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# VIP Israel - Mission to Israel

April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup> 2010

Chabad of Wyoming, Chabad of Idaho & Chabad of Salem, OR.

**1**

Monday, April 12, 2010 (VIP & Transfer)

**WELCOME TO ISRAEL**

- Touchdown at **Ben Gurion International Airport**.
- **Before clearing passport control** a VIPISRAEL representative will be waiting to welcome you at the door of your plane as you exit the plane. You will be transported quickly through the airport, pass immigration at the flight crew counter where passport control is efficiently expedited and continue to facilitate luggage identification and handling; & escort you through customs.
- **Ascend to Jerusalem &** Check into your hotel to freshen up and relax.
- Enjoy **dinner** and political update, **at your hotel**, from **Jerusalem Post newspaper Chief Political Correspondent Mr. Gil Hoffman** for an update on the state of Israel and a Q & A session.
- **OVERNIGHT:** Jerusalem, Sheraton Plaza

## 2

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 (Guide & Vehicle)

Old City

- After breakfast take a tour of Jerusalem and learn about the wonderful work **Ateret Kohanim** is doing to regain Jewish properties that were lost. Visit the houses that were repurchased and gain an understanding of the difficulties that the residents face daily
- Visit the **New Generations Center** at the Western Wall Plaza where you will find an unusual and enchanting fusion of many creative elements: music, sculpture, archeology and light effects that together create a masterpiece to delight all the senses.
- Descend to tour of the archaeological discoveries excavated in the **Western Wall Tunnels**. Inside, a most interesting model shows the different dwelling periods and history of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Stand on the site believed to be the nearest spot to the "Holy of Holies".
- Stop for a falafel or pizza in the Old City (on own)
- Continue to tour the amazing **City of King David**.
- Begin with a breathtaking observation overlooking Biblical Jerusalem and observe 3,800 years of history dating back in time to the days of Abraham, when the first foundations of the city were laid.
- The journey quickly heads underground to some of the **newest archaeological excavations** at the site. Here, while exploring the recently excavated fortresses and passageways, you will **relive King David's conquest of the Jebusite city** as described in the 2nd Book of Samuel.
- Dinner at hotel

OVERNIGHT: Jerusalem, Sheraton Plaza

### 3

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 (Guide & Vehicle)

New City

- After Breakfast, our first stop is visit the new **Yad Vashem Museum**, which was completed in the spring of 2005, a memorial to the six million innocent victims of the Holocaust.
- Onto the **Stalactite Cave Nature Reserve** is on the western slopes of the **Judean Hills** outside the city of **Beit Shemesh**. It was discovered accidentally by workers blasting at a nearby quarry. Although the **Soreq Cave** is relatively small, the variety of its formations rivals that seen in much larger stalactite caves. Geologists estimate the minerals in the Soreq Cave to be 300,000 years old, and scientists use them to study climatic changes that have transpired in this area from the time of their formation until the present.
- Stop off for a quick lunch (on own)
- Then we will cross the **Ayalon Valley**, a major battlefield throughout history. **The Latrun Police Station** located here was the scene of much bloodshed during the **War of Liberation** in 1948 and was liberated from Jordanian rule in 1967. Visit the Memorial Wall and view a short, moving audio-visual documentary offering a more in-depth explanation of the battles fought here.
- Tour the **Armored Brigade Museum** housing an impressive exhibit of armored vehicles.
- Next we will visit the **Archeological Seminar's "Dig for a Day"** program at **Beit Guvrin**, uncover actual artifacts as you participate in an ongoing archeological dig at **Tel Maresha**, ancestral home of King Herod.
- Vast underground labyrinths of man-made rooms are being systematically cleaned and give evidence of underground industrial complexes dating from the Hellenistic period. Remains of olive oil production, weaving installations, water cisterns and baths confirm a high level of material culture.
- Exclusive Dinner at **Kibbutz Beit Guvrin**
- Return to Jerusalem

