thursday, July 20: *L'dor v' Dor*: Jerusalem then and today

- 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
- Enter the Old City of Jerusalem from the Dung Gate and experience life in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago by participating in a virtual tour at the Davidson Center
- Pizur lunch in the Jewish Quarter
- Tour the Old City and its different quarters, finishing up at the Western Wall
- Enjoy Machne Yehuda fruit and vegetables market and see how Jerusalemites prepare for Shabbat
- Guest Speaker – Neil Lazarus: Political update on what's happening in Israel and the region
- Evening staff led program: Prepare for Yad Vashem and Mt. Hertzl

Overnight: **Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem**



Friday, July 21: **Boi Kallah**

- Breakfast
- Visit Yad Vashem, the Central Holocaust Museum in Israel. Hear a story from a survivor and get a strong understanding of the importance of the State of Israel
- 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 Levine and other fallen Israeli heroes
- Return to hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- Head to Kotel for Kabbalat Shabbat
- Walk back to hotel through Jerusalem's beautiful and quiet streets
- Shabbat dinner and camp-style song session with soldiers from the Michael Levin center for lone soldiers

Overnight: **Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem**

Shabbat, July 22: **Shabbat in Jerusalem**

- Late wake-up and breakfast at hotel
- The Israel Museum – the largest cultural institutions in the State of Israel which is also ranked among the leading art and archaeology museums in the world. You will see the well-known Dead Sea Scrolls, the oldest known biblical manuscripts in the world
- Lunch at the hotel
- Family and friends can visit at the hotel in the afternoon or free time at the pool
- Sikkum HaShavua – going over the week
- Dinner at hotel
- Havdallah
- Tour of the Kotel Tunnels – walk along the underground walls of the Temple Mount

Overnight: **Caesar Hotel, Jerusalem**



Sunday, July 23: Digging through our collective history- understanding our past to create a future

- Breakfast and checkout
- Beit Guvrin for an archeological dig experience – learn how to identify different eras through your findings
- Lunch
- Ayalon Institute- Pre State hidden bullet factory
- The Weitzman Institute- one of the world's leading multidisciplinary basic research institutions in the natural and exact sciences
- Dinner at Café Kapish and watch the show "Na Laga'at" – the center was founded based on the belief that everyone has the right to contribute to society - a unique artistic experience, sharing with participant the experience of the blind and the deaf.
- Head to hotel and check in

Overnight: Maccabim Education Center

Monday, July 24: Pride and giving back

- Breakfast
- Hashomer HaChadash – Field volunteering activity + lunch
 - Learn more about HaShomer HaChadash at http://www.hashomer.org.il/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=156&Itemid=101
- Go back to accommodations to change
- Explore Rabin square
- Visit the Palmach Museum
- Free time and Pizur dinner at Sarona market

Overnight: Maccabim Education Center



Tuesday July 25: Pre State Zionism and Commitment

- Breakfast and check out of hotel
- Visit Zichron Yaakov, once one of the first Jewish settlements of Halutzim in the country and today a beautiful art community
- Visit Beit Nili and learn about the underground Nili network
- Visit Atlit detainee camp, a detention camp established by the authorities of the British Mandate for Palestine at the end of the 1930s in order to prevent Jewish refugees from entering Mandatory Palestine. Tens of thousands of Jewish refugees were interned at the camp, which was surrounded by barbed wire and watchtowers.
- Look out over the city of Haifa (time permitting)
- Dinner and evening fun group activity led by staff

Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House, Upper Galilee

Wednesday, July 26: Stories and Heritage

- Breakfast
- Head to the Golan Heights –overlook Syria from Mt. Bental and learn about the strategic importance of this region
- Enjoy a special jeep ride and hear about the dramatic story of the 1973 Yom Kippur war, as well as the current situation in war-torn Syria.
- Druze style Lunch at Ein Kinya
- Continue to the Jordan River – relax on the cool water and kayaks
- Evening out in Tiberius- Dinner and disco boat

Overnight: Kibbutz Gonen Guest House, Upper Galilee

Thursday, July 27: Mifgashim (connections with Israeli teens)

- Breakfast and checkout
- Visit the mystical city of Tzfat, see the different synagogues and get a chance to wander the artist market
- Meet Avraham Lowenthal and learn about Kabbalah and the connection between Judaism and art
- Lunch
- Continue to Partnership region
- Ice breakers with Israeli teens
- Meet host families
- Dinner with host families

Overnight: Home hospitality



Friday, July 28:

- Activities in host communities

Overnight: **Home hospitality**

Shabbat, July 29: **Shabbat with host families**

- Shabbat activities in host communities

Overnight: **Home hospitality**

Sunday, July 30: **Welcome to Israel's Bustling Center**

- Say goodbye to host families
- Head south to Tel Aviv
- Welcome to Tel Aviv: Tour the old city-port of Jaffa
- Visit Neve Tzedek- Tel Aviv's first Hebrew neighborhood and enjoy a special scavenger hunt activity
- Time at the beach in Palmachim
- Check in at hotel
- BBQ in Ranaana!

Overnight: **Devorah Hotel, Tel Aviv**

Monday, July 31: **The Establishment of the Jewish State**

- Breakfast
- Independence Hall – visit the site where the state of Israel was declared. Learn about the complexity of the term "Democratic and Jewish State"
- Lunch
- Dialogue in the Dark – The children's museum in Holon
- Guest Speaker–StandWithUs: how do we take all that we learned this summer and bring it back home to our community, and on our college campuses
- Dinner at Hotel
- Group activity at night on the beach

Overnight: **Devorah Hotel, Tel Aviv**



Tuesday, August 1: The 9th of Av- from Destruction to Greatness: The Startup Nation

- Israel- The Startup Nation – Birthright Innovation Center –
- Pizur lunch at the Nachalat Binyamin arts fair and the Carmel market.
- Save a Child's Heart a unique program that provides life-saving cardiac surgery and other lifesaving procedures for children from developing countries.
- Final reflections and circle time
- Tree planting, summary session with JCC Maccabi Israel staff and closing dinner at Neot Kedumim
- Late night group experience out

Wednesday, August 2:

- 04:50am Depart to Frankfurt on LH flight #691
- 10:45am Depart Frankfurt to Chicago on LH #430
- 12:55pm Arrive in Chicago



Lehitra'ot – see you again!





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