

**The Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Mosaic Mission
November 4-10, 2013**

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(tbc) = to be confirmed

**Day 1
Monday, November 4**

Pick-up from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv (TLV) hotels for those already in Israel.
Drive to Ben-Gurion Airport to join those arriving for the mission.
Drive north. Check in and rest.

2:30 a.m.: Arrive in TLV from Morocco on Alitalia.
Drive north. Check in and rest.

5:00 a.m.: Arrive in TLV from Morocco on Iberia.
Drive north. Check in and rest.

Afternoon: Arrive in TLV from US.
Drive north. Check in (time permitting) and proceed to opening event.

Afternoon: Optional tours with mission guides (walking tours, short bus tours, etc.)
Visit one of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's partners' (the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel) programs in the north.

Evening Opening Event:

A magical evening at the magnificent **Beit HaBad Olive Oil Factory, Katzin**. The impressive building preserves the traditional construction of the Golan Heights – a classic basilica-shaped structure made of local basalt stone, iron, wood and glass. The interior courtyard is completed with local flora around a stunning, full-grown olive tree.

Hear from the opening speaker on *“The American Jewish Support for Israel - A Case of National Security”*.

Enjoy a delicious buffet-style dinner of Israeli delicacies, along with local Golan wine and beer. Dance, sing along and enjoy a spectacular performance by the musical group Ash Layla.

Overnight: Ramot Resort Hotel, Sea of Galilee

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**Day 2
Tuesday, November 5**

Breakfast at the hotel with introduction by track scholars (names tbc):

- ❖ Menachem Horwitz
- ❖ Brigadier General (Res.) and former MK Efraim “Effi” (Fine) Eitam
- ❖ Eliezer Sonnenschein
- ❖ Eitan Wertheimer
- ❖ Muki Tzur
- ❖ Professor Amnon Ben-Tor **or** Professor Israel Finkelstein

Day Tracks: Choose one track from the options on the following pages.

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Discover Israel with IDF Soldiers (tbc)

- ❖ Visit the ruins of the ancient city of **Gamla**, where one of the most fierce and heroic battles took place during the Jewish revolt against the Romans in the first century CE.
- ❖ Lunch at Susanna Bistro Bar in the heart of **Ani'am**, the picturesque artists' village in the center of the Golan Heights.
- ❖ Explore **the Golan Heights with jeeps and ATVs** (All-Terrain Vehicles), together with IDF soldiers. **Security briefing by IDF officer** serving on the Golan-Syrian border.
- ❖ Enjoy the scenic view atop **Mount Bental**, overlooking the Syrian city of Kuneitra with a spectacular panoramic view of Syria, Lebanon and northeastern Israel.
- ❖ Walk through the alleys of the mystical city of **Safed** (Tzfat). Visit the magnificent synagogues of Safed and hear about the community that evolved here during the 16th century. Walk through the many art galleries and meet the artists who are inspired by the Kabbalah and the mystical teachings of Judaism.
- ❖ Visit **JAFI Absorption Center** in Safed. JAFI's Absorption Centers have been a core service since the Agency's founding, providing new immigrants with a welcoming environment in Israel. The 22 Absorption Centers – 16 of which cater specifically to new arrivals from Ethiopia – are located in a range of urban and rural settings. Each year, they provide thousands of new immigrants with subsidized temporary housing as they begin their acculturation process. Absorption Centers also offer cultural and social events, as well as programs to facilitate newcomers' adjustment to life in Israel, including intensive *Ulpanim* (Hebrew language classes) and specialized services.
- ❖ Dine at **Ein Gev**. Enjoy the magic of the Kinneret.

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Politics and Security with Brigadier General (Res.) & former MK Efraim “Effi” (Fine) Eitam (tbc)

- ❖ Meet the **Jewish Agency for Israel** (JAFI):

Run by the **Friends of the Israel Scouts (*Tzofim*)** with support from the Ministry of Absorption, Masa Israel Journey and JAFI, Garin Tzabar is a program for young immigrants to Israel who serve in the IDF. Upon their arrival in Israel, the group is adopted by the Israel Scouts and placed in a hosting *kibbutz* that becomes their home away from home for the duration of their army service. The initial stay on the *kibbutz* lasts four months and includes work, study, outings and social events. During military service, participants are able to return to the *kibbutz* for their breaks. Masa Israel receives an annual allocation from the Greater Miami Jewish Federation/UJA Campaign.