OVERNIGHT: Jerusalem, Sheraton Plaza

# 4

Thursday, April 15, 2010 (Guide & Vehicle)

Tel Aviv Area

- After Breakfast join us for an exclusive visit to the **Knesset**, the **Israeli Parliament**. We will progress from the Palombo Gates, designed by David Palombo, through the impressive Chagall Hall, Knesset Members' Room, Synagogue, the New Wing and more. (pending Knesset approval)
- Drive to **Cholon** and visit the **Children's Museum** and experience how it would feel to be deaf for a short period and gain an appreciation for Hashem's great gift of hearing.
- Our next stop will be at the **Ayalon Institute Museum**, situated north of the city of **Rehovot**. This was the first clandestine bullet production factory operated by members of the **Hatzofim Aleph**, **Palmach**, and **Habonim** pioneer groups during the British Mandate rule. After viewing an audio-visual presentation we will discover the secret entrance to the underground bullet factory, which was so successfully disguised from the British!
- Enjoy Packed Lunch Boxes!
- Next visit the spectacular "**Palmach Museum**". Through a modern multi-media presentation, view the history of the **Palmach** from 1941 to the **War of Independence** and the establishment of the **State of Israel**
- Next we will volunteer at Table to Table rescues excess, unserved food that would otherwise be destroyed from catered events, bakeries, army bases, perishable food manufacturers, farmers and packinghouses. We then transport the food to non-profit organizations throughout Israel serving people in need.
- Return to Jerusalem and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure
- Dinner (on own)

OVERNIGHT: Jerusalem, Sheraton Plaza

# 5

Friday, April 16, 2010 (Guide & Armored Vehicle)

Chevron

- After breakfast, depart in an armored vehicle and then stop for *Tehillim* and supplication at the very special site of **Rachel's Tomb**.
- Onto the holy city of **Chevron**, visit *Ma'arat Hamachpela* where our patriarchs and matriarchs are buried: Avraham, Yitzchak, Yaakov and their wives. Tradition also holds this to be the burial place of 'Adam & Eve.'
- Meet some of the very special families who live in this special neighborhood & **Rabbi Danni Cohen** the Chabad Rabbi of Chevron.
- Return to Jerusalem Enjoy a walk & test your "Israeli bargaining skills" at the **Machne Yehuda Shuk (open market)**.
- **WELCOME SHABBAT AT THE KOTEL (WESTERN WALL)**
- As the sun sets preparations will be made for welcoming the **Shabbat**
- Upon reaching the steps leading down to the **Kotel**, look around and notice people from all corners of the world converging together with one purpose in mind; to welcome the **Shabbat** at the holiest place on earth. Singing & dancing with true **Chabad** spirit.
- Enjoy **Shabbat Dinner & Chassidic Farbrengen at the Tzemach Tzedek Shul in Jerusalem's Old City**; this is a VIP exclusive experience.

