

Israel @ 60 Mission

April 30 - May 8, 2008

Wednesday, April 30: Travel

11:35 a.m. Depart San Francisco

Thursday, May 1: Yom Hashoah Holocaust Remembrance Day

8:30 p.m. Opening dinner featuring Dr. Daniel Gordis, Senior Vice President of the Shalem Center
Overnight: David Citadel, Jerusalem

Friday, May 2:

Breakfast: Breakfast on your own
7:45 a.m. Leave for Yad Vashem

Business

8:30 a.m. Guided visit through the newly renovated Yad Vashem complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust

10:00 a.m. Depart for business seminar at Beit Shmuel

10:30 a.m. Gidi Grinstein, founder of Israeli think tank the Reut Institute: political and security briefing

11:45 a.m. Lunch at Beit Shmuel

1:00 p.m. Dr. Yossi Bachar: "The Economic-Political Paradox - Doing Business in the Israeli Political Context "

2:15 p.m. Panel Discussion: "Why We Do What We Do"
Participants: Bobby Lent, Yitz Applebaum, Barry Cohn, Martin Gerstel
Moderator: Robert Blum

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Art & Culture

8:30 a.m.	Guided visit through the newly renovated Yad Vashem complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.
10:00 a.m.	Depart for the Jerusalem Cinematheque
10:30 a.m.	Group reflection on Yad Vashem experience
11:00 a.m.	Meeting with Director-Producer Renen Schorr, Sam Spiegel Film and Television School, including screening of short films
12:30 p.m.	Lunch at the Jerusalem Cinematheque
1:30 p.m.	Guided tour with Scott Copeland: "Between Heaven and Earth – Jerusalem's Struggle between Dream and Reality"
3:00 p.m.	Arrive at hotel

History & Archeology

8:30 a.m.	Guided visit through the newly renovated Yad Vashem complex, the Jewish National Memorial to the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, including: the new Historical Museum, and the Valley of the Communities, followed by a memorial service
11:30 a.m.	Group reflection on Yad Vashem experience
12:00 p.m.	Depart for Mount Herzl
12:15 p.m.	Visit Mount Herzl, the burial place of Israel's founding fathers and country's leaders and the site of Jerusalem's military cemetery
1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own on the vibrant, boutique-lined Emek Refaim Street in the German Colony of Jerusalem

Entire Group

5:00 p.m.	Optional: Visit the Western Wall
6:15 p.m.	Depart for Kabbalat Shabbat at Shimshon Center
6:30 p.m.	Group candle lighting
6:45 p.m.	Kabbalat Shabbat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kabbalat Shabbat with Tova Hartman, a founder of Kehillat Shira Hadasha, the halakhic egalitarian minyan of Jerusalem• Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Naama Kelman, Hebrew Union College for Reform Judaism
8:00 p.m.	Festive Shabbat Dinner at Shimshon Center
Overnight	David Citadel, Jerusalem

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Shabbat, May 3:

Option 1A: Masada and the Dead Sea

8:00 a.m.	Depart Jerusalem for Masada
10:30 a.m.	Visit Masada, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires
1:00 p.m.	Bathe in the relaxing and healthy sulphur springs at the hotel and float in the Dead Sea, including lunch at the Hod hotel.
3:00 p.m.	Depart for Jerusalem
5:00 p.m.	Arrive at hotel
Dinner	Dinner on your own

Option 1B: Masada and Qumran

8:00 a.m.	Leave Jerusalem for Masada
10:30 a.m.	Visit Masada, Herod's mountain palace and site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Roman Legionnaires
1:00 p.m.	Lunch in the Dead Sea area
2:00 p.m.	Depart for Qumran
2:30 p.m.	Visit Qumran, the Essene Community near the Dead Sea and the location where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found
3:30 p.m.	Depart for Jerusalem via Ma'ale Adumim, the largest West Bank Jewish settlement
5:00 p.m.	Arrive at Hotel
Dinner	Dinner on your own

Option 2: Shabbat in Jerusalem

Morning	Optional services at local synagogues
10:30 a.m.	Walking tour in the Old City: "Jerusalem as the Center of Three Religions"
12:30 p.m.	Lunch at the hotel

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Option 3: From Yaffo to Tel Aviv: Hebrew City - Hebrew Culture, Tel Aviv and the Emergence of a National Culture