- ❖ Security briefing at the **Syrian Border**.
- ❖ Visit the Israeli-**IDF field hospital** set up in the Golan Heights to supply medical assistance to Syrian civil war refugees (tbc).
- ❖ Visit **Plasan Sasa Ltd.** with David Widerker, North American Marketing Director. Plasan is an international company providing customized, lightweight survivability solutions for tactical combat vehicles, fixed- and rotary-winged aircraft, naval platforms, civilian armor vehicles and personal protection. Its state-of-the-art survivability suites offer a unique optimization between protection, payload and cost by combining in-house R&D, design, prototyping and manufacturing capabilities.
- ❖ Lunch at the **IDF Northern Command Headquarters** with an IDF officer responsible for the Israeli-Lebanese border. On this base, we will have a chance to see the “Situation Room” – the heart of all activities in the region.
- ❖ Visit **Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.** and learn about new developments in Israel’s innovative defense systems, including the **Iron Dome**, **Magic Wand** and more.
- ❖ Dine with the **Rafael Engineers**.

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Food, Wine & Art with Eliezer Sonnenschein (tbc)

- ❖ Visit **JDC's Supported Training and Employment for People with Mental Health Disabilities (STEPMHD) "Chef's Course"**:

Lack of accessible training and employment opportunities for thousands of Israelis with mental health disabilities have pushed these otherwise capable citizens to the fringes of society, resulting in unemployment and reliance on government subsidies. STEPMHD offers these individuals the supported training and employment placement they need to attain financial independence and personal stability. This unique program accompanies and assists participants throughout the term of their employment to help facilitate lasting successes.

- ❖ Tour art galleries with **Eliezer Sonnenschein (tbc)**.
- ❖ Visit the **Ein Harod Museum of Art** with artist Yael Reshef, tour the Dudu Geva's Restored Workshop or meet with painter Eli Shamir at his workshop in Kfar Yehoshua (tbc).
- ❖ Enjoy **lunch and an Authentic Culinary tour with Chef Nir Margalit (tbc)**:

Get acquainted with some of the best specialty restaurants in the area, such as Camala at Deir-el-asad, Ein Camonim, Gili's Chef Restaurant at Amirey Hagalil, and Ezba Restaurant at Rama.
- ❖ See **"Art and Memory: Har Adir Observation Point"**, which is dedicated in memory of the heroes of the Second Lebanon War.
- ❖ **Stop for cheese, wine and gourmet chocolate at Adir Winery.**
- ❖ Enjoy a workshop and dinner at **Roberg**, a family-owned chef restaurant at Moshav Livnim.

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The Israeli Entrepreneurial Spirit with Eitan Wertheimer (tbc)

- ❖ Meet the people behind **J.S Golan Energy Ltd.**, an innovative communal project for energy production led by the Druze people in the Golan Heights.

- ❖ Visit **JAFI Net** at **Kiryat Shmona** or **Carmiel** (tbc):

This four-year program helps Israeli high school students from the periphery become high-tech professionals and productive citizens. Participants receive hands-on training for **Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)** certification as advanced network technicians with international Cisco certificates. Participants, in turn, commit themselves to serve others through 120 hours of required volunteer activities in their community. This program successfully empowers underprivileged youth through the collaborated efforts of many Federation partners, including: the Jewish Agency for Israel, Cisco Systems, Tapuach, the Israeli Society for the Advancement of the Information Age, Keren Hayesod and others.

- ❖ **The Faculty of Medicine in the Galilee:** Facing the challenges of medical treatment in the periphery:
- ❖ Meet with **Dr. Yuval Avni** of **GIZA Venture Capital** (tbc), who focuses on investments in life science and clean-tech sectors.

- ❖ **Visit Plasan Sasa:**

An international company translating "front-line" military feedback into improved designs and better survivability products and providing customized, lightweight survivability solutions for tactical combat vehicles, fixed and rotary winged aircraft, naval platforms, civilian armor vehicles, and personal protection. Their state-of-the-art survivability suites offer a unique optimization between protection, payload and cost by combining in-house R&D, design, prototyping and manufacturing capabilities.