OVERNIGHT: Jerusalem, Sheraton Plaza

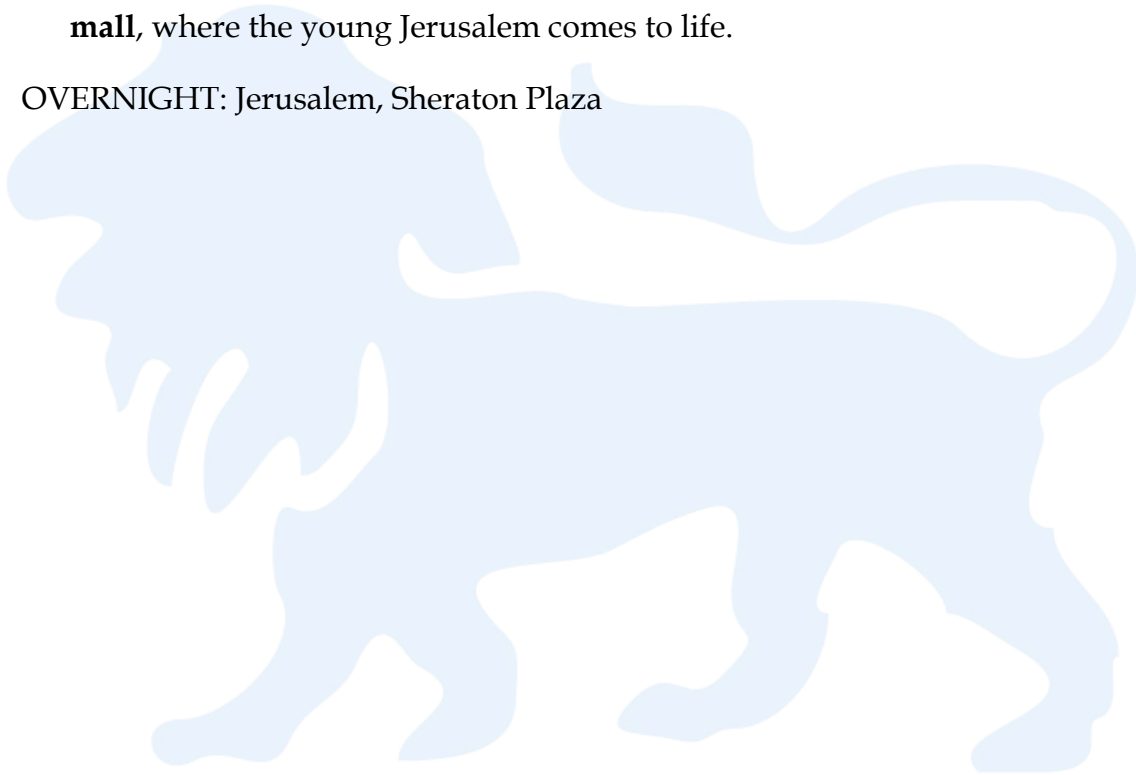
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Saturday, April 17, 2010 (Walking Tour)

Shabbat Shalom

- After a light breakfast, walk to the **Tzemach Tzedek or Mayanot shul** for davening or to a synagogue of your choice.
- Return to your hotel for a **Chabad spirited Shabbat lunch, L'Chaim!**
- Enjoy a guided **Shabbat afternoon walking tour** in local neighborhoods of **Nachlaot, Rechavia, Yemin Moshe, and the German Colony** to see **Jerusalem's** oldest & most unique neighborhoods.
- As **Shabbat** expires, participate in **Havdallah** service with your Rabbi in the hotel
- After Shabbat, enjoy shopping and dinner at **Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda outdoor mall**, where the young Jerusalem comes to life.

OVERNIGHT: Jerusalem, Sheraton Plaza



# 7

Sunday, April 18, 2010 (Guide & Vehicle)

Dead Sea

- After Breakfast **check out of hotel** and travel towards the **Dead Sea** area
- Stop and visit '*Eretz Beresheit*' / **Genesis Land**; to enjoy **camel tour & traditional desert Cuisine**
- Next take in the beauty of the natural **Ein Gedi Waterfall**; take a light hike along a waterfall oasis, whose beauty exudes vibrant hues of green, red, blue and yellow, a small slice of heaven.
- Enjoy packed Lunchbox
- Continue along **the Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, and a rich source of minerals for export. **Take a swim or 'float'** & let the buoyant waters support you as you relax on your back and think of nothing else but the sea all around you!
- Onto **Masada** where we will explore the ancient remains of the fortifications, **King Herod's** palace, storerooms and baths. Continue along **the Dead Sea**, the lowest point on earth, and a rich source of minerals for export.
- We will then check into hotel, (or pitch your tent) and get ready for an overnight in **Kefar Nokdim**,
- Desert Experience Dinner at **Kefar Nokdim**
- Onto the sound and light show at Masada! (time permitting)

OVERNIGHT: Kefar Nokdim, Dead Sea

## 8

Monday, April 19, 2010 (Guide & Vehicle)