9:00 a.m.	Depart Jerusalem for Tel Aviv
10:00 a.m.	Architecture and the stories it reveals about Tel Aviv: Walking tour from Jaffa through Neve Tzedek to Rothschild Blvd.
1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own at Comme il Faut restaurant, Tel Aviv Port
3:30 p.m.	Depart for Kiryat Hamelacha
4:00 p.m.	Meeting with Benno Kalev, Art Collector
5:30 p.m.	Depart for Jerusalem

Option 4: Free Time

Entire Group

Dinner	Dinner on your own
8:00 p.m.	Depart for Gerard Behar Center, Jerusalem
9:00 p.m.	Vertigo Dance Company: contemporary dance performance: "White Noise"

Sunday, May 4:

Entire Group

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Prof. Stanley Fischer, Governor of the Bank of Israel: Macro economical overview

BUSINESS

Hi-Tech

9:45 a.m.	Depart for Yavne
10:45 a.m.	Visit Ormat Technologies – a leading company dedicated to providing solutions for geothermal power, recovered energy generation and remote power
12:00 p.m.	Depart for Weizmann Institute of Science - Israel's leading center of research and graduate education

Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 4

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Bio-Tech, Life Science

- 9:45 a.m. Depart for Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot
- 10:45 a.m. Visit Weizmann Institute of Science – Israel’s leading center of research and graduate education

Hi-Tech & Bio Tech, Life Science

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with leading scientists at Weizmann Institute of Science
- 1:30 p.m. Depart for Azrieli Center, Tel Aviv
- 2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: “Aspects of Foreign Investment in Israel”
Participants: Ms. Ruth Alon, Mr. Yahal Zilka, Adv. Richard Mann,
Mr. Benny Schnaider, Mr. Avi Peri
Moderator: Adv. Amir Halevy

Real Estate

- 9:45 a.m. Depart for Tel Aviv
- 10:45 a.m. An extended tour of Tel Aviv with former City Engineer Dani Kaizer (TBC)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch at Yigal Arnon & Co. law offices - Azrieli Center
- 2:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: “The Makings of an Israeli Real Estate Transaction - From Entitlements to Sales...Who Wants What from your Investment.”
Participants: Amir Chen, Adv., Ziv Sharon, Adv., Yoel Mintz, Head of the Real Estate department at Bank Leumi (TBC), Dovrat Ulpiner, Appraiser, Adv. David Osborne, Jonathan Kalman
Moderator: Barry Cohn

Entire Business Track

- 4:30 p.m. Depart for Tel Aviv Port
- 5:00 p.m. “Showcasing New Real Estate Developments Around the Port”
Cocktails with Israeli counterparts and Ms. Orna Angel, former director of the Tel Aviv Port
- 6:30 p.m. Depart for Jerusalem

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Arts & Culture

10:00 a.m.	Visit Beit HaOmanim - Jerusalem Artists' House
11:15 a.m.	Depart on foot to Mahaneh Yehuda Market via Barbur Gallery
12:00 - 2:30 p.m. ...	Food & Folklore: Mahaneh Yehuda Market Gourmet Tour (including lunch on your own)
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. ...	Visit Jerusalem "House of Quality," a non-profit organization for promoting Jerusalem artists
4:30 p.m.	Free time

History & Archeology

9:45 a.m.	Depart for Beit Guvrin
10:30 a.m.	Participate in an archeological dig at Beit Guvrin including visit to several caves
1:00 p.m.	Lunch at Kibbutz Beit Guvrin
2:00 p.m.	Depart for Jerusalem with stop at an observation point on Mt. of Olives
3:00 p.m.	Visit the Old City of Jerusalem: enter through Zion Gate and visit the Herodian Mansions Museum, and the Davidson Center Archeological Park
6:00 p.m.	Return to hotel

Entire Group

8:00 p.m.	Dinner and wine tasting at Martin Gerstel's home, Ethiopia St., Jerusalem
10:20 - 10:40 p.m.	Optional: Evening visit to the Western Wall Tunnel, the underground continuation of the Western Wall along the Temple Mount
Overnight	David Citadel Hotel, Jerusalem

Monday, May 5:

BUSINESS

Hi-Tech

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:50 a.m.	"The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics" Dialogue with Dr. Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Tel Aviv area
11:00 a.m.	Visit Rad BioMed Incubator

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Hi-Tech Continues

12:00 p.m.	Meet with Yehuda Zisapel, Chairman of Rad BioMed Incubator and President of RAD-Bynet Group
12:45 p.m.	Lunch at Rad Incubator with Dr. Yossi Vardi, entrepreneur
2:00 p.m.	Visit BIRD-F, the bi-national Industrial Research and Development Fund
3:00 p.m.	Drive to the Upper Galilee
6:00 p.m.	Check into the Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum

Bio-Tech, Life Science

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:50 a.m.	"The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics" Dialogue with Dr. Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Hebrew University
10:15 a.m.	Visit Yissum, Hebrew University's Office of Technology Transfer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings with Nava Sofer (DG)• Meetings with scientists/entrepreneurs
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Hebrew University
1:00 p.m.	Depart for Har Hotzvim Industrial Park
1:30 p.m.	Visit BiLineRx, Israel's leading specialized drug company (TBC)
3:00 p.m.	Depart for Upper Galilee
6:00 p.m.	Check into the Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum

Real Estate

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Adv. Yehuda Raveh: "The Lay of the Land: An Overview of the Current Real Estate Market in Israel"
9:45 a.m.	Depart for Petach Tikva
10:45 a.m.	Short tour of Petach Tikva including the new industrial parks, offices and new neighborhoods. "Where the Opportunities Are": A tour of a residential project in Em HaMoshavot - an opportunity to see construction styles and practice
12:00 p.m.	Depart for Herzliya
12:30 p.m.	Tour real opportunities for investment

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Real Estate Continues

1:30 p.m.	Lunch at Bistro 56 restaurant with Herzliya Mayor Yael German (TBC)
3:00 p.m.	Depart for the Upper Galilee
6:00 p.m.	Check into the Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum

Arts & Culture

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:50 a.m.	"The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics" Dialogue with Dr. Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University
10:15 a.m.	Visit Israel Museum with Amitai Mendelsohn, Curator of Israeli Art. Tour of Real Time Exhibit
12:00 p.m.	Lunch at Ima Restaurant in Jerusalem
1:00 p.m.	Depart for Ein Harod
3:15 p.m.	Visit the Museum of Art, Ein Harod
4:30 p.m.	Depart for Kfar Blum
5:45 p.m.	Check into the Pastoral Hotel, Kfar Blum

History & Archeology

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:50 a.m.	"The Labyrinth of Israeli Politics" Dialogue with Dr. Reuven Hazan of the Political Science Department at Hebrew University
10:00 a.m.	Depart for Umm el-Fahm
11:30 a.m.	Arrive at Umm el-Fahm, one of the sites for ECHAD—JCF-funded program focused on early childhood education in the Arab-Israeli community. Learn about the program and about the broader issues faced by the Arab community in Israel
1:00 p.m.	Lunch at Umm el-Fahm
2:00 p.m.	Depart for Tzipori
3:15 p.m.	Visit the ancient Talmudic city of Tzipori
4:45 p.m.	Depart for Kfar Blum
5:45 p.m.	Check into the Pastoral Hotel , Kfar Blum

Entire Group

7:15 p.m.	Depart for Hatzer Tel Hai
7:35 p.m.	Festive Dinner with local guests and performance by the Jewish Arab Arcobaleno Community Theater Group
Overnight	Kibbutz Kfar Blum

Monday, May 5

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Tuesday, May 6:

Optional program for all tracks: Visit to JCF supported projects

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Depart for Kiryat Shmona
9:00 a.m.	Forging New Educational Opportunities: JCF's Work in the Galilee: Visit to a kindergarten arts and science program with our partners, the Rashi Foundation, to learn about ground-breaking approaches to early childhood education and enrichment for the children of Kiryat Shmona.
10:00 a.m.	Visit the Hameginim Elementary School, site of a comprehensive "Full School Initiative" for the city's most disadvantaged children.
11:00 a.m.	The Bay Area—Galilee "Living Bridge" Connection: A chance to meet with young people from the region who are participating in various programs designed to connect our two communities, learn about why they care about us, and what they have learned from the Bay Area community.
11:45 a.m.	Depart for lunch with your track

Business

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Hi-Tech & Bio-tech : Visit Tel Hai College and Migal – Galilee Technology Center and learn about the new bio-tech initiative Real Estate: Visit a "modern" kibbutz and learn about the transition from socialism to capitalism
10:45 a.m.	Leave for Kfar Giladi
11:00 a.m.	Clean-Tech Road Show at Kibbutz Kfar Giladi
12:30 p.m.	Lunch at "Achayot" restaurant, Kibbutz Kfar Giladi
2:00 p.m.	Security briefing with Brigadier-General (Res.) Guy Lipkin
4:00 p.m.	Depart for hotel
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at hotel
7:00 p.m.	Depart for Kibbutz Shamir or Kibbutz Kfar Hanasi
7:15 p.m.	Discussion with Kibbutz members
7:45 p.m.	Participate in regional "Yom Hazikaron" ceremony, Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers
Overnight	Kibbutz Kfar Blum