- ❖ Visit the **Tefen Industrial Park** and meet with **Eitan Wertheimer** (tbc) to discuss entrepreneurship, breakthroughs and technological education. Lunch will be provided.
- ❖ Meet with entrepreneurs, businessman and venture capitalists at **Misgav Venture Accelerator LTD** Technological Incubator at **Misgav Business Park**.
- ❖ Dine at **Tefen** with young entrepreneurs from the north.

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- ❖ Paraglide from **Mevo Hama**, the southernmost Israeli settlement and kibbutz in the Golan Heights near the Sea of Galilee.
- ❖ Join in a picnic lunch with Trustees from **JAFI Youth Futures** at Kfar Haruv:

Youth Futures is a community-based, early intervention program that works with at-risk children and young teens for up to three years in small groups led by “Trustees,” who are trained counselors and advocates. Established in 2005, Youth Futures, reaches 10,000 students and their families each year in 32 low-income communities primarily on Israel’s geographical and social periphery. Trustees help students and their families access local resources and services to overcome economic, social and academic barriers. Improved school attendance and performance, increased parent involvement and community activism are among Youth Futures’ significant outcomes that strengthen families and communities.

- ❖ Cross the **Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)** on a **dragon boat**.
- ❖ Hike down the **Arbel Cliff**, the most prominent physical landmark around the Kinneret.
- ❖ Tour and enjoy dinner at a **boutique winery**.

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In the Footsteps of the Bible with a Biblical

Travel with one of the following scholars (tbc):

- ❖ **Professor Amnon Ben-Tor**, Professor of Archaeology of Eretz Israel, Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University
- ❖ **Dr. Tsvika Tsuk**, Chief Archaeologist of the Israel National Parks Association (INPA)
- ❖ **Professor Israel Finkelstein**, Professor of Archaeology of Israel at Tel Aviv University

The day will include:

- ❖ An outdoor hike and class with **Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI) students** and two of their educators, David Mitchell and Yossi Katz (tbc).
- ❖ Experience the **Tel Dan (Dan River)**:

Below the foothills of the Hermon Mountain flows the Tel Dan, the largest and most important tributary of the Jordan. Along the river, we will find the remains of the biblical Canaanite city, Dan. Among the special finds, we can see the magnificent Canaanite city gate with perhaps the earliest constructed arch ever discovered. It is here that archeologists found the famous Stele (inscribed stone) that mentions the "House of David."

- ❖ ATV along the Lebanese border, through orchards and vineyards to **Tel Evel Beit Me'eha**. From here we will continue through streams, fresh vegetation and wildlife to the banks of the **Ayun River**.

- ❖ The secrets of **Tel Hazor**:

The largest biblical-era site in Israel, covering some 200 acres, made it "the head of all those kingdoms" (Joshua 11, 10). Hazor's conquest by the Israelites opened the way to the conquest and settlement of the Israelites in Canaan. Go deep down - 148 feet deep - into one of the most impressive water systems, which was probably built during King Ahab's reign.

- ❖ Sunset atop **Mount Tabor**:

Israelite tribes gathered atop Mount Tabor during the days of judge Deborah to battle with the Canaanites. Led by Barak, the 10,000 Israelites charged against Sisera's army. From the top of the mountain we can follow the development of the battles as described in the book of Judges, Chapters 4-5.

- ❖ Visit to **Ein-Dor Museum of Archaeology**.
- ❖ Biblical-style dinner at **Ein Camonim Farm Restaurant**.

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Day 3
Wednesday, November 6

Breakfast at hotel.

Check out from hotel.