Galilee

- After Breakfast check out of hotel and start our journey up north Travel to the ancient remains of **Beit Shean** – one of the oldest settled sites in the country with excavations dating back to the 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE. This is where, in biblical times, the bodies of **King Saul and his sons** were nailed to the city walls by the Philistines. There are many highlights to see, including the **1st-century 7,000+seat amphitheater**, the western bathhouse and the 150-meter long 'Palladius Street'
- Visit **Gan Guru Australian Park** in **Nir David** This is one of the few places outside of Australia which hosts pet-able Koalas and Kangaroos. This park also includes a 1,500 square meter **garden/landscape maze!**
- Travel to **Tzfat's** restored Old City including the artists' colony. **Tzfat** has much to offer in the way of art galleries, gift-shops and restaurants found tucked away amongst the winding, cobblestone streets and take a dip in the famous **Mikveh of the Ari z"l** in the mystical city.
- See the **unique synagogues** such as the Ari Sephardi, Ari Ashkenazi, Ari Beit Midrash, Caro Synagogue, Abuhav synagogue (built in 1490) and many more of the local Chassidim.
- **Enjoy Dinner, Farbrengen and evening of events** led by your guide & Rabbi at Ascent of Tzfat.
- Check into hotel **Kibbutz Lavi**

OVERNIGHT: Tiberius, Kibbutz Lavi

- After breakfast we head into the Golan to the **City of Katzrin**, which was established in 1977 and was one of the first urban settlements in the **Golan**.
- In **Katzrin**, see a fascinating **audio-visual presentation** describing the history of the **Golan** throughout the ages & tour the ancient reconstructed **Talmudic Village** and a partially restored 1,500-year-old synagogue. (Time Permitting)
- Enjoy **wine tasting** at the Golan Heights winery
- At the **Golan Magic Welcome Center** in Katzrin, view a **colorful accurate model of the Golan Heights**, one of a kind in Israel. The model uses unique lighting effects that run along the streams, canyons and settlements of the Golan Heights.
- **Go Jeeping to the** observation point on **Mount Bental**, an abandoned Israeli bunker overlooking the entire **Golan Heights**. From here you can see the mountains of the **Galilee** and **Lebanon**, and eastward into Syria.
- Here also lies the **Valley of Tears**, where one of the bloodiest battles of the Yom Kippur War was fought.
- Go **Kayaking in Kfar Blum** on the Jordan River!
- Enjoy an **evening cruise** followed by **dinner at the Deck's Restaurant**
- **OVERNIGHT**: Tiberius, Kibbutz Lavi

- After breakfast Checkout of hotel, we will have the very special privilege of being guests of an **Armored Brigade** at their **IDF base**. This is an exclusive VIP experience! (pending military approval)
- Drive to a shooting range, a place where some of the secret forces of Israel are trained and we will practice shooting from an automatic **Uzi gun**, an **AK47 (Kalashnikov)**. This is an exclusive and amazing experience.
- Next visit **Rosh Hanikrah**, the northernmost point on the Mediterranean shore of Israel, where a chalk mountain range meets the sea.
- Ride from the mountain top down to sea level via **cable car** to explore the Grotto's formed over thousands of years-truly a wonder of creation.
- Further along the coastline, visit the **ancient city of Acco** (Acre) 14 miles above Haifa, once known as the Crusaders capital of the north. This city is almost 4,000 years old.
- Hike on the city walls & **Ramparts** to the harbor, then through the colorful markets to visit the huge, cool yet spooky **Subterranean Crusader Halls**.
- Explore gates, towers, tunnels, and secret passageways and next explore the notorious **Acco Prison** that was built by the Turks and later used by the British to imprison **Jewish underground fighters** during their struggle against British rule.
- Travel south and enjoy a **farewell dinner** in **Kfar Chabad**
- **Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport** for your temporary departure from Israel.

