

**Israel Discovery Trip**  
**June 11 - 21, 2007**  
**Preliminary Itinerary – Draft 2**

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**Day 1 - Monday, June 11, 2007**

Depart the US for Israel

**Day 2 - Tuesday, June 12, 2007 (D)**

Shalom and welcome to Israel

Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport and meet your Tour Educator

Ascend to Jerusalem

Pause at a vantage point overlooking the city to say Shehehianu

Visit David's City explore the new excavations and on to Hezekiah's Tunnel – walk along a water tunnel dug in Biblical times.

A spiritual visit to the Western Wall

Opening session

Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 3 - Wednesday, June 13, 2007 (B, D)**

Start the day with a walking tour to the David Citadel museum. View the Old city from top of Fazaal Tower. Continue to visit the model of Jerusalem as it was in the Second Temple Period and the 19th Century model (It is very important to visit the site before entering the city for it provides a better understanding once inside the city).

Walk the Old City Wall Promenade from Jaffa Gate to Zion Gate. Then head to Mt Zion, view the Old City and visit King David's tomb founder of the city. Enter the Jewish Quarter through the Zion Gate as generations of Jewish Warriors have.

Explore the Jewish Quarter taking in highlights such as the Cardo, the Broad Wall, the Hurva Synagogue, the Burned House and the Southern Wall excavations.

Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 4 - Thursday, June 14, 2007 (B, L, D)**

Descend from Jerusalem via the Judea Desert to the Dead Sea area

Stop to visit Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered in 1947.

Continue to Ein Gedi to visit the ancient synagogue and enjoy a short hike to the waterfall at Nahal David to experience a desert oasis.

Spend time for lunch and a chance to swim (float) in the Dead Sea

Afternoon ascend the mighty cliff of Massada (by cable car). Tour the rock fortress, which was the last sovereign Jewish territory from the destruction of the Temple to the rebirth of the modern State of Israel. Descend by cable car or hike down via the Roman Ramp.

Continue into the desert for a camel trek (time permitting) and a Bedouin Hafla (feast)

Late return to Jerusalem

Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 5 - Friday, June 15, 2007 (B, Shabbat-D)**

Head to Mt. Herzl. Visit the gravesites of Herzl and Rabin and the military cemetery. Then explore the new Herzl Museum and follow the development of Modern Zionism.  
Continue to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial for a program and a Yizkor Service  
Kabbalat Shabbat - Kol Haneshama Progressive service  
Festive Shabbat dinner  
Shabbat programs  
Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 6 - Saturday, June 16, 2007 (B, L)**

Shabbat Services  
Walking tour of Jerusalem new neighborhoods (only for half-day)  
Panel of rabbis in afternoon to discuss the "Who is a Jew?" rabbis to be invited by Mitch Cohen, as they are Atlanta-based and on sabbatical in Jerusalem  
Shabbat programming  
Havdallah  
Walk to Ben Yehuda Street for fun, food and shopping  
Overnight: Jerusalem

**Day 7 - Sunday, June 17, 2007 (B, D)**

Depart Jerusalem and head north.  
Stop at Tel Yizrael at the foot of Mount Gilboa, view of the Yizrael Valley, and see how Biblical tales mesh with the topography.  
Pause at Beit Alpha to visit the ancient synagogue with its unique mosaic  
Explore the ancient Roman city of Beit Shean  
Head to a Kibbutz on the shores of the Sea of Galilee  
Time for a swim in the Sea of Galilee  
In the evening a Kumzitz Party  
Overnight: A Kibbutz on the shores of the Sea of Galilee

**Day 8 - Monday, June 18, 2007 (B, L)**

Ascend the Golan Heights and visit the Talmudic Synagogue in Katzrin  
Visit the unique Golan Winery  
View deep into Syria from atop Mt. Bental  
Head to Mitzpe Gadot to view the Hula Valley and hear about Israel's master spy, Eli Cohen.  
Pause at an Israeli Army base in the north and meet soldiers who are guarding Israel.  
Visit Neot Sandals and return to the Sea of Galilee  
Drive through Hula valley and Wine region visit  
In the evening: head to Tiberias for some free time on the Promenade  
Overnight: A Kibbutz on the shores of the Sea of Galilee

**Day 9 - Tuesday, June 19, 2007 (B, D)**

For the adventurous and spirit join an early morning, start of the day visit to the Arbel Cliffs. Hike down the cliffs and return to the hotel for breakfast.

After breakfast, drive across the lush Galilee to Tzefat – city of Mystical Judaism

Explore the narrow alleyways lined with ancient synagogues and artists' galleries.

In the afternoon, upon arrival in Tel Aviv, tour the Nahalat Binyamin Pedestrian Mall and trendy Shenkin St.

Enjoy the beach (provided lifeguard on duty)

Overnight: Tel Aviv

**Day 10 - Wednesday, June 20, 2007 (B, D)**

Visit Independence Hall, where the State of Israel was born

Walk through Old Jaffa, to hear of Napoleon, Andromeda and Jonah and his whale, as well as other famous visitors.

Enjoy a short city tour, pause at Rabin Square to remember

Closing sessions

Farewell dinner

Drive to Ben Gurion Airport

**Thursday, June 21, 2007**

Depart for the US

Shalom U'lehitraot! (Peace and see you soon!)