- ❖ Tour **Kibbutz Ein Gev** on the shores of the **Kinneret (Sea of Galilee)**. We will dive into the history of the *kibbutz*, its economic structure and agriculture. We will end our tour at the Ein Gev harbor with its picturesque lakeside promenade overlooking the **Sea of Galilee** and the **Golan Heights**, and from there will board boats and sail across the Kinneret to the city of **Tiberius**.
- ❖ Each bus will visit **one** of the following sites:
 - ❖ Visit **Kinneret Farm** where many *chalutzim* (pioneers) of the Second *Aliyah* started their life in Israel. This farm, where groups of new *chalutzim* learned how to work the land, was the center for Zionist thinkers. At the Kinneret Farm, the seeds were planted for all the functions of a Jewish state – culture, security, economics and much more. Participants will spend time working the land and picking vegetables.
 - ❖ Participate in a volunteer activity to benefit the needy through **Project Leket** and the “Table to Table” food rescue organization. Project Leket is a Federation-funded initiative that sends thousands of volunteers and dozens of paid pickers into fields and orchards to pick and gather fruits and vegetables that were not collected during the commercial harvest. All of the collected produce is distributed by Table to Table to soup kitchens, food pantries, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters and other places serving those in need.
 - ❖ **Masik, Olive Harvesting:** As the olive was crucial to the ancient economy of Israel, the olive harvest merited its own unique Hebrew term: “*masik*.” The traditional methods of the *masik* are handpicking each olive one by one, “milking” a branch by pulling at whole clumps of olives in one fell swoop, and hitting the tree's branches with sticks. In the latter two of these methods, sheets or mats are placed on the ground to catch the falling olives. We will go out to the olive groves with the workers and have an olive-picking experience.
 - ❖ Visit the green **Kibbutz Sde-Eliyahu** and tour **Bio-Bee Biological Systems’ “Give Nature a Chance” Organic Experience**. This unique tour will expose us to the clean air and chemical- free environment of organic farming at its best. Bio-Bee Biological Systems in **Kibbutz Sde Eliyahu** is a unique company which mass-produces and implements beneficial insects and mites for agricultural purposes. These organisms include natural enemies for biological pest control and bumblebees for natural pollination in greenhouses and open field crops.

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- ❖ Visit the **Haifa Naval Base**. Enjoy lunch with the soldiers on the base.

- ❖ Drive to **Pardes Channa-Karkur**. In 2006, the Greater Miami Jewish Federation made a strategic decision to support the Ethiopian-Israeli community of Pardes Channa-Karkur, whose residents face a number of unique challenges as they try to fully integrate into Israeli society. As part of that effort, Federation supports programs for youth from early childhood through their teens, for young adults, as well as for the community as a whole. We are helping to make a difference and developing a blueprint that can be used in other Israeli towns and cities.
 - ❖ Attend a **Hapoel Haifa basketball game** with members of Miami and Pardes Channa-Karkur partnership, announced by sports journalist and former kidnapped IDF soldier **Gilad Shalit** (tbc).

 - ❖ Meet with **Yityisha Aynaw, the first Ethiopian “Miss Israel”** (tbc) and hear the exiting story of how she became Israel’s new beauty queen.

 - ❖ Visit the **Community Garden** and partake in a hands-on project with seniors.

❖ **Experience *Leylot Yafo* (Jaffa Nights):**

Walk around the romantic, newly renovated **Jaffa Port**, which is home to many cultural events, restaurants, exhibitions and shops. Here, we will have time to experience the excitement and stories of many travelers and *olim* (new immigrants) who made their first steps in Israel at this very spot - the Jaffa Port. We will proceed through the enchanted alleys of Old Jaffa – which will come alive with typical Jaffa characters, including the Fancy Old Hammam – the Turkish bath, and a special Israeli-style dinner.

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**Day 4
Thursday, November 7**

Breakfast at the hotel.

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All tracks will meet up for:

Mission Mosaic Party at **Beit Guvrin National Park** with entertainment by the Philharmonic Club.

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Discover Israel

Drive to **Tel Aviv** and visit several museums and landmarks:

- ❖ Visit the **Ayalon Institute**, which tells the story of the Haganah's secret ammunition factory that operated from 1946 to 1948 under a limestone hill. On the surface, it was used for training groups of *garinim* (young people) for *kibbutz* life.
- ❖ **Take The White City tour** and learn the story of Tel Aviv. The city was declared a world heritage site by the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) due to the concentration of Bauhaus-style buildings found in the city. The tour will start with the exhibition at Shalom Tower, continue down Rothschild Boulevard to the Mann Auditorium and the Habimma Theater.
- ❖ Visit the **Palmach Museum**. Go back in time and experience the founding of the State of Israel first hand with a multi-media exhibit.
- ❖ Excitement is in the air as we relive the historical moments of the Declaration of the Independence of the State of Israel at **Independence Hall**.
- ❖ Help assemble food packages at the **Jaffa Institute's Food Distribution Program** benefiting those in need within the community.