## LAND PACKAGE CONTRACT/QUOTE

Per Adult (Using Double Occupancy Hotel Rooms)	\$3,264
Per Adult as a Single Occupant in Hotels	\$4,021
Per Adult Sharing Triple room	\$3,209
Per Child (as Third Guest w/ Parents)	\$2,643
Per Child (Two Children in Separate Room)	\$3,152

### Sites as per Itinerary

- Acco
- Masada
- Ein Gedi
- Shooting Range
- Kayaking
- Chevron
- Ateret Kohanim
- Rosh Hanikra
- Jeeping
- Knesset
- Golan Winery
- Beit Lechem
- Dead Sea
- Golan Magic Welcome Center
- Katzrin
- Stalagtite Caves
- Yad Vashem
- Tzfat
- Western Wall Tunnels
- New Generation Center
- Davidson Center
- City of David
- Gan Guru
- Ein Gedi
- Beit Shean
- Kineret Cruise
- Latrun
- Cholon Children's Museum
- Ayalon Institute
- Beit Guvrin
- Palmach Museum
- Kfar Chabad

### Meals Included:

- Buffet Breakfast Daily at Hotel
- Welcome Dinner - April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner at Hotel - April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner at **Kibbutz Beit Guvrin** - April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Friday Night Dinner (Tzmach Tzedek) - April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Shabbat Lunch - April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Lunch Box - April 15<sup>th</sup> & April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner at **Kefar Nokdim** - April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner at Ascent - April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Dinner at Decks - April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Farewell Dinner in **Kfar Chabad** - April 21<sup>st</sup>

### Hotels

Sheraton Plaza	4/12/2010 - 4/18/2010	6 Nights
Kefar Nokdim	4/18/2010 - 4/19/2010	1 Nights
Kibbutz Lavi	4/19/2010 - 4/21/2010	2 Nights

### Services Included

- VIP airport Welcome Assistance
- Transfers upon Arrival & Departure
- Touring Vehicle for all Transportation as per itinerary
- Licensed English Speaking Tour Guide as per itinerary
- Armored Vehicle for Chevron day

### Services Not Included

- Airfare To & From Israel
- Gratuities to Guide and Driver
- Personal Expenses

### OTHER TERMS:

Cost is subject to change at any time as per notice from hotels, suppliers of services, weather, or customer participation. Above prices are based on a pre-agreed itinerary/ touring program which corresponds to configured mileage, hours traveled, and other touring variables. Any deviation from the approved program will result in charges beyond the original quote. If number of participants and/or the rooming arrangements are changed the price will have to be revised and the customer will be charged accordingly. Touring pace each day is ultimately set by the customer. If the customer is unable to reach any site or destination because of time restrictions, weather, or any other variable, the customer forfeits any right for refunds for sites unseen. If the customer requests to switch the vehicle type or tour guide any time after arrival in Israel, the customer will be charged according as this often results in double vehicle or guide charges for one or more days. The above quoted rate does not include gratuities. The accepted manner of tipping your guide in Israel is \$50-\$80/day for passengers in a four-nine seat private vehicle, or \$6-\$7/day/person travelling in an 18 passenger

minibus or larger. Bus drivers tipping rates are 50% that of those recommended for a guide. The tip is given at the end of the trip. By agreeing to these terms and other conditions of this contract you also take responsibility and give VIPIsrael LLC authorization to charge your credit card for any and all additional costs which may occur for your family or tour group (if you are the main family contact or trip leader for your tour group). This includes costs for all the above mentioned variable as well as unpaid funds from other trip participants (if you are the main family contact or trip leader for your tour group).

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

1. In order to confirm reservations at hotels, sites and guide, a 20% non-refundable deposit is due upon signing this contract – no later than January 14<sup>th</sup> 2010
2. Payment in Full received by February 14<sup>th</sup> 2010
3. Tour Package Cancellations fee is 20% of total amount up to 6 weeks before scheduled arrival.
4. Cancellations within 4 weeks of scheduled arrival in Israel, the full amount is non-refundable.

Please Sign Agreeing to Contract Terms \_\_\_\_\_

Please Date Here \_\_\_\_\_