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Arts & Culture

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Depart for Kibbutz Hagoshrim
8:45 a.m.	Arts on Israel's Periphery: visit art school and gallery at Kibbutz Hagoshrim and meet artist Amir Nir
9:45 a.m.	Depart for Kiryat Shmona
10:00 a.m.	Learn about the cultural & social fabric of Kiryat Shmona: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guided tour of Kiryat Shmona with actress Moran Barbivay-Maruani• Attend a short version of Moran Barbivay-Maruani's performance "My Grandmother."
11:45 a.m.	Depart for army base
12:30 p.m.	Army-style lunch with soldiers and officers at an army base (TBC)
2:30 p.m.	Exploration of participants' own stories and memories with educator Robbie Gringras at the helicopter disaster monument
4:00 p.m.	Depart for hotel
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at hotel
7:00 p.m.	Depart for Kibbutz Snir
7:15 p.m.	Discussion with Kibbutz members
7:45 p.m.	Participate in regional "Yom Hazikaron" ceremony, Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers
8:45 p.m.	Depart for Kfar Blum
Overnight	Kibbutz Kfar Blum

History & Archeology

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:30 a.m.	Depart for Tel Dan Nature Reserve
9:00 a.m.	Visit Tel Dan Nature Reserve and meet with Giora Solar, conservation architect (TBC)
11:45 a.m.	Depart for army base
12:30 p.m.	Army-style lunch with soldiers and officers at an army base (TBC)
1:45 p.m.	Depart for Katzrin
2:15 p.m.	Visit the ancient Katzrin park
3:30 p.m.	Visit the award winning Golan Winery
4:15 p.m.	Depart for hotel

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History & Archeology Continues

5:00 p.m.	Arrive at hotel
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at hotel
7:15 p.m.	Discussion with kibbutz members
7:45 p.m.	Participate in regional "Yom Hazikaron" ceremony, Israel's Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers
Overnight	Kibbutz Kfar Blum

Wednesday, May 7:

Yom HaZikaron - Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen Soldiers

Entire Group

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
8:15 a.m.	Gila Noam, JCF Israel Director: "Why Are We Here - Introduction to the Federation's Work in Israel"
8:45 a.m.	Check out
9:15 a.m.	Depart for observation point

Business

9:30 a.m.	The Galilee from Up High: Visit an observation point at Tel Facher, a former Syrian army camp
10:15 a.m.	Depart for Kiryat Shmona

Arts & Culture

9:30 a.m.	The Galilee from Up High: Visit an observation point at Misgav Am and briefing on regional issues and security
10:15 a.m.	Depart for Kiryat Shmona

History & Archeology

9:30 a.m.	The Galilee from Up High: Visit an observation point at Mitzpe Dado and briefing on regional issues and security
10:15 a.m.	Depart for Kiryat Shmona

Tuesday, May 6 - Wednesday, May 7

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11:00 a.m.	Participate in Yom Hazikaron ceremony at Kiryat Shmona's military cemetery
12:00 p.m.	Depart for Tel Aviv via Zichron Yaakov
1:30 p.m.	Guided tour and lunch on your own in Zichron Yaakov
3:30 p.m.	Depart for Tel Aviv
4:30 p.m.	Check into David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel-Aviv
8:00 p.m.	Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the hotel
Evening	Participate in public Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations in Tel Aviv
Overnight	David Intercontinental Hotel, Tel-Aviv

Thursday, May 8:

Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel's Independence Day

Entire Group

Breakfast	Breakfast on your own
10:00 a.m.	Optional track choices: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guided visit of Caesarea, one of the Land of Israel's most important cities during the Roman Period• An exclusive "behind-the-scenes" tour to Hatzor Air Force base• Tel Aviv:<ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00 a.m. A tour of Bialik Street – home of Israel's national poet, Chaim Nachman Bialik, and Tel Aviv's first city hall (including visit to Rubin Museum)11:30 a.m. Visit to Independence Hall, located in the home of Meir Dizengoff, the first Mayor of Tel Aviv. Here David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister, announced the Declaration of Independence on May 14th, 1948.1:00 p.m. Lunch on your own in Neve Zedek.2:30 p.m. A guided walk in Neve Zedek, one of the first neighborhoods built in Tel Aviv OR Visit to the 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
3:30 p.m.	Free time
5:00 p.m.	Depart for Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Farewell Dinner with Avraham Infeld, President Emeritus and founder of education institute Melitz