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Politics and Security – with Ex-Mossad Commander (tbc)

- ❖ Visit the **Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs** and their Cyber Centers, supporting the defense industry, in coping with cyber threats.
- ❖ Visit **Sderot and Otef Aza** region with Alon Shoster, Sha'ar Hanegev Regional Council Chairman (tbc). The visit will include a security briefing of the Israeli-Gaza border from the water tower, and a visit to the police station and the "Kassam Museum," the Legacy heritage playground and elementary school.
- ❖ Lunch along the way
- ❖ Attend a **security briefing** at a panoramic overlook of the **Gaza Strip** with the IDF General of the Gaza Division (tbc).
- ❖ Visit an **Iron Dome** Air Defense System. See it in real life and on the ground with the soldiers who operate this highly effective missile defense system (tbc)
- ❖ Enjoy **Happy Hour at a local Negev winery** with some of the **Negev entrepreneurs** who are behind the mega project of relocating the IDF to the Negev.

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Food, Wine & Art

- ❖ **Home hospitality breakfast** at the home of art collector Isi Leibler (tbc).
- ❖ Meet the wine makers at **Domaine du Castel boutique winery** Ramat Raziel.
- ❖ **Private art collection tour** with artist and curator Diana Shoef (tbc).
- ❖ Visit the studio of **Michal Rovner**, renowned Israeli painter, photographer, video artist and writer (tbc).
- ❖ Visit **JDC Bituy Tzarooft**, a volunteer project that aims to integrate at-risk youth into the business world. "Pure Expression" is a business venture which was established by the "Miftan Alon" school, an educational, therapeutic, rehabilitation program located in the Hatikva neighborhood of Tel Aviv. The project's objective is to sell jewelry and Judaica made by at-risk youth and create a supportive framework through which they are exposed to the business world, discover hidden talents in themselves and inspire their entrepreneurial spirit.
- ❖ Special chef tour at the **Carmel Market** in Tel Aviv.
- ❖ **Wine and gourmet tour** with Master Chef Ran Shmueli, Haim Cohen or Yonatan Roshfeld (tbc).

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- ❖ Enjoy breakfast with Yerucham participants who competed for **Israel's robotics award**, and view a robotics display (tbc).
- ❖ Meet with the most successful and leading companies in Israel today:
 - ❖ **EIMindA**: This leading innovator in neuro-technology is addressing significant unmet needs and is set to revolutionize the way brain disorders and injuries are treated.
 - ❖ **PHINERGY**: Meet Aviv Tzion, founder and CEO of this producer of the aluminum-air battery designed for electric vehicles.
 - ❖ **Mobileye**: Pioneering Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS).
 - ❖ **MinDesktop**: A hands-free computer for the disabled that could enable people to operate a computer using only their brainwaves.
- ❖ Lunch with **Dr. Giora Yaron** (tbc); one of the founding fathers of the high-tech industry in Israel, who has a track record with many years of technological and professional leadership and successful entrepreneurship. Dr. Yaron established start-ups in which he laid the infrastructure for the Israeli high-tech industry. Some of these companies – such as PentaCom, P-Cube and Qumranet – were later sold to huge international companies. Among his other activities, Dr. Yaron currently serves as founder and Chairman of the Board of Itamar Medical and Board member of Qwilt.
- ❖ **The Cyber Warfare at Tel Aviv University**: The Israel Defense Forces has defined cyber warfare as the fifth realm of warfare, alongside land, sea, air and space. The IDF has established a command dedicated to cyber warfare that brings together personnel from the Intelligence and Teleprocessing branches to ward off cyber attacks. Meet with Professor Yitzhak Ben Israel, a military scientist, general and former politician. While serving as Chief Cybernetics Advisor to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Ben Israel founded the National Cyber Bureau in the PM office and launched the National Cyber Initiative. He is one of Israel's top experts on space, cyber and technological-related security.
- ❖ Join a “**Shark Tank**” session in cooperation with young entrepreneurs and innovators from the top Israeli Technological Incubator. Among them: **RAD BioMed**, a success accelerator for Israeli life science startups; **The Time Innovation LTD**, which invests in early-stage Israeli start-ups in the areas of Telecom, Internet, Media and Entertainment; and **Janvest**, an investment firm gathering small “angel” investors from around the United States and Canada to invest in Israeli high-tech.
- ❖ **OR** Visit “**Save a Child's Heart**,” and meet with leading cardiac surgeons.

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- ❖ Go rappelling and zip-lining at the **Tamar Canyon** in the **Arava**.
- ❖ Join the **Yerucham Ayalim Student Village** in a desert experience at the **Makhetsh**.
- ❖ Bike to Yerucham, a breathtaking encounter in this amazing, colorful region.
- ❖ Visit Yerucham, Miami's partnership city in the Negev.

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In the Footsteps of the Bible

- ❖ Have we found David's Palace? An in-depth tour of the **City of David** and its extraordinary wealth of biblical evidence with one of these scholars:
 - ❖ **Professor Eilat Mazar**, third-generation Israeli archaeologist, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and senior fellow at the Shalem Center's Institute of Archeology.
 - ❖ **Aharon Horwitz**, Director of the Megalim Institute in the City of David and General Director of the School of Tourism at the Lander Institute.
 - ❖ **Dr. Gabriel Barkay**, senior lecturer at Bar Ilan University and recipient of the Jerusalem Prize of Archaeology.
 - ❖ **Eli Shukron**, an archaeologist at Hebrew University and the Israel Antiquities Authority who has been working in the City of David for over 15 years.

- ❖ Along with participants of JAFI Israel Journey programs, drive north along Route 60, the ancient biblical road traveled by our forefathers between Jerusalem, Beit El and Shechem (Nablus). This trip will take us into the biblical region of Binyamin and Efrayim.

- ❖ Lunch at **Psagot Winery** and the Binyamin Visitors' Center.

- ❖ Stop at **Beit El** observation point, and see the land where Abraham built an altar and Jacob slept and dreamed of angels climbing up and down a ladder.

- ❖ Visit the **ancient city of Shiloh** and the newly opened tower. Tel Shiloh takes us back to the time of the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle), the prayer of Hannah for a son (Samuel), Eli the Cohen Gadol and the Israelite battles against the Philistines.

- ❖ Visit **Meshek Achiya** Olive Oil Press.

- ❖ Drive via Highway 5, Hotze Shomron, the Trans-Samaria Highway going west toward the coast.

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Friday, November 8

Breakfast at hotel

- ❖ Visit **Yad Vashem**, the Jewish people's living memorial to the Holocaust. Yad Vashem safeguards the memory of the past and imparts its meaning for future generations. Established in 1953 as the world center for documentation, research, education and commemoration of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem is a dynamic and vital place of intergenerational and international encounter.

Several track options will be provided at Yad Vashem for both first-timers and repeating visitors, including an Art & Artists track and a special tour for Morocco Pre-Mission participants.

OR

- ❖ Visit **Hebron** and **Gush Etzion**: Drive south from Jerusalem on Route 60, following the ancient biblical road traveled by our forefathers between Hebron and Jerusalem. Visit **Ma'arat HaMachpela**, the Cave of the Machpela, purchased by Avraham from Efron the Hittite some 3,700 years ago and located in the center of Hebron. Tour the Jewish neighborhood in Hebron and meet with representatives of the community at the beautiful **Avraham Avinu Synagogue**. Continue to Gush Etzion and visit "**The Oak Tree**," the symbol of Gush Etzion, which tells the heroic story of the Jewish settlers in this region prior to the establishment of the State of Israel and the battles that took place during 1948. Complete the story at the **Light & Sound Show**, recounting the fall of Gush Etzion on May 13, 1947, just one day before the declaration of the State of Israel.

- ❖ Prepare for Shabbat while visiting the **Machaneh Yehuda** market in Jerusalem.

- ❖ **Lunch on your own** at the market.

- ❖ Rest and get ready for Shabbat at the hotel.

- ❖ Mission Mosaic *Kabbalat Shabbat* at **Yemin Moshe** with the Karlibach Group.

- ❖ Festive Shabbat Dinner at the **Cardo** in the heart of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem.

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Shabbat, November 9

Breakfast at leisure

Shabbat services at various Jerusalem synagogues.

Optional tours available (walking and tours):

- ❖ Walking tour of the **Old City of Jerusalem**.
- ❖ Walking tour of the Jerusalem neighborhoods **Rehavia, Talbiah** and **Sharei Hessed**.
- ❖ Walking tour of the **Musrara Neighborhood**.
- ❖ Walking tour of the **Nachlaot Neighborhoods**.

Optional guided bus tour to Masada and the Dead Sea.

From *Kodesh to Chol*: *Havdalah* ceremony.

Free/Optional evening activities:

- ❖ Enjoy the spectacular Sound & Light Show at the **Tower of David**. The walls of the Tower serve as the stage for a nighttime show, which is a celebration of sights and sounds. Amidst the archaeological remains in the Tower's courtyard and to the sound of original music, the story of Jerusalem unfolds through giant, breathtaking, virtual reality images (*additional cost*).
- ❖ Tour the **Western Wall Tunnels**. Head underneath the Old City's maze of buildings for a different perspective on the history of Jerusalem. The excavated tunnel is one of the city's most phenomenal sites.

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- ❖ **Israeli culture options:** We will offer options to purchase tickets for a variety of Israeli cultural events taking place on this evening:
 - ❖ **The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra**
 - ❖ **Batsheva Dance Company**
 - ❖ **Maccabi Tel Aviv Basketball Game**
 - ❖ Live music performance at the **Zappa Jerusalem in the Lab**, a leading live music venue offering high-quality local and international music
 - ❖ **The Israeli Opera**
 - ❖ **The Psik Theater** for a theatrical performance
 - ❖ **Israel Camerata**, the leading chamber orchestra in Israel, the Israel Camerata Jerusalem performs over 100 concerts a year locally and internationally. An experiment in Israeli “melting pot” endeavors, the Camerata is under the musical direction of talented conductor Avner Biron, who successfully brings together newcomers and veterans in a unique and expert manner to create magnificent music that ranges from classical Baroque to contemporary
 - ❖ **Jerusalem Cinematheque**
 - ❖ **Jerusalem restaurants:** Ana Ticho, Chakra, Machneyuda, Hahazer, Canela, Colony, HaMotzi, Café Itamar and many more
 - ❖ **Tel Aviv trendy restaurants:** Port Said, Abraxas North, Messa, Rafael, Shalon, Herbert Samuel, Yafo Tel Aviv and more

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**Day 7
Sunday, November 10**

Breakfast at hotel

- ❖ Visit **Ir David**. The Jebusite citadel captured by King David to build his capital city was well-fortified with its own water source. Since it never belonged to any of the Israelite tribes, its selection by King David was unlikely to provoke jealousy. Tour the archaeological excavation and walk through the newly unearthed tunnels from the Second Temple period leading from the **City of David** to the **Western Wall** and the **Temple Mount**. We will be walking in the footsteps of the architects and builders of the city and the many pilgrims that made their way to the Temple Mount 2,000 years ago.

OR Option for those who have already extensively toured Ir David:

- ❖ Visit **Mount of Olives** and the **Kidron Valley**. From the top of Mount of Olives, we will enjoy a breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Mount of Olives was the ancient eastern border of the city of Jerusalem, and an integral part of the Temple worship during the Second Temple period. Descend by foot down the mountain via the Jewish cemetery, the Kidron Valley and its monumental Absalom Monument and Zechariah's Tomb, and end up at the City of David.

- ❖ Walk through the Israeli "National Mall." Take a stroll from the Prime Minister Building, through the **Supreme Court** and the **Rose Garden** to the **Knesset**, together with Masa Israel fellows, Taglit-Birthright Israel participants, Youth Futures fellows, social activists and other partners of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation (tbc).

Lunch Reception & Pre-Caucus with Members of the Knesset, followed by Caucus

Pre-Caucus hosts to be invited (tbc):

- ❖ Tal Ben-Shachar
- ❖ Knesset Speaker MK Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein
- ❖ Yair Lapid, Finance Minister
- ❖ Tzipi Livni, Minister of Justice
- ❖ Uzi Landau, Minister of Tourism
- ❖ Dr. Ruth Calderon
- ❖ General (Res.) Elazar Stern
- ❖ Reuven (Ruby) Rivlin
- ❖ Professor Aharon Barak, former president of the Supreme Court of Israel

Mission Ends – Late-night Transfer to Ben Gurion Airport or overnight and morning transfer

7:00 p.m.: General Assembly Opening Event